

Ex. 5 (BARS as PUNCTUATION)

At this conjuncture Lord Rockingham had the wisdom to discern the value, | and secure the aid, | of an ally, | who, | to eloquence surpassing the eloquence of Pitt, | and to industry which shamed the industry of Grenville, | united an amplitude of comprehension to which neither Pitt nor Grenville could lay claim. | A young Irishman had, | some time before, | come over to push his fortune in London. | He had written much for the booksellers; | but he was best known by a little treatise, | in which the style and reasoning of Bolingbroke were mimicked with exquisite skill, | and by a theory, | of more ingenuity than soundness, | touching the pleasures which we receive from the objects of taste. | He had also attained a high reputation as a talker, | and was regarded by the

men of letters who supped together at the Turk's Head as the only snatch in conversation for Dr. Johnson.

He now became private secretary to Lord Rockingham, and was brought into Parliament by his patron's influence.

These arrangements, indeed, were not made without some difficulty. The Duke of Newcastle, who was always meddling and chattering, adjured the First Lord of the Treasury to be on his guard against this adventurer, whose real name was O'Bourke, and whom his Grace knew to be a wild Irishman, a Jacobite, a Papist, a concealed Jesuit. Lord Rockingham treated the calumny as it deserved; and the Whig party was strengthened and adorned by the accession of Edmund Burke.