the lands, rents and hereditaments of any the rebels in Ireland, or any the lands in Ireland forfeited by any Act, or Acts, Ordinance or Ordinances of Parliament made the 17th year of the reign of the late King Charles, or since, or out of any the lands, tenements or hereditaments lately belonging to the Crown in the year 1630 or since, or out of any lands etc. lately belonging to any Archbishops etc. or other officers belonging to that Hierarchy in Ireland, and to cause all such claims to be entered, and, immediately after the entering of such claims, to proceed to examine, hear and determine the same as shall be agreeable to law and justice, and that they cause copies of such determinations, under the hands of any three or more of them to be sent unto the Register for the forfeited lands, to be by him annexed to the survey of those lands, touching which such claims shall be made, and to do or cause to be done all and every other act and acts, thing and things, for and concerning the hearing and determining of such claims as abovesaid, as are mentioned and contained in one Commission, under the Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the 22nd June 1653, to the said late Commissioners, directed and since confirmed by Parliament. . . ." 3 Nov. Commissions and Instructions A/26. 24. ff. 15-16.

**550.** Oliver Cromwell to the Lord Deputy and Council.

"The condition of the Earl of Aunendale [1] hath been represented to us by persons of much credit and worth to be such as that, if the rule for transplantation be strictly put in execution in reference to his Lordship, he is like to suffer extreme prejudice in his estate in Ireland, and therefore we are induced to recommend his Lordship's condition to you, that as much favour may be shown to his Lordship in permitting the natives, who are his tenants, to continue the holding and manuring of his Lordship's lands as may consist with the peace and safety of that county." 6 Nov. Letters of the Lord Protector and Council of State A/28. 26. f. 44.

[1] This was James Murray, 2nd Earl of Annandale. He died without issue in 1658, and the title became extinct. His father, John Murray, was an Ulster undertaker, and the property acquired by him comprised nearly all the lands belonging to the MacSweenys in the baronies of Boylagh and Kilmacrenan, co. Donegal.

**551.** Lord Deputy and Council to Captain Robert Preston.

"Upon some late information given the Lord Deputy and Council of some discourse between Col. Mathew Alured[1] and yourself, at his last being in Ireland, wherein the said Col. expressed some words discovering some discontent of spirit or dissatisfaction concerning his Highness, the Lord Protector, and scandal of the present government, you are desired by them to certify forthwith what those expressions were (to the best of your remembrance) either spoken to yourself or others, and what other matter you can signify concerning this business fit for their knowledge." 10 Nov. Letters of the Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 12.

**552.** Oliver Cromwell to the Lord Deputy and Council.

Order them to pay Major Peter Wallis £475. 1. 8 by way of reparation for the loss sustained by him in transporting Irish into Spain, the King of Spain's officers never having paid his expenses—£8013.[2] 12. 0. 14 Nov. Letters of the Lord Protector and Council A/28. 26. f. 45.

**553.** Whereas by an Order of this Board bearing date 13th September last, it was declared that all Commissions and Instructions formerly granted by the late Commissioners of the Commonwealth, which were in force upon the 9th of that month should continue till the 20th inst., by which time it was hoped that the affairs of this nation might have been put into a regular way of management: now, forasmuch as the time limited by the said Declaration is near expired, and no full course as yet taken for the further administration of justice in the several precincts and places of this land, it is ordered that all Commissions for the peace and administration of justice in Ireland be in full force until further order. 14 Nov. Orders A/5. 5. f. 35.

**554.** Lord Deputy and Council to the Lord Protector.

"Having received late letters from your Highness intimating

[1] Col. Alured or Allured was arrested and tried for signing a petition protesting against the powers given Cromwell as Protector and praying for a free Parliament. He was kept in the Tower for a year and deprived of his command in the army. In 1659 the Rump appointed him captain of their life-guard. See Carlyle's *Cromwell's Letters and Speeches*, ed. Lomas, ii, pp. 330-1.

[2] An impossible sum. Query a mistake for £813: *cf.* pp. 506-7.