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'Life of Pitt' by Tomline Arch=
=bishop of Winchester – in 3 vol.=
This work of which I would re=
=call my first impression is
well worth the trouble. There
is an unaffected degree of tolerance

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throughout; [i.w.>]facts are well
told, reasons are well given, –
& (what is more surprising) facts
are told without masquerading,
& reasons given without acri=
=monsy. The result of all this
is, that I have risen from the
book with more respect both
for Pitt & his biography>biographer than
I had imagined possible on
sitting down. I must however
be free to confess that if the
Heaven born Minister was a
profound scholar, a particular
reasoner, and a Politician su=
=perior to lucrative motives,
he was at least no [i.w.>]compre=

=hensive Philosopher, incap=
=ble of enlarged conceptions –
he was>had at least no politi=

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=cal candour, & was often
[? reduced] to act from motives
of personal vanity.
