

Historical References for Part I of *Gulliver's Travels*, "A Voyage to Lilliput"

| Chapter | Text Reference | Historical Reference |
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| 1 | Ancient temple, which has "been polluted some years before by an unnatural murder" | Charles I |
| 2 | Appearance of the emperor, "He is taller, by almost the breadth of my nail . . ." | George I and opinions of his personal appearance |
| 2 | Searching Gulliver for weapons and secrets | Robert Harley (1st Earl of Oxford), Henry St. John (1st Viscount of Bolingbroke), and Jonathan Swift investigated by the Committee of Secrecy |
| 3 | "Flimnap, the Treasurer, is allowed to cut a caper on the strait rope . . ." | Sir Robert Walpole |
| 3 | "The Emperor lays on a table three fine silken Threads of six inches long. One is blue, the other red, and the third green." | Order of the Garter, Bath, and Thistle |
| 3 | Skyresh Bolgolam, mortal enemy of Gulliver | Daniel Finch, 2nd Earl of Nottingham |
| 4 | Tramecksans, who wear high heels | Tory (High Church) |
| 4 | Slamecksans, who wear low heels | Whig (Low Church) |
| 4 | Heir to the Throne, who wobbles, wearing one high heel and one low heel | George II (Prince of Wales) |
| 5 | Empress, who holds "the greatest abhorrence" for Gulliver's actions | Queen Anne and her opinion of Swift |
| 7 | Impeachment of Gulliver | Impeachment of Robert Harley (1st Earl of Oxford) and Henry St. John (1st Viscount of Bolingbroke) for high treason |