town the Council refer the petitioners to the rules and instructions already given therein." 28 Oct. References of Petitions. A/8. 8. f. 281.

745. Instructions for the Governor of Galway for the time being, Colonel Richard Lawrence and Thomas Richardson Esq. Commissioners appointed to survey and appraise the houses in Galway or any part thereof.

Proprietors of houses in Galway, that desire it under their hands, to have liberty, until 10th November 1656, to make sale of their interest there to any Protestant, that hath not been in arms against, or otherwise are disaffected to the Commonwealth. Such sales to be by deed and enrolled in the Court of Chancery, expressing upon what considerations really and *bona fide* such sales are made, to the end the Commonwealth's right to the third part may be certainly known and received.

Such houses as shall not be sold by the proprietors before 14th December 1655, may be disposed of for a year's time by the Governor to any Protestant, not having been in arms against the Commonwealth, provided that the said Governor do engage such as shall take the same that no waste or spoil be committed on the said houses that stand empty or undisposed of by the soldiers or others. 30 Oct. Commissions etc. A/26. 24. f. 122.

746. Lord Deputy and Council to the Lord President of Connaught.

" Taking into consideration the extraordinary strength of the town of Galway and how common an intercourse the inhabitants of that place have, for many ages, held with the dominions of the King of Spain, more than with other countries, and how probable it is that the Spaniard (in this difference betwixt his Highness and that State [1]) may apprehend more than common hopes from thence to prosecute his designs, and under colour of help to the pretended King of Scots (who no doubt is by this enmity active to take his advantage) will use his utmost endeavours to the prejudice of this Commonwealth; for prevention whereof, it is held advisable that the said town of Galway [2] be forthwith

[1] See Thurloe to H. Cromwell, Thurloe, *State Papers*, iv, p. 100.

[2] See H. Cromwell to Thurloe, 14 Nov., in Thurloe, *State Papers*, iv, 198: " We have cleared the town of Galway of the Irish, and shall have a special care of that place."

cleared of all the Irish and other Popish inhabitants that at present do inhabit therein ; and in order thereunto your Lordship's speedy and effectual care is desired for the speedy removing all the said Irish and other Papists out of the said town, that the better accommodation may be made for such English Protestants, whose integrity to the State is well known, and may be conceived fit to be trusted in a place of such concernment." 30 October. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 103.

747. T. Herbert to the Commissioners for Qualifications at Athlone.

" Gentlemen, His Highness, the Lord Protector and Council, for certain reasons their Honours moving, have thought fit and required us to signify unto you that it is their Lordships' pleasure that you do adjourn your Court to 10th February next, and yourselves to repair hither. . . ." T. Herbert. Undated. *Ib.* f. 104.

748. Ordered that a number of the late disbanded soldiers, not exceeding 1500 (above the establishment of the army) be forthwith entertained into the army,[1] and that the Commissioners-General of Musters do allow thereof. The Auditor-General of the army to take care that warrants be prepared for their half-pay distinct from the rest of the army during the time of their being mustered. 2 Nov. General Orders A/5. 5. f. 274.

749. " When we reflect upon the great and wonderful appearances of the Lord, multiplied on the people of this Commonwealth in overthrowing the powers and designs of the enemies of his Name and people, we cannot but think we may apply that Scripture, 33rd Deuteronomy last verse—' Happy art thou O Israel: who is like unto thee, O People saved by the Lord ' etc., and our souls do desire that hereupon the people of these islands might reap the fruit thereof, according to the true intent of the Prophet in the latter part of the cvii Psalm—' The Righteous shall see it and rejoice, and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. Whoso is wise and will observe those things, even they shall

[1] As recruits for Jamaica.