present any particular way and course for such elections at this time." 19 May. *Ib.* f. 691.

501. SAME TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE RESPECTIVE PRECINCTS.

" The time being so near elapsed for the stay of such Irish within your quarters, as being comprehended within one of the qualifications expressed in the Declaration [1] of 27th March last, you have thought fit to dispense with their transplantation to the time therein limited, we therefore desire you forthwith to hasten the sending up the depositions, certificates and other papers, which you have taken concerning such persons pursuant to our Instructions, that further consideration may be had of them, ne end that work may not be retarded for want of those urns." 19 May. *Ib.* f. 691.

502. " Upon consideration had of the multiplicity of petitions [2] presented by persons that are transplantable into Connaught and Clare, from all parts of this nation, and considering that the time limited for their stay in the places of their present abode is near expired, it is thought fit and ordered that Major-General Sir Hardress Waller, Majors Anthony Morgan and Brian Smith, or any two of them be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the precincts of Cork, Kerry and Limerick, to hear such petitions and to peruse the certificates, and the returns made thereupon from the said respective precincts, and to consider the respective qualifications and merits of the said petitioners, and to make such orders thereupon by granting, unto such of them as deserve the same, such dispensations as they shall judge fit and proportionable to their respective deserts ; provided that no dispensation, so by them to be granted as aforesaid, be for any longer term than to 1st May next 1655, and that in every such dispensation so to be granted, the description of such person, so to be dispensed with, by name, age, place of abode, stature, complexion, colour of hair or such marks of distinction as they shall think fit to be

[1] See No. 477.

[2] A number of petitions for dispensation from transplantation are printed in Prendergast, *Cromwellian Settlement*, pp. 110-117 and App. III, pp. 377-385. For some petitions addressed to the Committee for Transplantation in the Precinct of Trim, see MSS. Trinity Coll., Dublin. F. 3. 18.