

To

Prospero Lambertini

Bishop of Rome by the Name of Benedict XIV.

Who, though an absolute Prince,
reigned as harmlessly
as a Doge of Venice.

He restored the Lustre of the Tiara
by those Arts alone,
by which alone He obtained it,

His Virtues.

Beloved by Papists,
Esteemed by Protestants,

A Priest, without Insolence or Interestedness;

A Prince, without Favourites;

A Pope, without Nepotism;

An Author without Vanity;

In short, a Man

Whom neither Wit nor Power
could spoil.

The Son of a favourite Minister,

But one who never courted a Prince,

Nor worshipped a Churchman,

Offers in a free Protestant Country

This deserved Incense

To the Best of the Roman Pontiffs

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Mr. Horace Walpole
Inscription on the Bust
of Pope Lambertini
or
Benedict XIV.