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B3. Conscription never to be adopted without resort to parliament.

There is one point I wish to stress. If the hands of the government are free, and if the government should ever come to feel that conscription for overseas service was essential to our national safety, it would not be introduced by order in council. The government would make its recommendations to parliament, and every member of parliament would be perfectly free to express ^{his} ~~its~~ views fully and to share fully in the decision as to whether or not the recommendation of the government would be adopted. In other words, in asking the people to free its hands, the government is not asking them to free it from its full responsibility to parliament. It is, indeed, asking for freedom both for itself and ^{for} parliament.