653. Lord Deputy and Council to Colonel Mountaigue and Colonel Sydenham.[1]

" An unexpected necessity forces us to put this trouble upon you. The whole affairs of this nation, depending upon the Treasury, being wholly at a stand for want of monies, there being not £5 that we know of in the Treasury, nor hath been for nine days last past, neither can we in this place by any credit or endeavour take up money upon never so urgent and necessary occasions, merchants here being generally so poor and standing in need of their own stocks for carrying on of their own trade, which is likely to contract and will inevitably bring upon this nation much mischief and inconvenience if not by your care timely prevented, and will obstruct the settlement intended, by removing the Irish proprietors and men in arms into Connaught, (which may occasion an uncertainty in the contribution this country affords), and erecting of garrisons intended on the Shannon for the security of this country with several other necessary works not to be omitted, which now all fall for want of money. If some speedy course be not taken the whole work of reducing this nation and endeavouring the settling the same in peace will revert to its former unsafe condition. The necessities of the soldiers pinching them makes them cry out for supplies, which is not in our power to give. We therefore desire you in your love to public good and commiseration to this poor country to haste monies to us, otherwise you will easily judge what will unavoidably follow; and for the carrying on of the present concernments of this nation, which will not admit of any delay. We desire your Honours to give order that £20,000 at least be paid out of the Exchequer into the hands of the Treasurers-at-War, upon the account of Ireland, out of the monies formerly appointed for Ireland payable from Goldsmiths' Hall, to the end the Treasurers may transport the same or be remitted by Bills as the Treasurers shall advise your deputies, which may be some present help towards answering our extraordinary charge, over and above the pay of the forces mentioned in our last letter. . . ." 11 April. Letters of the Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 56.

[1] Edward Montagu, afterwards Earl of Sandwich, and William Sydenham were Commissioners of the Treasury. See Lives in *Dict. Natl. Biog.*

654. T. Herbert to John Thurloe.

"I am commanded by the Lord Deputy and Council to acquaint you that Colonel William Eyre, who hath been now full eleven weeks a prisoner in the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms is (through his impatience of that restraint) grown very much distempered both in body and mind, and doth earnestly importune their Lordships that he may be either brought to a trial for what shall be laid to his charge, or else permitted (upon sufficient bail) to follow Col. Venables in his voyage; but they, not willing to determine anything concerning him until directions from his Highness be given therein, their Lordships do desire you would move his Highness and Council in this matter, and procure that the pleasure of his Highness may be signified as to what further proceedings shall be thought fit to be had against him, either as to a trial here, or for permitting him to pass to Colonel Venables, as is desired. There is now also in restraint (and upon the same account) one Col. Treswell, concerning whom it is likewise desired that his Highness' commands might be received, the gentleman being as desirous as the other to come to a speedy trial and determination in the matter he stands charged with. For resolutions in both which cases his Lordship and the Council here request your care and effectual remembrance, and, when obtained, that speedy intimation may thereof be given." 11 April. *Ib.* f. 53.

655. Same to John Cook, Chief Justice of Munster.

Acquaint him that information has reached the Council that the Sheriff of Limerick and his officers are guilty of oppressing people by refusing to return a charge unless the expenses of the Court are paid beforehand; the officers, attorneys, bailiffs and jurors are all Irishmen and one Edmund Lacy, lately in arms against the Commonwealth is at the moment Clerk of the Court. The Chief Justice is required to see that these abuses are reformed. 12 April. *Ib.* f. 55.

656. "Ordered that the Commissioners-General of Revenue do write unto the Commissioners at Loughrea that they take care to set out unto the submittees on Kilkenny Articles (expressed in the third Qualification of the Act for the Settlement of Ire-