

opinion may be divided, should take the earliest possible opportunity of making perfectly sure that it enjoys ~~in no~~ ~~uncertain measure~~ the confidence of parliament, and that it may rely with certainty upon the support of parliament in giving effect to the decision reached. Especially is this the case where widely divergent views have previously been expressed in the country and in parliament on the wisdom of any discretionary power being given the administration; and where it is to be expected that, concerning the wisdom of ^{the} decision, differences will ~~assert themselves, the consequences of which,~~ though certain to be far-reaching, cannot be foreseen.

Such an ~~expression~~ ^{in assurance} of confidence ^{by parliament} is particularly necessary to the leader of a government where there is the slightest reason for him to doubt the extent to which he may be able to rely upon the support he will receive in the House of Commons. ~~Indeed,~~ if an administration is to begin ~~to~~ carry out its duties in the prosecution of a war, it cannot afford to be left in any doubt ^{as to the adequacy of its support} ^{by parliament} at any time, and least of all at a moment of crisis. ~~Of the~~ ~~certainty of this support,~~ ^{the confidence of parliament} no member of an administration is in more constant need than the one who is charged with the responsibilities which attach to the office of Prime Minister.

In the Speech from the Throne, it was stated that the government was of the opinion that, at this time of gravest