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The appointment was delayed because Mr. King had given a public undertaking to his electorate that he would serve the full Parliamentary term, and would complete the Parliamentary term which he undertook to give to the Government when I asked him to join the Government to carry out the massive programme of consumer credit and law reform legislation for which he has been responsible.

With the calling of an election now, however, Mr. King has completed his undertakings to his electorate and the Government, and the Government has therefore taken the first opportunity since that decision was made to appoint him to the Supreme Court Bench.

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