said Court of Articles of 15th July last (a copy whereof is here enclosed), decreeing the possession of the lands therein mentioned unto the petitioners, together with satisfaction for the rents or profits received or levied contrary to the said Articles and that Decree, not only made upon hearing the counsel for the Commonwealth, but also upon consideration had of what you had to offer; and having likewise considered of your letter of 5th October last to the said Court, and the state of the case there enclosed, and of your other orders and letters directed thither, we see no cause why the said Order of the Court of Articles, above mentioned and here enclosed, should not be put in execution, and do therefore recommend it unto you to take care that justice may be done unto the petitioners so as they may have no further cause to complain." Whitehall, 16 Feb. *Ib.* f. 646.

483. Oliver Cromwell to the Commissioners for Ireland.

"Being informed that this bearer Francis Blomer Esq. is speedily to repair into Ireland, being employed by Gregory Clement [1] Esq. concerning some lands in the King's County, assigned to him for his Adventure, and whereas the said Blomer, as I am also informed, hath undertaken to transport near 100 families, who are also to go along with him for the planting of the said lands, it is my will and pleasure, upon his application to you, that you give order for the speedy surveying and setting forth the said lands unto him for the settlement of those people, that they be not too burdensome to him, and to show him all lawful favour and countenance in his addresses to you for their encouragement." Whitehall, 10 April. Letters of the Lord Protector and Council A/28. 26. f. 32.

484. "Whereas several Commissions have been issued for the setting out of lands to the officers and soldiers lately dis-

[1] Gregory Clement, of London, merchant, a regicide, advanced money in 1644-5-6 for the defence of the Munster garrisons. In settlement of the debt (£2193) owing to him by the State he received 7000 acres of land in the barony of Garrycastle, King's County, formerly the property of Terence O'Coghlan. He was executed at the Restoration and his lands passed to Sir Robert Preston. He does not appear to have proceeded with his intended plantation. Francis Blomer was an Adventurer and had on 1 June 1653 been appointed along with Methuselah Turner and others to devise a plan for allotting lands to the Adventurers.

banded in satisfaction of their arrears, to the end the persons entrusted in that service may proceed in the setting out of lands for the end aforesaid out of such lands only as are appointed for that use, it is hereby ordered and declared that, by an Act of Parliament, entituled an 'Act for the speedy and effectual satisfaction of the Adventurers' etc., and by the Commission and Instructions given the said Commissioners of the Commonwealth for the setting out of lands to the said officers and soldiers for their arrears, and printed with the said Act, power is given unto the said Commissioners for the setting out of lands unto the said disbanded officers and soldiers in satisfaction of their arrears, out of the lands forfeited to the Commonwealth in Ireland and no other, and the persons, appointed for the setting out of lands in satisfaction of the said arrears, are required to take notice hereof, and not to proceed to the setting out of any lands lately belonging to bishops, or deans and chapters, nor out of any other lands, save only the lands forfeited to the Commonwealth as aforesaid. And, to the end that no doubt may remain (to the delaying of the said service) touching what lands shall be accounted forfeited lands, it is hereby further declared that the lands formerly belonging to all such persons, who by the tenor of the said Act and Instructions are to remove into Connaught or County of Clare, are to be accounted forfeited lands, although no proof be made against such persons that they have acted, aided, or assisted the Rebellion." 12 April. Orders A/85. 45. ff. 268-9.

485. "Ordered that Benjamin Worsley[1] Esq., Surveyor-General, do forthwith authorise and appoint fit and able persons to survey, admeasure, and set forth all and singular the

[1] Benjamin Worsley came to Ireland in 1652 at the same time as Sir William Petty, who describes him as a dealer in schemes for a universal medicine, for making gold, sowing saltpetre, establishing a universal trade and other "mountain-bellied conceptions"; and who having been frustrated as to his many great designs in England, hoped to improve and repair himself upon a less knowing and more credulous people (Fitzmaurice, *Life of Petty*, p. 29). He was for some time (1653) Secretary to the Commissioners, being succeeded, on his appointment as Surveyor-General, by Col. Thomas Herbert. Though allowed to retain the post of Surveyor-General he was shortly afterwards practically superseded in the work of admeasuring the forfeited lands in Ireland by Petty. See below, No. 571. It was the unsatisfactory nature of the survey taken under this Order—the so-called Civil Survey—which led Petty to offer to undertake a more exact admeasurement of the forfeited lands in Ireland.