

Accession number: 1992-24/39f/b

Description: Sheet of paper folded as a letter, wax seal has torn paper on opening.
Messrs Panchaud to David Garrick 20 December 1770.

Transcript:

Address: To
David Garrick Es[qui]r[e]
London

Added in later hand, 'Panchauds Letter'.

Post mark 'DE/24'

Letter: Paris 20th December 1770

Dear Sir,

The explanations you give us by your favour of the 11th Dec[embe]r are Sufficient to inable [*sic*] us to Constitute M^{rs} Garrick's annuity & ...

We have Seen M^r Monnet translated, explained & Given him our business in writing ab[ou]t Torré, Francard & his wife – The abbé Damaud he well knows & Balinot the Saytivist [satirist?]

We Shall always be very happy to do anything that may be agreeable & if our friend Monnet had not known the abbé, been ourselves with him to represent him matters in this true light.

M Isaac Panchaud is much obliged to M^{rs} Garrick for her Kind remembrance, begs leave to present her his best compliments.

Many things to Becket when you have occassi[o]n to see him, he is not punctual in his arrears, he owes us one ^{to letter} which he never answered though of some consequence to us –

We are sincerely,

Dear Sir,

Your very humble &
Obedient Servants
J. & H Panchaud

To D[avi]d Garrick Esq[ui]re] in Londo[n]

Notes:

See also 1992-24/39f/a, c-e

Balinot: ?

Damaud: ?

Francard: ?

Monnet: Jean Louis Monnet, one-time director of *L'Opéra Comique* and long-time friend of Garrick.

Panchaud: Isaac Panchuad, French Banker, was a partner in Foley & Co. after the retirement of Selwin. Panchaud's letters to Garrick are in Forster Collection at the V&A. In 1765, in a letter to Colman, Garrick described Isaac Panchaud as 'a very sensible agreeable man'. *Letters*, 352 & n. Also mentioned in *Letters*, 653 [Sept. 1771], 899 and 116.

Torré: The 'eminent Italian pyrotechnist Morel Torr , who offered Garrick's guests his *pi ce de r sistance*, 'the forge of Vulcan'. Vulcan is discovered in his forge behind Mount Etna with the Cyclops. As the fire blazes, Venus enters with Cupid, and begs them to make arrows for her son; they agree to do so, and there is a spectacular eruption of the volcano'. [See 1992_24_9b]The footnote on Torr  continues, 'Torr  had supervised the fireworks for the marriage of Marie Antoinette to the Dauphin four years previously. When he fell foul of a monopoly arrangement introduced into the pleasure-garden business in Paris in 1771, Monnet recommended him to Garrick, who effected his introduction to the managers of Ranelagh and Marylebone. Torr  was versatile man of wide interests. He devised a licopodium torch for use on the stage at Drury Lane; the Forster Collection at the Victoria and Albert Museum contains a number of letters from him in which he offers to reveal to Garrick the secret of the cabbala and to give instructions for "harvesting the Celestial Manna"'. I. M^cIntyre, *Garrick*, 1999, pp. 515-6.