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OF WILLIAM PITT, EARL OF CHATHAM 15, 1708-May ii, 1778 AT A, MEETING OF THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, NOVEMBER 16, 1908. Ever since I first discovered Bernard Cornwell's Richard Sharpe 30 years ago, I have had a fascination for all-things Napoleonic.

A Certain Great Commoner: The Political Image of William Pitt, First Earl of Chatham, in the Colonial Press on JSTOR

Finally in November 1755, Pitt was dismissed from office as paymaster, having spoken during a debate at great length against the new system of continental subsidies proposed by the government of which he was still a member. He is immortalised in , where he and other notable Parliamentarians look on at visitors to Parliament. Pitt now launched an attack on such subsidies, playing to widespread anti-Hanoverian feelings in Britain.

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The 1760s was a decade of political instability due in no small measure to Pitt himself. When parliament met, however, he made no secret of his feelings.

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