Thos. Fowles, or any three or more of them (whereof Sir G. Lowther or Mr Justice Donnellan be one) to hear and determine them. 14 Dec. Commissions etc. A/26. 24. ff. 285-6.

954. Oliver Cromwell to the Lord Deputy and Council.

"Whereas by Act of Parliament of 26th September 1653 it is enacted that lands in Ireland to the value of £10,000 shall be surveyed and set out for satisfaction of the town of Liverpool, for their faithful service and great losses sustained, we do therefore hereby, in pursuance of the said Act of Parliament and of our former letter in this behalf, further authorise and appoint you that, out of the forfeited lands in the county of Wicklow in the Province of Leinster, you immediately cause to be ascertained and set out so much lands for satisfaction aforesaid, as upon a true survey you shall find to be proportionable to the value directed in the said Act." 22 Dec. Letters of Lord Protector and Council A/28. 26. f. 156.

955. Same to the Same.

"A petition and proposals being by some well-minded persons lately presented to us, for the purchasing, with such Debentures or other public-faith debts as were properly satisfiable and chargeable upon Ireland, a certain number of houses to the value of about £2000 a year in such towns as yet are undisposed of in Ireland, and the said houses and annual revenue so purchased by them, forthwith to assign and set over to persons (to be approved of by ourself) in trust for the carrying on a foreign correspondency with learned men, for the supplying and assisting all such at home or abroad whose learning, parts, studies, and abilities have made them capable of being in some way or other extraordinary useful to the public, and for the doing such other things as shall be thought most conducing to the advancement in general of learning . . . and the said proposals . . . having been approved by us and our Council, we . . . do for these reasons judge it worthy of all encouragement, willing and desiring that the same may likewise receive all due assistance and furtherance from your Lordships . . . Your speedy despatch herein may give a considerable advantage to this work, by the opportunity you will