

**1790 Letter from Franklen of Llanmihangel - Gloucester Record Office D/214/F1**

Letters to John Parsons of Kemerton (who had married Anne, daughter of Thomas Wyndham, 1732-85)

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**No. 104.**

20th June 1790

Dear Sir

Your obliging readiness to serve your friends makes them less reserv'd in troubling you, so that your good disposition becomes a tax on yourself; thus much as a prelude to my request that you will buy me a strong, short leg'd, close loin'd, small headed and ear'd, bright bay mare, 3,4, or 5 years old at Pershore fair if such can be had at a price you think reasonable; my intention is that she shall plow, and breed Bay Coach horses, from my Stallion which is exactly the colour, and nearly the size and shape of your best bay saddle horse; I am partial and fix'd to bright bay with black mane and tail, and if such can't be now had, you'll please to defer it and I will wait another opportunity.

The Bay Mare I saw at Beckford is rather too slight, but if a stronger and better can't be had, I would give a fair price for her, and get her cover'd by a stronger Bay horse than my own, and sell her when I can get a stronger mare to breed from, I have no objection to the Cart breed, if the colour and shape answers the above description, as my Stallion wants bone. If you succeed please to let her be sent a Saturday-night or Sunday early to Gloster with a line to Mr Raikes who will give his carrier strict orders to deliver her safe to Mr Thomas at the Cardiff Arms, Cardiff, who will forward her here.

Mr Wyndham will I hope and think be Elected without opposition at Cardiff next Saturday.

Mr Stuart was elected for the Town yesterday.

Pray favour me with a line by post, via Bristol, the even of, or day after the fair, and I will thankfully remit you a London Bill for what you disburse for me. I beg my respectful compliments to Mrs Parsons and the other Ladies, and I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely, John Franklen  
Lanmihangel, 20 June 1790

PS If you can send me a good carter or plowman with the mare I shall be very glad as my plowmen are most us'd to the care of oxen

*Transcribed from the original document by Jeff Alden*