settled by this Board in any parts of this nation, to receive tithes of the places where they are or shall be so settled, Council will take care that they shall be invested in their accordingly, provided that the tithes of any such living exceed not the sum of £200 per annum; and in case the tithes of any such parish or parishes shall fall short of that salary, which is at present allowed to the minister of such parish or parishes that then so much as his salary was formerly shall be supplied to such minister out of the treasury of tithes. And it is further ordered that the Committee appointed to consider of fitting instructions . . . be desired to hasten that business, to the end that godly and able ministers may be placed in them and receive their maintenance settled by law." 25 Feb. *Ib.* ff. 275-6.

927. Ordered that the manor, lands and town of Portumna be settled upon Henry Cromwell his heirs and assigns for ever. 2 March. *Ib.* f. 277.

928. The Council, taking notice of the many complaints presented unto them both by Adventurers and soldiers of rents, mortgages and other encumbrances lying upon those lands set out to them, appoint the Lord Chancellor, Chief Justice Pepys, Lord Chief Baron Corbett, Robt. Goodwin, Col. Matthew Thomlinson, Wm. Bury, Lord Chief Justice Lowther, Sir John Temple, Justice Donnellan, Sir Robert Meredith and Col. Arthur Hill a Committee to send for and treat with all such persons who have rents etc. upon any lands forfeited to the Commonwealth, in order to the allowing them certain proportions of the lands liable thereunto, or by some other equitable way of discharging the lands of such rents etc. 2 March. *Ib.* f. 279.

929. "The Council having received many complaints of the abuse of some Orders formerly granted to several persons to carry away idle and vagabond persons to the West Indies, who instead of pursuing the direction of those Orders, by having a warrant from some of the Justices of the Peace of the county where such persons were taken up, employ persons to delude and deceive poor people by false pretences either by getting them

d the ships, or in other by-places into their power, and ing them away, the person so employed having so much piece for all they so delude, and for the money's sake have enticed and forced women from their children and husbands, and children from their parents, who maintained them at school, and that they have not only dealt so with the Irish but also with the English, do think fit and order that all Orders, granted to any person whatsoever (being now in force) to take up and carry idle and vagabond persons as aforesaid, be henceforth made null and void, and they refer it to the care of the Justices of the Peace in the several counties and to the governors of the several precincts and garrisons in this nation that the execution of all such orders be for the future forborne, leaving the dispose and prosecution against such idle persons to be according to the usual proceedings of justice." 4 March. *Ib.* f. 283.

930. T. Herbert to Secretary Thurloe.

"The Council, having lately taken into their serious consideration what may be most for the security of this country and the encouragement of the English to come over and plant here, did think fit that all Popish Recusants, as well proprietors as others, whose habitation in any port-town, walled-town, or garrison and who did not before 15th September 1643 (being the time mentioned in the Act of 1653 for encouragement of Adventurers and soldiers [1]) and ever since profess the Protestant religion, should remove themselves and their families out of all such places and two miles at the least distant therefrom before 20th May next; and being desirous that the English people may take notice, that by this means there will be both security and conveniency of habitation for such, as shall be willing to come over as planters, they have commanded me to send you the enclosed Declaration [wanting] and to desire you that you will take some course whereby it may be made known unto the people for their encouragement to come over and plant in this country." 4 March. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 246.

[1] Meaning the Act of Satisfaction, 26th Sept. 1653. The proviso is contained in the Further Instructions to the Act. See Firth and Rait, *Acts and Ordinances*, ii, p. 751.