all barks, (that shall come in) for letters and papers, in order to the intercepting, what you may, their intelligence; likewise that no passengers may be admitted to come on shore, before they be examined by the officers of the customs (or such others as you may judge fit persons) for the discovering of their qualities, conditions, and the occasions of their coming over; and for the finding out of private letters. We hold it advisable also, that you immediately cause an embargo to be made of all ships, boats, and other vessels that shall come out of Scotland, or any the isles thereof into Ireland, continuing the said embargo of both until further order; and if you find cause of suspicion against any person attempting to go into Scotland, or coming from thence, that you cause them to be secured. We judge it also of much import to this service that you strictly and effectually pursue the Order formerly sent you, for securing of all serviceable horses and firearms. Some other things are under consideration for removing all such persons of the Scottish nation as have been officers and commanders in arms against the Parliament or their forces, or such others as may likely be most active in these late counsels; for the execution of which you shall suddenly receive a commission, with some others, which we have a purpose to send down to assist you therein. In the management of all which business and of these several Instructions we shall desire you to use much privacy and diligence, and that you certify the manner of your proceedings herein from time to time to the Commander-in-Chief, or to your assured friends." 14 March. *Ib.* ff. 456-7.

355. "Whereas we are informed that many of the inhabitants and proprietors of houses and lands within the town and liberties of Galway, have, since the rendition of the said garrison, out of their disaffection to the Parliament and their forces, quitted their habitations and removed their stocks, whereby the public contribution falling upon them is wholly lost, and the burden upon the remaining inhabitants become the more heavy and intolerable, it is ordered that the Commissioners of Revenue at Galway do forthwith sequester all such houses and lands into the hands of the Commonwealth, as they shall find to lie waste or deserted as aforesaid, and to dispose of the same as they shall conceive to be most for the public advantage, and to employ the

profits thereof for public use until the contribution and all other public dues be satisfied." 15 March. Orders A/82. 42. f. 705.

356. Ordered that the time for taking the Engagement be extended till 10th May next. 15 March. *Ib.* f. 714.

357. Ordered that encouragement be given to Sir Charles Coote to set up iron works at Mountrath in Queen's County.[1] 16 March. *Ib.* ff. 714-5.

358. The Commissioners to the Council of State.

" Your Lordships' of the 1st of March, acquainting us with your intelligence from the north of Scotland and your pleasure therein to us, we lately received, and accordingly forthwith despatched away an express to Colonel Venables and some others, with several directions in order to the putting your commands in execution, of which we hope a good account will be answerably given. The enemy in Kerry,[2] as we are this day advertised, do still increase, growing somewhat numerous and having lately taken an island, called the Dorzes [Dursey], which lying commodiously for the annoying of any shipping which shall fall with that coast from the westward or southward, and being a convenient harbour, they are endeavouring to fortify it. For the prevention of which, and reducing them unto obedience, a strong party is drawn out and sent down by land, and Captain Sherwine ordered to go thither likewise by sea, which, with the Lord's assistance to them, will, we hope, be able to effect something speedily for the discouraging of the enemy. 16 March. Domestic Corresp. A/90. 50. f. 457.

[1] For an interesting contemporary account of Sir C. Coote's iron works at Mountrath, see Gerard Boate, *Ireland's Naturall History* (1652), ch. xvii, sects. 5 and 6.

[2] Commanded by Mortough O'Brien, Donnell or Daniel O'Sullivan Beare of Berehaven and Lt.-Col. Cornelius O'Driscoll of Dunalong, near Baltimore. These three leaders, though belonging to Muskerry's party, broke away from him when he surrendered at Ross. They continued the unequal contest for some time afterwards, and eventuallly managed to escape to the Continent without compromising their principles. (For their proceedings abroad see Thurloe, *State Papers*, i and ii *passim.*) All three were regarded with special favour by Charles II, and restored by warrant to their estates.