

Samuel Wesley (1691-1739),

Poems on Several Occasions (1862)

'Satirical poetry against Sir Robert Walpole's administration'

VII.---ON SIR ROBERT WALPOLE'S SAYING HE WOULD NEVER EMPLOY
BOLINGBROKE TO WRITE FOR HIM.

No ; let not Saint-John¹ plead a cause like thine!
The man is fit for 't, but the pen too fine.

Select some champion worthier to succeed,
Thy friend John Dunton,² advocate in need.

More apt supporters far thy wisdom knows,
For dull, low rhyme, or pert, abusive prose.

Let the High-German scribble for his fees;
And hire the' immortal author of "the Bees."

Horneck³ unpadlock'd⁴ then may write his fill,
And vice be still extoll'd by Mandeville.

¹ Henry St John, viscount Bolingbroke.

² John Dunton (1659 - 1733), English bookseller and author.

³ Philip Horneck (1673/4-1728), clergyman and journalist; from April 1714 to May 1715, he published, twice a week, a political journal, *The High-German Doctor*.

⁴ In September 1721 Horneck was committed to the king's bench prison for various debts.