897. Whereas by letters from the Commissioners sitting at Loughrea, and otherwise, the Council have received frequent advertisements that the forfeited lands in Connaught and Clare now remaining and undisposed of will come far short to satisfy the Decrees of the late Court at Athlone, and that several claimants, comprehended within the first qualification of the Act of Settlement, have, nevertheless proportions of forfeited lands granted them by the said Commissioners for their livelihood, it is referred to Sir C. Coote, Mr Justice Cook and John Santhy to consider what they hold advisable to be done, by way of expedient or otherwise, how the Decrees that are yet unsatisfied may receive satisfaction. 11 Nov. *Ib.* f. 215.

898. T. Herbert to Colonel Lawrence.

" It is the desire of the Council that you would speedily take a view of the ship called the *Plain Dealing*, which belongs to some Irish inhabitants of Kinsale and now rides at anchor there; and, if you find her for strength and other accommodations fitter to receive the soldiers and the rest aboard of Colonel Moore's regiment now quartering in the Great Island and thereabouts, and to undertake so long and winterly a voyage than the other ship, wherein they were formerly shipped, you are to notify what you hold advisable therein,[1] and in the meantime (by embargo or otherwise) to take care that the said ship take in no other freight nor set sail from thence without leave first obtained from this Board. There was £300 lately ordered for supplying the officers and soldiers aforementioned with a month's pay, which you were desired to take care of. I hope it is come to your hands ere this. Mr Crofts promised his special care in it.

P.S.—Some of the owners of the ship are now here and (as is informed) willing that she should go to Jamaica upon good terms. . . ." 11 Nov. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 201.

899. A list of such as are appointed to serve as sheriffs for the ensuing year. Dublin and Wicklow, Dan. Hutchinson; Wexford, Thos. Dancer[2]; Kildare and Carlow, John Hewit-

[1] *Cf.* H. Cromwell to Thurloe, 7 and 12 Nov. Thurloe's *State Papers*, v, pp. 570, 586.

[2] Thomas Dancer, of Putney, co. Surrey, was appointed a Commissioner for stating the accounts of the army in Ireland (25 Aug. 1652). As an Ad-