Cork be not at present enlarged, inasmuch as it appears that there is waste land enough within the said line for the use of the said inhabitants." 12 May. Orders A/85. 45. ff. 361-2.

495. Ordered that the officers commanding-in-chief, in the respective counties and precincts do make diligent search after those of the Irish who are to be transplanted into Connaught and Clare. 12 May. *Ib.* ff. 368-9.

496. In consequence of the difficulty and expense of collecting the land tax, it is ordered that the Commissioners of Revenue in the several precincts be authorised to let the land-excise to responsible persons, for a period not exceeding one year. 15 May. *Ib.* ff. 371-2.

497. THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE RESPECTIVE PRECINCTS.

" . . . You are likewise to let, from year to year, all such lands as are in the dispose of the Commonwealth to such as will give most for them; provided it be not to any persons who, by the Declaration of 14th October last, are to remove into Connaught and Clare, and that those lands be let at the best yearly value that may be had for the same. You are also to take notice that where lands are let at a rent certain, including all taxes and other public charge due out of the same and stock thereupon, and that the said rent amounts to more than the fourth part of the present yearly value of the land and profit of the stock thereon, in such case the rent is to answer the tax of the fourth part of the value of lands and stock thereupon, and the tenant is to hold his land according to the conditions of his lease. . . ." 15 May. Domestic Corresp. A/90. 50. f. 694.

498. SAME TO THE COUNCIL.

The good report we have received from persons of integrity concerning Mr John Fitzgerald[1] (commonly called the Knight

[1] Son of William of Rathanan, and son-in-law of Lord Kerry, was the only Roman Catholic of rank in the County of Kerry who did not join the Rebellion. He was in consequence excommunicated by the Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese. See Hickson, *Irish Massacres*, i, p. 154.