891. "The Council being informed that the public hath suffered a very great and manifest inconvenience and prejudice by permitting divers Irish to possess considerable quantities of forfeited lands in Connaught and Clare *de bene esse*, who indeed have no legal right thereunto by any of the Qualifications expressed in the Act for settling of Ireland, contrary to the express letter and intent thereof, and to the detriment of others who have just right to their respective proportions, as appears by the Decrees of the late Court of Claims at Athlone, and are yet unsatisfied through want of forfeited lands to be assigned them, [it is] ordered that this grievance be considered of and duly examined. . . ." 20 Oct. *Ib.* f. 204.

892. Ordered that Wednesday, 5th November next, be appointed to be duly observed and kept by the respective congregations in Dublin and all other parishes and congregations throughout the nation as a day of thanksgiving [1] for the mercy expressed in the narrative of the late successes of the fleet of this Commonwealth upon the Spanish coasts against the Spanish plate fleet, and in commemoration of that signal deliverance upon that day from the Powder Treason. 21 Oct. *Ib.* f. 198.

893. H. Lawrence to the Lord Deputy and Council.

"Edward Plunkett, one of the younger sons of Luke Earl of Fingal in Ireland, having by petition to his Highness set forth that there being a small estate in lands called Drombarrow and Callaghton [2] in the county of Meath, of about the yearly value of £100, settled on him by his said father in his lifetime, he was, shortly after his father's death, which he allegeth to be in the year 1635,[3] the petitioner being then in his minority, sent by his friends to travel in foreign parts for his education, where he continued about nine or ten years, and in his return towards

Lord Chancellor, and as the salary allowed him was not sufficient to support the dignity of that place, he was granted an annuity of £1500 out of the customs of Dublin and Drogheda. He married Anne, daughter of Sir Robt. Colville, and died in 1665.

[1] The loss of the *Two Brothers* with Lt.-Col. Brumston and 200 soldiers on their way to Jamaica near Kinsale turned this day of rejoicing into one of sorrow and humiliation.

[2] Near Kells.

[3] Lodge (Peerage, vi, p. 183) says 1637, and there can be no doubt that he is correct.