Protector and Commonwealth, that are due and ought to have been paid on 29th September last past or since and not hitherto paid unto such officers as by law ought to receive the same be forthwith paid. 26 Oct. *Ib.* f. 271.

743. Ordered that Aldermen Thomas Hooke, Daniel Hutchinson and John Preston be appointed treasurers for receiving the collection on behalf of the Waldenses.[1] 27 Oct. *Ib.* f. 265.

744. " Upon reading a petition presented to this Board by the freemen, natives and inhabitants of the town of Galway, and consideration had of the several allegations therein. As to that part of the said petition concerning the remittal of the £5000 payable by them to the Commonwealth in pursuance of their Articles, the Council, finding the said £5000 to be legally due to the State, upon a mutual agreement, do not think fit to remit the said money, but expect that the petitioners do pay the same in due time. Concerning the lands due to them in pursuance of their qualifications, which cannot (as is alleged) be ascertained until the resolution of this Board were known concerning the said £5000, and desiring that the Commissioners at Athlone, appointed to adjudge the Claims and Qualifications of the Irish, might proceed to the adjudging of their proportions respectively, it is thought fit and ordered that the said Commissioners for adjudging of Claims and Qualifications of the Irish as aforesaid do proceed to adjudge the respective claims and qualifications of the said persons, according to their Instructions, to the end such proportions of land may be set out to them as shall appear to be due to the said persons respectively. And concerning their desires of a further time to stay in the said

[1] The exact amount contributed in Ireland towards the relief of the Waldenses and transmitted by Bill of Exchange to England at the end of January 1656 by the treasurers was £1097. 6. 3. (Reid, *History of the Presbyterian Church*, ii, p. 218 and *cf.* Thurloe, *State Papers*, iv, p. 484.) It may be, as Reid remarks (*l. c.*), that " Cromwell's vigorous and successful interference on behalf of this persecuted people was one of the noblest enterprises of his Government " ; but for the Irish the Waldensian business was certainly a misfortune inasmuch as it provided Fleetwood and the army party with an argument for a strict observance of the articles of transplantation. (See particularly a letter from several officers in Ireland to the Protector, May 1655, in Thurloe, *State Papers*, iii, pp. 466-467 : " Let the blood of Ireland be fresh in your view, and their treachery cry aloud in your ears . . . and let not such be left untransplanted here, or unminded in England, whose continuance amongst us do palpably hazard the very being of Protestant interest in these nations."

town the Council refer the petitioners to the rules and instructions already given therein." 28 Oct. References of Petitions. A/8. 8. f. 281.

745. Instructions for the Governor of Galway for the time being, Colonel Richard Lawrence and Thomas Richardson Esq. Commissioners appointed to survey and appraise the houses in Galway or any part thereof.

Proprietors of houses in Galway, that desire it under their hands, to have liberty, until 10th November 1656, to make sale of their interest there to any Protestant, that hath not been in arms against, or otherwise are disaffected to the Commonwealth. Such sales to be by deed and enrolled in the Court of Chancery, expressing upon what considerations really and *bona fide* such sales are made, to the end the Commonwealth's right to the third part may be certainly known and received.

Such houses as shall not be sold by the proprietors before 14th December 1655, may be disposed of for a year's time by the Governor to any Protestant, not having been in arms against the Commonwealth, provided that the said Governor do engage such as shall take the same that no waste or spoil be committed on the said houses that stand empty or undisposed of by the soldiers or others. 30 Oct. Commissions etc. A/26. 24. f. 122.

746. Lord Deputy and Council to the Lord President of Connaught.

" Taking into consideration the extraordinary strength of the town of Galway and how common an intercourse the inhabitants of that place have, for many ages, held with the dominions of the King of Spain, more than with other countries, and how probable it is that the Spaniard (in this difference betwixt his Highness and that State [1]) may apprehend more than common hopes from thence to prosecute his designs, and under colour of help to the pretended King of Scots (who no doubt is by this enmity active to take his advantage) will use his utmost endeavours to the prejudice of this Commonwealth; for prevention whereof, it is held advisable that the said town of Galway [2] be forthwith

[1] See Thurloe to H. Cromwell, Thurloe, *State Papers*, iv, p. 100.

[2] See H. Cromwell to Thurloe, 14 Nov., in Thurloe, *State Papers*, iv, 198: " We have cleared the town of Galway of the Irish, and shall have a special care of that place."