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 (2) புதுக்கித் திருப்பிய நாள் _____
 (3) ஆதாரப் குறிப்பவர் சுருக்கொப்பம் _____

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Read also the correspondence that has taken place since 1877 regarding proposals for the revision of the Warrant and the Supplementary List attached to it.

RESOLUTION.

THE existing Warrant of Precedence for India was approved by Her Majesty the Queen, Empress of India, and received Her Royal Sign Manual on the 18th October 1876, and was published by Home Department Notification No. 2032, dated the 1st November 1877. Since that date various proposals for amending the Table and the Supplementary List attached to it have been made from time to time, and the Government of India have promised to consider them on the occasion of any general revision of the Warrant. It has also been necessary for the Governor General in Council to determine, in exercise of the power conferred on him by the Warrant, the ranks of various officers not mentioned in it; but these changes have had to be inserted as foot-notes, inasmuch as the Government of India have no authority to add to or alter the Warrant itself. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that these foot-notes, which are increasing every year, should be embodied in the Warrant, and that the consideration of the proposals for amending the Warrant should not be further postponed. The Warrant also contains a number of entries which are obsolete, and certain others which assign a wrong position to the officers concerned. Moreover, it only regulates the rank and precedence of "persons holding appointments in the East Indies." It is, however, now of common occurrence for persons of rank and distinction in England to visit India and make a stay of some length, and it is desirable that the question whether precedence due to their station should not be secured to them in the Warrant should now be considered. Under the present orders questions of some awkwardness relating to such visitors might arise at strictly official ceremonies.

2. For the above reasons the Governor General in Council has arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable to consider the subject of the revision of the Warrant of Precedence without further delay, and has accordingly decided that, in accordance with the precedent followed in 1875, a Committee should be appointed to discuss and report on the questions which require decision. The Committee will consist of the following gentlemen :—

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