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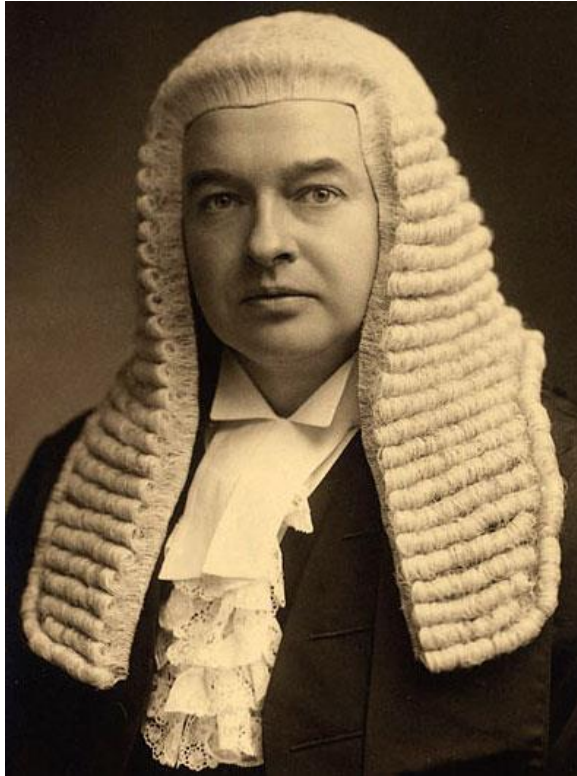
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LORD CHIEF JUSTICE HEWART once, when receiving some kind of public honour, said in reply: ‘On occasions of this kind there are two speeches which I can make: one is short and one is long. The short one is “Thank you”; the long one is “Thank you very much.” Now that I have acquainted you with the content of both speeches, I see no reason for making either.’

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