understand the loving kindness of the Lord.' But instead hereof we wish we had not cause to fear (from the evil of our own hearts, as also our observation of the great shortness in all sorts of men in want of love to God and one another) that the Lord may justly destroy us after he hath done us good. And considering how the Lord hath handed to our brethren of Savoy (professors with us of the same common faith) a great and sore cup of affliction, by covering them (as it were) with the shadow of Death, and suffering the enemy of our religion to prevail against them, we cannot but think the same justice is due to us, and though we are parted from them by situation, yet we cannot be secured from such like scourges if we go on in our provocations. Upon which we have thought it our duty to call upon all that fear the Lord in this city to a solemn seeking of the Lord on Thursday, 8th inst. . . ." 3 Nov. *Ib.* ff. 275-6.

750. Ordered that Mr John Stephens, Master of the Free School in Dublin be dismissed his post, in that he "hath been guilty of several misdemeanours, altogether unbecoming a man of his profession, as in spending most part of the Lord's Day in lying abed, frequenting vain company at unseasonable hours, drinking immoderately and neglecting to perform the duties of Christianity, both in his family and school. . . ." 5 Nov. *Ib.* f. 274.

751. Lord Deputy and Council to Sir Charles Coote.

"We have perused your letter of the 7th of this month directed to his Excellency, the Lord Henry Cromwell, whereby we find how far you have proceeded (pursuant to our desires) in clearing the town of Galway (for the reasons therein specified) of the Irish inhabitants, and of the difficulties you met with in that affair, which inclined you to dispense (for some time) with some few persons, who, through extreme age, sickness or the like, and through the unseasonableness of the weather, were disabled to remove; and that, nevertheless, the security of the place was well provided for, which having considered of we not only approve of, but withal return thanks for what you have done therein, withal desiring your Lordship to take care the people so dispensed with do remove so soon as the season serves and that they are recovered, it being our desire that so consider-

able a place be entirely inhabited by Protestants and persons well affected to the Interest of the Commonwealth. We likewise recommend to your Lordship's care that in this interim, until the town be better inhabited, no spoil be made of the houses within the town, either by the soldiers or others, who without due care will be apt to prejudice the same upon small occasions, as also that the said houses be kept staunch and in good repair as well as may be, that they may not only be kept up but continued in a condition to be tenanted at [the] considerable rents which that place yielded in former times more than any other city of this nation." 14 Nov. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. ff. 105-6.

752. Ordered that the Judge Advocate [1] do proceed against the following persons for refusing to remove out of Dublin— Mr Bartholomew Hodges and Frances his wife, Margery Burne, Rose Lawless, Mrs Eliz. Baggot, Joan Luttrell, Philip Strong an ancient man, Elinor Byrne, Gyles Lawlor, Joan Burne, Mary Maloan widow, Bryan Feeny and his wife, Joan the wife of Cuthberd Orde. 17 Nov. Orders A/5. 5. f. 293.

753. Instructions for Sir C. Coote, Lord President of Connaught or the Governor of Galway for the time being (*inter alia*).

"4. The said Governor to keep within the said town of masons, labourers and other handicraftsmen of the Irish nation to the number of twenty (until 20th May next), the same to be such as he shall conceive to be most inoffensive, and that may do the most faithful service.

"5. The said Governor to take care that the priests or friars that are now imprisoned within the said town, that are above the age of forty years, be forthwith banished into France, Portugal or other neighbouring kingdoms in amity with this Commonwealth, and that the rest of the priests, that are under the age of forty years, be forthwith shipped away for Barbados, or other American plantations; and likewise to give public notice that in case any of the said priests and friars shall at any time return into this nation, without special licence, that they shall

[1] Dr Philip Carteret.