

This was agreed to.

Mr. Attlee then moved:

"That this House has confidence in His Majesty's Government and will aid it to the utmost in the vigorous prosecution of the war."

Debate took place on the 28th and 29th of January,

~~1942~~ At the end of the latter sitting, the House divided: Ayes 464 and Noes 1.

Hon. members will, I believe, be interested in Mr. Churchill's own appreciation of the ^{importance and self-confidence} ~~significance~~ of the vote he was asking from the House of Commons.

On January 27th he said:

^{From time to time in the life of any Government there come occasions which must be clarified}
 "Since my return to this country, I have come to the conclusion that I must ask to be sustained by a vote of confidence from the House of Commons. This is a thoroughly normal, constitutional, democratic procedure. A debate on the war has been asked for. I have arranged it in the fullest and freest manner for three whole days. Any member will be free to say anything he thinks fit about or against the Administration or against the composition or personalities of the government, to his heart's content, subject only to the reservation which

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