

of a referendum in which the question asked would have been:  
"Are you or are you not in favour of giving the government  
unlimited powers in the matter of conscription?"

(Look up what was the question asked in Australia)

That would have been placing upon the people the  
obligation to make a decision with respect to a matter on  
which they could not possibly be fully informed, and a

responsibility for all the consequences of a decision which  
*They had never been perfectly right I can well understand the feeling of anyone*  
they should never have been asked to make. It was to avoid

this very thing that the government decided against holding  
a referendum which would relieve it of all the responsibility  
in the matter of deciding this difficult question, and in