out of their father's late estate in Ireland for their present subsistence and maintenance, till further order. . . ." 5 Feb. Letters of the Lord Protector and Council A/28. 26. f. 72.

785. The Council to the Lord Deputy Fleetwood.

" We being by our Instructions to take effectual care for the preservation of the timber [1] in this nation belonging to the Commonwealth, and to use all good ways and means for preventing the mischiefs and inconveniencies by selling and cutting down and destroying the timber there, and to make inquiry whether any trees fit for ship timber doth grow near any good haven or navigable river, and thereof to certify his Highness and the Council, we have not been wanting to observe the same, having heretofore desired the judges to peruse the several Acts and Ordinances for Adventurers and soldiers, and to consider how far forth the said Adventurers and soldiers have any interest in the woods where their respective lots do fall, as also to consider of the great waste and destruction that hath been made by cutting down and barking the timber of late years, and to advise how the woods growing upon lands late belonging to the Crown, bishops, deans and chapters may be preserved ; having further required the Surveyor-General of lands to inform himself what woods (bearing any considerable quantity of timber) are now standing in any part of the nation, and to certify the quality and quantity of such woods, where they grow, at what distance from the sea or from any haven or navigable river, and to whom they belong, as also what waste hath been lately made in any of the said woods, and to offer what course may be held advisable for future preservation of the same ; and that no care might be wanting for preservation of the said woods we have (for some years past as your Lordship well knows) appointed wood-reeves (such as we supposed honest men) for to look unto the Commonwealth's woods and gave them strict rules and due encouragement for preservation thereof. Notwithstanding

wringing." (Prendergast, *Cromwellian Settlement*, p. 340.) According to the testimony of the Marquis of Ormond and others Jordan Roche's only fault had been that he had embraced the Peace of 1648[-49] and loyally, with his father Dominick, supported the royalist cause. An order for restoration was issued on 3 April 1661. *Cal. State Papers*, Irel., 1661, p. 290.

[1] For an interesting account of the woods in Ireland and their destruction at this time see Boate, *Ireland's Natural History*, published in 1652, chapter xv.

which, we are informed that very great waste hath been committed and that the public suffers exceeding much prejudice daily, by one or other upon pretence or title, by stealth or by barking the same, whereby the future provision of timber for ships and for other public occasions is and will be rendered more and more difficult, unless some speedy and strict course be taken for remedy thereof, and for requiring the Adventurers and soldiers to plant some convenient proportion of their respective lots for future provision, which we desire your Lordship to represent unto his Highness and Council that such further consideration and order may be given therein as to their wisdoms shall seem meet. And we further desire your Lordship to consider in particular whether it be not advisable that for some time a stop be given to the disposure of wood for making of pipe-staves, barrel-staves and hogshead-staves, which usually are made of the best timber and for the great waste and spoil [that] is made under colour thereof to the very great prejudice of the public." 6 Feb. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 134.

786. The Undersigned to the Council for the affairs of Ireland.

" In pursuance of your Lordships' Order unto us directed for the laying out and appointing of certain baronies in the Province of Connaught and County of Clare to receive the inhabitants of certain counties in the other three provinces, so that the transplanted persons might receive lands suitable (as near as may be) in quantity and quality to the places from whence they are removed, we have met together and considered of the best way for effecting the same, and having received a report, that was formerly made to this purpose to the Rt. Hon. the Commissioners of the Commonwealth, we have made some alterations therein, as well because the County of Sligo and part of the County of Mayo are since disposed of to the disbanded soldiers, as also for that the County of Leitrim and the lands within three miles of the sea and Shannon are reserved from present disposal ; and upon the whole matter, having had respect to the said alterations and likewise in some measure to the distance of the counties from whence they are transplanted, so that the inhabitants of one