

But there was another reason why Mr. Churchill felt the need of being sustained by a vote of confidence on that occasion. Parliamentary responsibility is twofold. Members as well as Ministers have their responsibilities. The people of the United Kingdom had a right to know where their representatives stood, and what support they were prepared to give to the administration in its grave task of carrying on the war. The people equally are entitled to know what support is withheld from the administration, and why it is being withheld.

I do not think that we, in this House of Commons, will fall into error by following, where ~~the correct~~ procedure ^{may be questioned} ~~is in doubt~~, the example of the House of Commons at Westminster. ^{Not need?} ~~I do not need to~~ remind hon. members that the first of our rules reads as follows:

In all cases not provided for hereinafter or by Sessional or other Orders, the usages and customs of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as in force at the time shall be followed so far as they may be applicable to this House.