

BREXIT INTERRUPTED**Boris Johnson has lost his way while seeking to navigate Britain out of the European Union**

The U.K. Supreme Court's landmark ruling that the prorogation of the British Parliament was unlawful has rendered Prime Minister Boris Johnson's continuance morally untenable. While the judges dwelt at length on the limits of executive power and the detrimental effects of the suspension on the country's democratic process, they scrupulously steered clear of pronouncing any views on Britain's withdrawal from the EU. Yet, eurosceptics have attacked the verdict as one that was influenced by a pro-remain establishment elite. For his part, Mr. Johnson remains defiant that he may seek another prorogation to commence a fresh session with the Queen's address. There is no indication that he would step down. Notwithstanding its response, the government's options over leaving the EU have considerably reduced. Above all, Mr. Johnson is duty-bound to respect the law enacted by Parliament earlier this month to prevent him from taking the U.K. out of the EU without an agreement on October 31. Failing which, he is obliged to seek a three-month extension under Article 50 of the EU treaty.

With the 21 Conservative rebel MPs sacked for defying the whip on that crucial legislation, Mr. Johnson also lost his majority in the Commons during that tumultuous week before the prorogation. His attempt to circumvent the will of Parliament by calling a general election was similarly rebuffed. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has in the past demanded the government's resignation over its failure to negotiate an EU agreement that could command cross-party approval. But in the changed circumstances of recent weeks, he has rightly prioritised securing a further extension from the EU pending a definitive agreement, over moving a vote of no-confidence against Mr. Johnson's minority government. That position does not seem to warrant modification even in the aftermath of the Supreme Court verdict, unless the Labour leader's alternative of a national unity government — only to see through the EU extension and subsequent elections — draws wider support. Mr. Corbyn's party is also correct about its decision to defer calls for a second referendum until it has captured power.

Retaining the latter as the very last option would commend itself as a democratic alternative both to EU remainers and leavers. The Labour party's current stance is consistent with the country's utmost urgency to avert a costly and chaotic exit, as also to install a stable government at Westminster. The introduction of customs checks in Northern Ireland, as an alternative to a U.K.-wide customs union, is a possible item in the fresh proposals Mr. Johnson's team is expected to unveil in Brussels in early October. If they elicit backing from the rest of the bloc, the next challenge would be to gain domestic approval. A third Brexit extension would be insurance against uncertainty on those two counts.

<u>Words</u>	<u>Kind</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
Navigate	Verb	Steer, helm, plot a route, course
Prorogation	Noun	Break off, discontinuation, intermittent, deferment
Unlawful	Adj.	Illegal, illicit, felonious, indictable
Render	Verb	Give, provide, furnish, contribute, proffer
Tenable	Adj.	Defensible, justifiable, sustainable, arguable
Dwell on	Verb	Speak or write in details
At length		For a long time, for ages, on and on, incessantly ceaselessly, eternally
Detrimental	Adj.	Dangerous, harmful, ruinous, perilous, deleterious
Suspension	Adj.	Adjournment, interruption, postponement, deferment
Scrupulous	Adj.	Careful, meticulous, painstaking, assiduous, Sedulous diligent
Steer	Verb	Guide, direct, manoeuvre, navigate
Pronounce	Verb	Aver, avow, announce, proclaim, herald
Eurosceptic	Adj.	A person who is opposed to increasing the power of The European union
Verdict	Noun	Judgement, adjudication, resolution, decree resolution, prognosis
Influence	Verb	Effect, impact, control, sway, hold

Elite	Noun	Best, pick, cream, flower, nonpareil
Commence	Verb	Begin, start, kick off, get going
Defiant	Adj.	Intransigent, resistant, obstinate, recalcitrant belligerent, pugnacious
Indication	Noun	Sign, indicator, symptom, manifestation, signal demonstration
Notwithstanding	Adj.	Despite / although
Enact	Verb	Make law, pass, approve, ratify, validate
Proscribe	Verb	Forbid, prohibit, ban, bar, embargo
Beholden	Adj.	Obliged / grateful
Extension	Noun	Addition, add on, adjunct, addendum, Augmentation appendage
Rebel	Noun	Revolutionary, insurgent, mutineer, agitator
Defy	Verb	Challenge, dare, throw down the gauntlet
Whip	Noun	Lash, scourge, throng, strap, crop, birch
Tumultuous	Adj.	Loud, deafening, thunderous, thundering, clamorous vociferous
Circumvent	Verb	Avoid, parry, eschew, evade, shun
Rebuff	Verb	Reject, repudiate, jettison, turn down
Negotiate	Verb	Arrange, work out, thrash out, broker
Command	Verb	Order, direct, adjure, instruct, bid
Prioritise	Verb	Hierarchies, sequence, alphabetize, grading
Definitive	Adj.	Conclusive, final, ultimate, decisive, unconditional unqualified, absolute
Modification	Noun	Transmutation, metamorphosis, transmogrification
Aftermath	Noun	Result, upshots, repercussions, after effects
Subsequent	Adj.	Following, ensuing, succeeding, later, successive
Support	Noun	Pillar, prop, under prop, abutment, bolster
Defer	Verb	Postpone, put off, adjourn, prorogue, pigeonhole
Referendum	Noun	Plebiscite, popular vote, ballot, poll
Commend	Verb	Praise, compliment, applaud, extol, eulogize,

		toast, glorify
Stance	Noun	Posture, pose, attitude, beazing
Consistent	Noun	Compatible, congruous, accordant, reconcilable
Utmost	Adj.	Best, uttermost, hardest, maximum
Stable	Adj.	Firm, solid, steady, secure, well balanced
Elicit	Verb	Obtain, bring out, draw out, evoke, induce, excite, engender
Gauntlet	Noun	Challenge, dare, provocation, summons
Domestic	Adj.	Family, home, private, household, domiciliary
Bloc	Noun	Alliance, coalition, association, federation, Confederation, league, faction
Retain	Verb	Keep, passion of, keep, conserve, preserve
Self possessed	Adj.	Composed, calm, cool, serene, tranquil, non Chalant Unruffled