Thomas Pennant to John Lloyd, Caerwys, 17 April 1783

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Upper Brook street
April 17th 1783

Dear Sir

There has been for a long time such a variation in politics that I might as safely as given you the state of the wind as those of the hour.[1] at present there is a little permanency; but I believe I may safely say that you cannot pick out three members of administration who does not fear a jail or an execution: so you may judge of the prospect poor Britain has before her.

I have felt much for the particular distresses of our county, & lament the riotous disposition shewen by my neighbors. I am not a crœsus in anything but my thoughts. Yet as far as I can go I will. I hope that this week a vessel freighted at my expence with barley will sail for Mostyn mark; the Cargo of which shall be sold at prime cost first to the poor of Whiteford then of Holywell & if any can be spared to the poor of any other parishes who may be properly recommended. Corn from the english counties has been so poured into this great mart as to make it comparatively to what it is with us most amazingly cheap.

Be pleased to consult with Mr Foulks & your Brother Parry about the quantity our parish will want till the middle of September, that I may not be obliged to buy a second time. for I shall never be able to see our Country in misery without exerting my abilities. we set out for home on the 5th. I have set out with a more chearful heart. my little ones now are the forcible attractors[2]

I am Dear Sir
sincerely yours

Tho. Pennant

I hope Mrs Lloyd & all your family are well.

To | The Reverend Mr Lloyd

Caerwis.

Editorial Notes

[1] Pennant refers to the resignation of William Fitzmaurice, Earl of Shelburne, on 24 February 1783, the failure of George III to persuade William Pitt, the younger, to form the next administration on 27 February, and the establishment of a coalition between Fox and North on 1 April, with William Henry Cavendish Bentinck, third

duke of Portland, as first lord of the Treasury. By 19 December Pitt had assumed power. *ODNB* s.n. William Pitt [known as Pitt the younger].

[2] Pennant refers to the two children from his second marriage, Sarah and Thomas.