difficult to find out the certainty of the fee-farm rents due to his Highness : the difficulty will be all the greater it they be remitted for five years longer.

7thly. Shall Protestants who have got possession of rebels' estates by virtue of patents, mortgages and the like have their fee-farm rents remitted ?

8thly. The Adventurers and soldiers have indeed by his Highness' grace such immunity for five years ; but their case is different, being obliged to cultivate their lands, while very many of the Protestant proprietors do very much press to have their Irish tenants continued on their estates, though it be in counties and places not safe for the Irish to continue in. . . .

" Lastly, we shall only add that, as to the proposal that the lands within one mile of the Shannon and County of Leitrim might be an additional satisfaction to the arrears of the disbanded in 1653, we have had conference with the Commissioners at Athlone and some of those of Loughrea, and it is verily apprehended by them, being on the place, that there will be a great falling short in giving satisfaction to the Irish and therefore there will be a necessity of employing all the lands in Connaught and County of Clare, excepting the garrisons and excepting the lands within one mile of the garrisons and places appointed for English plantation,[1] and therefore till there be further trial how far the lands will hold out, we do not think safe to advise that there be any disposal made as yet of those lands to other uses : but those lands in Leitrim and within a mile of the Shannon shall be last disposed, and if there be any overplus we humbly conceive that they cannot be better given than the way proposed." 5 Dec. Letters of the Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 20. ff. 111-114.

761. T. Herbert to the Governor of Barbados.[2]

" His Highness' Council for the affairs of Ireland have ordered Captain John Norris to take aboard his ship divers Irishmen and women (such as by the Justices of Peace are found to be vagabonds and idlers) to be exported to Barbados or some other the English plantation islands of the Caribbees or thereabouts, and also three Popish priests, who are likewise to be there landed.

[1] *Sc.* for the transplanted Irish.
[2] Daniel Searle.

It is the desire of the Council that care may be taken in especial concerning those three priests, that they may be so employed as they may not be at liberty to return again into this nation, where that sort of people are able to do much mischief by having so great an influence over the Popish Irish here, and of alienating their affections from the present Government." 8 Dec. *Ib.* f. 115.

762. Whereas by an Order of this Board, bearing date 22nd November last, it was referred to Col. Robert Phaire, Vincent Gookin Esq., Major Peter Wallis, Dr Worth [1] and others to examine the truth of the allegations of the respective petitions of the ancient inhabitants of Cork, Youghal, Kinsale and Bandon, and not being able to make return of how many of the said petitioners have manifested a constant good affection by 1st December, the time is hereby ordered to be extended to 1st March next. 10 Dec. Orders A/5. 5. f. 315.

763. The Council to Colonel Robert Phaire, Governor of Cork.

" Your letter of the 3rd inst. was received the 8th, whereby we perceive that some Tories came from the County of Waterford into the County of Cork, who have done much mischief there, by robbing and taking divers Englishmen prisoners, which hath occasioned you to commit many of the Irish, who (as you have just cause to suspect) have harboured and relieved those Tories, and that you have brought some of those Irish to a court martial and have condemned two of them to be hanged, six to the islands and five whole villages to transplant ; and thereupon desiring to know our pleasure whether the said sentence should be put in execution. To which we think fit to return you no other answer than this, that, not well knowing what Rules and Instructions have been given to authorise your proceedings in this or business of the like nature, we have nothing to interpose or say therein, save that it is left to your care to pursue such warrantable orders as you have to proceed upon, and especially as to what concerns the lives of those two persons, that have been con-

[1] Dr Edward Worth, a native of county Cork, had been Dean of Cork before the Rebellion, but, like Dr Henry Jones, he accepted office under the Commonwealth, and, reconforming at the Restoration, was on 27 January 1661 consecrated Bishop of Killaloe. See Ware's *Bishops and Writers.*