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Parliament, or of Parliament as supreme over the people, the whole structure of representative and responsible government will begin to crumble, and the basis of democratic freedom and popular liberties will eventually be destroyed.

The fact that the dissolution in 1940 after five sessions of a Parliament elected in 1935, could be called into question when the law of the land requires a general election at least once in every five years, shows how completely some persons have forgotten, if indeed they have ever fully understood, the safeguards by which our liberties are secured. It should never be forgotten that by free and regular elections alone is democracy itself preserved. Burke long ago pointed out that it is not the will of the House of Commons but the will of the country that should prevail if government by the people is to survive ~~government~~. I might add that our democratic system of government is even less likely to be preserved if the wishes of an Opposition

in the House of Commons.