

1740 War of Austrian Succession was opened on the continent

1741 A vote of confidence against Walpole failed

1742 ●Walpole lost nearly all of his political power and resigned;

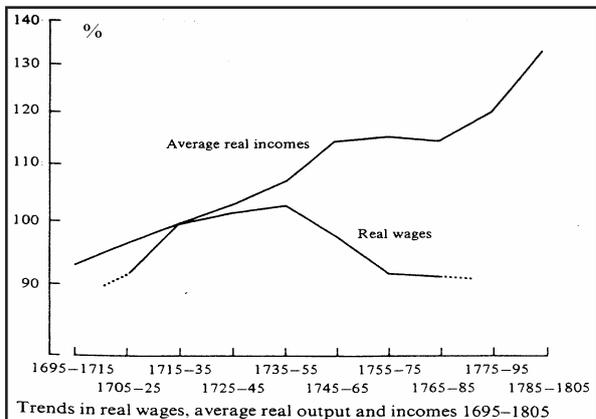
●England conquered French colonies in America and India

1743 George II beat the French near Dettingen am Main

1744-45 Anglo-French sea war

1745 ●Stuart followers under Charles Edward were beaten near Prestonpans (Scotland);

●Dissolution of the Scottish clan-constitution



1748 Treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle ended the War of Austrian Succession

1751 in a border agreement the French gain Montreal

1756 (-1763) Seven Years

War with France, Austria and Russia on the side of Frederick the Great of Prussia.

This Colonial War was waged on three continents (Europe, America, Asia/India) and ended with British victories over France in India (Robert Clive, battle of Plassey 1757) and Canada (Wolfe captures Quebec in 1759), War ended by the Treaty of Paris.

William Pitt (Pitt the Elder 1708-78, Whig) became Minister of War. He began exercising unrestricted control in national and military affairs and directed the war on three continents on land and sea, but lost power on the succession of George III, who favoured the Tories.

1757/58

Militia Bill; Pitt had organized military service and had founded the Scottish Highland regiments besides the regular army

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1757 \* William

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1748 \* Jeremy Bentham

Colley Cibber †

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