**341.** Same to the Council of State.

" Apprehending it for your service here to transport beyond sea as many of the Irish as we could find a conveniency for, especially such as were like to disturb the peace of this country, and presuming it to be agreeable to your Lordships' sense to encourage those that should undertake the same, especially officers and others here of the English nation, we have therefore taken the boldness to present their case to you, who allege that, notwithstanding they have performed the contracts on their parts in shipping away and delivering into Spain several thousand men, yet have not received answerably the performance of the contract with them on the part of the King of Spain, which because it depends chiefly upon his ministers or ambassador in England, to whom it is alleged that the full money due to them is remitted by Bills of Exchange by the order of the said King, they have therefore earnestly moved us to recommend their humble petition to your Lordships for a redress on their behalf therein. . . ." 4 Feb. *Ib.* f. 421.

**342.** Same to the Commissioners of Revenue at Trim and the Governor at Dundalk.

" Receiving advertisement from the Commissioners at Belfast of several persons that are there seized and imprisoned as guilty of the bloody murders and massacres of the English, we have judged it necessary in order to their speedy trial to constitute an High Court of Justice, which conceiving it most expedient, both for the general ease of the country and for the convenient bringing together of such witnesses as are requisite, that they should sit at Dundalk, where also they are appointed to meet very sudden. . . ." 10 Feb. *Ib.* f. 422.

**343.** Ordered that Commissary-General Reynolds be authorised to allow a reward to any person who shall bring in the person or head of any rebel now in arms against the Commonwealth. 11 Feb. Orders A/82. 42. f. 615.

**344.** The Commissioners to the Parliament.

" In pursuance of the directions by two several Orders of Parliament, the one bearing date 17th August 1649 and the