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In the same year Horatio, or, as he was more usually called, Horace Walpole, was elected a fellow of his college. A consistent whig, and a member of the Hanover Club, he remained a member of the House of Commons for fifty-four years. On 24 July he was returned for Castle Rising, and he was re-elected by that constituency in May , May , December , and April and September In the spring of he was returned for both East Looe and for Great Yarmouth, and chose to sit for the latter constituency. He was again elected for Great Yarmouth on 22 Aug. Subsequently, from 15 May till his summons to the upper house in June , he sat for Norwich. While still a young member of the House of Commons, Walpole took office in the diplomatic service. From to he acted as chief secretary to Henry Boyle, lord Carleton [q. In he was attached to The Hague embassy, and in the following year accompanied the ambassador, Lord Townshend, as secretary to the abortive peace conferences at Gertruydenberg. When on the advent of the whigs to power, at the accession of George I, Townshend became one of the principal secretaries of state, he appointed Walpole under-secretary. In the same year he was sent to The Hague in order to support Lord Cadogan [see Cadogan, William, first Earl Cadogan] in his application for armed help against the expected invasion of the Pretender, and in he was associated with the same military diplomatist as joint plenipotentiary for obtaining from the States-General a fleet intended, under the pretext of protecting the Baltic trade, to further the Hanoverian designs on the Bremen and Verden territories. Furthermore, the Dutch government was to be induced to enter into a defensive alliance with Great Britain and France afterwards known as the triple alliance. Walpole strongly objected to the pressure exercised by the Hanoverian interest, then much alarmed by the recent entry of Russian troops into Mecklenburg, and as a matter of good faith he warmly deprecated asking the Dutch to assent to a separate treaty, which, contrary to assurances previously given by him, had been concluded by Great Britain and France. In the end he obtained permission to quit The Hague, leaving the signing of the alliance treaty to his colleague Memoirs of Sir Robert Walpole, i. When, however, the former was finally dismissed, and the latter resigned April , Horace Walpole likewise went out of office. Shortly before this he had secured for life the appointment of surveyor and auditor general of the plantation American revenues of the crown Calendar of Treasury Papers, 1719, ccxiii. On the return of his brother and Townshend to power in , he was named secretary to the lord-lieutenant of Ireland, and in was reappointed secretary to the treasury, on his brother once more becoming first lord. The nominal purpose of his mission was to arrange for the accession of Portugal to the quadruple alliance; but he was really sent to uproot Sir Luke Schaub [q. Fleury never forgot a visit which Walpole had paid him at Issy, when in December persons not so well informed supposed him to have been banished from court see ST. The preliminaries of Paris, signed 31 May , which averted what seemed the inevitable expansion of the existing state of war into a general European conflict, exhibit at its height the co-operation of the French and English prime ministers, between whom Horace was the chief intermediary agent. On the resignation of Townshend May Sir Robert Walpole offered the vacant secretaryship of state to his brother, who, however, declined it, chiefly from an honourable unwillingness to justify the suspicion that he had fomented the quarrel with Townshend with a view to succeeding him. While still in France he was appointed to the office of cofferer of the household, which gave him a ready access to the king, and, having thereupon resigned his embassy, he was in November sworn of the privy council. He remained in England till October , when he was sent to The Hague on a confidential mission, which led to his appointment as envoy and minister-plenipotentiary there in the following year. He held this post till , though paying occasional visits to England, where he attended in parliament. In the course of these years he was, together with his friend the grand pensionary Slingelandt, and his successor at Paris, James, lord Waldegrave [q. See Manuscripts of the Earl of Buckinghamshire, Hist. Many of these letters had already been printed by Coxe, but very inaccurately. See also, for letters exchanged between the brothers in these years, Appendix to vol. Yet already in he was strongly in favour of a Prussian alliance, of all things the most detestable to George II. In this year he warmly advocated the maintenance of peace with Spain, and in March , in a speech of two

hours, moved the address in the House of Commons thanking the king for the convention by which it was vainly hoped that war might be averted Stanhope, ii. On the downfall of Sir Robert Walpole in February , Horace thought it prudent to burn a large part of their private correspondence. During the ensuing years, while taking no part in the contests for power and place, he remained a close observer of events and men, displaying his usual courage by a letter to the king in which he urged the appointment of Pitt as secretary at war January or February , and by a series of letters to the Duke of Cumberland, as well as by an interview 20 Dec. The peace of Aix-la-Chapelle left the Prussian alliance apparently still out of the question. In he, according to his nephew, excited the ridicule of the House of Commons by voting for the subsidy treaty with Saxony, against which he had delivered a convincing harangue Memoirs of the Last Ten Years of George II, i. His advice was only partially followed, and later in the year he failed in his efforts to effect a reconciliation between Newcastle and Pitt. On 1 June Walpole, who chiefly on account of the recent marriage of his eldest son to a daughter of the Duke of Devonshire had solicited this rise in rank, was created a peer by the title of Baron Walpole of Wolterton his seat near Aylsham in Norfolk. He survived the grant of this honour for less than a twelvemonth. In former years he had been much afflicted by the stone, but he had thought himself cured by a remedy of which he sent an account to the Royal Society. The return of the disease early in proved fatal. He died on 5 Feb. Cardinal Fleury qualified a compliment to his effective eloquence by allowing that it was clothed in bad French. His English speeches are described as delivered with a Norfolk accent, and he himself jested in parliament on the slovenliness of his dress. Moreover, it is easy to perceive that at court and elsewhere the outspokenness which formed part of his nature must frequently have been out of season. In domestic politics he was consistent, save when under the pressure of exceptional considerations affecting his party and its chief. In foreign affairs, which were the main business of his life, he was alike far- and clear-sighted, and may without hesitation be held to have been one of the most experienced and sure-footed as well as sagacious diplomatists of his times, not a few of whom were trained under his eye. Moreover, both at Versailles and at The Hague he understood how to win complete confidence in the most important quarters. He seems to have been an effective but the reverse of a fastidious speaker in the House of Commons. His writings have the merit of unmistakable lucidity, and often of argumentative strength. In addition to the pamphlets by him already mentioned, twoâ€”on the question of war with Spain, and on the Spanish convention â€”evidently from his pen, were discovered at Wolterton by his biographer. Horace Walpole, , i. By her he had four sons and three daughters. His third son, George, is separately noticed.

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*Horatio Walpole, 1st Baron Walpole of Wolterton, PC (8 December - 5 February ), English diplomatist, was a son of Robert Walpole of Houghton, Norfolk, and a younger brother of the Prime Minister of Great Britain Sir Robert Walpole.*

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