476. Oliver Cromwell to the Commissioners for Ireland.

" There hath been an address made to us on the behalf of the bearer hereof, Col. Daniel Treswell,[1] that he may have licence to raise and transport 3000 of the native Irish out of Ireland into Flanders, which we have thought fit to grant, and do therefore recommend it to you to give to him, and such as shall be employed under him for levying of the said men, and also to those who shall undertake the transportation of them, such assistance and accommodation as shall be requisite for the effecting thereof, leaving it to you to take such caution and security that those men so to be transported shall not be employed against the Commonwealth, and to give such orders and directions as to the manner of raising, marching and transporting of them as you shall judge meet and convenient, it being our pleasure that this gentleman may have all lawful favour and furtherance for the speedy despatch of this affair." Whitehall, 23 March. Letters of the Lord Protector and Council A/28. 26 f. 31.

477. Ordered and declared that the officer for the time being commanding-in-chief the forces within every respective precinct, and the Commissioners of Revenue there, are authorised to inform themselves of such persons, that are Popish Recusants or Irish, within their respective precincts, that by former Declarations are to be removed into Connaught and the County of Clare, whom they shall judge fitting and necessary to be dispensed withal for their said removing and transplantation ; and to that end they are hereby authorised to send for all parties and witnesses, and to examine such witnesses as are Protestants and persons of credit upon oath, and such evidence as they shall find to be material to set the same down in writing ; and if upon due proof and evidence appearing before them, they shall judge any such persons fit or necessary to be dispensed withal, as abovesaid, they are to certify such persons, and the reasons of such dispensations and the proofs inducing them thereunto unto the Commissioners of the Commonwealth at or before

[1] Col. Daniel Treswell served in the Irish army from before the Rebellion till 1647, when Ormond surrendered Dublin to the Parliament. He appears to have been imprisoned for some time. After the Restoration Ormond, who described him as a " worthy and honest gentleman," interested himself in his behalf, and he was appointed a trustee for him and the Duke of Albemarle. In 1665 he was created a baronet.