they receive very great encouragement, amongst some other things which we have judged fit to be done at this time for preventing these designs and preserving the peace of the Commonwealth, we have thought it necessary that some chief persons of the Irish be secured, and to that purpose you (the Lord Deputy and Council) are to give immediate orders for the apprehending and securing in some safe place, as to you shall seem fit, such of the heads of and other considerable persons in Ireland as you shall judge to be dangerous and likely to be made use of in the aforesaid designs, and likewise that you consider how such persons may for the future be disposed of, either by sending them beyond the sea or otherwise, with regard had to any conditions or articles as have formerly been granted to them, whereby Ireland may be secured in some measure from those dangers and attempts, which it is continually subjected to from these men and their correspondencies.[1] 26 Aug. Commissions etc. A/27. 25. f. 64.

870. "Whereas several Declarations have been formerly made and published in pursuance of the Acts, Ordinances, and Instructions of Parliament for and concerning the transplantation of the Irish into the Province of Connaught and County of Clare, wherein several days and times have been prefixed by which they were to remove themselves as also their wives, children, and families into Connaught and Clare as aforesaid, whereunto some have yielded obedience, and many others, in several parts of this nation, do still refuse to conform thereunto, whereby they have incurred the penalty that by the said Acts, Ordinances, Instructions and Declarations is appointed to be executed on them that do offend therein; and from thence some of them have, out of their desperate and malicious designs, taken occasion to run out again into the bogs, woods and other the fast and desert places of the land to commit murders, rapine and spoil upon the well affected, and to disturb the peaceable minded people inhabiting within the provinces of Leinster, Munster and Ulster, tending very much to the hindrance of the so much desired peace and settlement of the nation, the Council, upon serious consideration had of the premisses, have ordered and they do hereby order, authorise and require the High

[1] See on the subject of this letter, Thurloe, *State Papers*, v, pp. 348-350.

Sheriffs of the several and respective counties within the said three provinces forthwith, by all due ways and means they can, to inform themselves, and to make due inquiry, within their respective bailiwicks, what Popish proprietors of land transplantable do yet remain untransplanted in the several counties within the said three provinces, and what wives, children or next heirs of those that are already transplanted, have not removed themselves as aforesaid, and which of all those persons are by public authority licensed to stay, for what time, and by whom licensed, and to certify the same unto this Board from time to time as there shall be occasion, together with the names, surnames, ages, sexes, colour of hair and other marks of distinction" of the persons aforesaid. 27 Aug. Orders A/10. 10. ff. 170-1.

871. "For the better securing the city and fort of Galway and the parts thereabout, and for prevention of the designs of ill-affected and dangerous persons both at home and abroad, which in these times may be contrived and directed upon places of such importance, it is thought fit and hereby ordered that the Governor of the said city of Galway do forthwith take care and give effectual order for the speedy removing out of the said city and liberties thereof all such Irish Papists and others as he shall justly conceive to be disaffected or dangerous persons, and that no Irish or others as aforesaid be permitted to inhabit or reside therein, unless they be disabled to remove through extreme old age, or sickness or bedrid through other bodily infirmities, in which cases they are to be dispensed with till further order; and the said Governor is hereby further ordered and authorised to cause the weekly markets of the said city of Galway to be, till further order, kept in such convenient place without the city as he shall judge most fit and commodious." 1 Sept. *Ib.* f. 163.

The like orders almost verbatim with a clause including malignants sent at the same time to the governors of Londonderry and Limerick. *Ib.* f. 164.

872. "The Council being informed that the old malignant party, by confederacy with Spain, are forming a design to invade this Commonwealth with foreign forces, and at the same time to