A Portrait of Influence: Life and Letters of Arthur Onslow, the Great Speaker

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DESCRIPTION

The first ever collection of the letters of Arthur Onslow (1691-1768), who was the Speaker of the House of Commons for an unsurpassed 33 years and also known as the Great Speaker.

- Provides an insight into many interesting aspects of 18th century life as he served during the entire reign of George II, and brought about significant changes to the role of Speaker
- Illustrates his work as a JP and as an MP, but also his philosophical, literary and antiquarian interests, and his pivotal role in the formation of the British Museum
- Highlights his friendship with one of the leading politician of his time, the Duke of Newcastle, and his influence on the political stability of the 1740s and 50s

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