we have here enclosed[1] to you. . . ." 18 Nov. *Ib.* ff. 347-8.

301. Same to the Lord Broghill, Colonel Phaire and Major Wallis.

" Perceiving an extraordinary delay in the officers of the Lord Muskerry's party and their soldiers in preparing for their going beyond sea, and drawing down to the water side, and for their delay they pretend three months' arrears by Articles to be due unto them, we, having a sense of the great burden that the country suffers, to have them lie still in their quarters, and for prevention of any such inconveniences, judge it very needful that all excuses be taken from them, and therefore have thought it convenient, and shall desire that you, or any two of you, do forthwith meet together and send for those officers to understand their demands from them, and endeavour the settling and determining, if possible, that dispute with them; in which, although we are assured nothing can be found for their advantage from the letter of the article, yet, if it may conduce to the removal of all objections and giving all parties satisfaction, we do hereby authorise you, or any two of you, to propound either to give them fourteen days' pay (without any further account) in full of the said three months' arrears, or else to make an offer of three weeks' pay in full of the said three months' arrears, to be delivered them on shipboard; either of which offers, if they shall accept, we shall then desire that you, and the rest of the Commissioners of the Revenue in the respective precincts, do cause the same to be assessed and levied upon the respective counties, where the said arrears ought to be raised, and pay the same accordingly. We shall desire you to take an account of what they have received of the country in preys or otherwise, during the said three months, and what is their claim for the said three months' arrears, and that what shall appear to be due upon the said account (preys and other charges deducted) that the same be assessed and collected according to the Articles, taking in the meantime an especial care that they continue no longer in bodies, and that the former orders of tickets be observed and put in execution concerning them, in the doing of which, if there shall be found any obstruction, that you cannot

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remove, we shall desire the same may be certified hither, that the removal thereof may be endeavoured, and that all diligence be used, that an account may be given of it with all speed." 26 Nov. *Ib.* ff. 351-2.

302. Same to Sir Charles Coote.

" Receiving some letters wherein we have been acquainted that many families have lately removed out of the County of Donegal, to plant in Connaught, and that you, by a special order, sent with a party of horse thither, did cause the creaghts to come out of the Lagan to your own lands, by reason whereof a great part of that country is laid waste (contrary as we conceive to your promise to us at Kilkenny) and a loss falls upon the contribution, and a disappointment to the forces designed upon that county for their maintenance, we shall therefore desire you to command the return of the said creaghts and families, or that the said families and their stocks, continuing with you, be liable and do pay the same assessments and contributions, which of right they ought to pay in the places from whence they came, had they not removed, over and above what shall fall upon them in the places where they now are, and also from the time of their so removing. We have received a letter likewise from you wherein you are pleased to acquaint us of the Lord Mayo's being in custody for murder, and that the time, allotted by the Articles for his trial, will shortly determine, we shall desire you immediately to despatch away a convoy with him hither, and that there be sent along what information and evidence hath been given against him, as also what witnesses are in the country who are any way able to make good this charge of murder that is laid to him." 29 Nov. *Ib.* f. 355.

303. Ordered by the Commissioners that Richard Toole and Maurice McWilliam, his servant, be allowed to move up and down the country with two fowling-pieces for the destruction of wolves." 1 Dec. Orders A/82. 42. f. 452.

304. The Commissioners to the Parliament.

" Our last from Kilkenny gave you an account of your affairs here, and though the late laying down of arms by