give the petitioners to seek a confirmation thereof in this present Parliament, which we for their public encouragement do much desire." Whitehall, 30 Dec. *Ib.* f. 178.

956. T. Herbert to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties.

" Whereas sundry complaints have been exhibited unto this Board by divers Adventurers and others, some concerning their want of land to satisfy their respective lots, others of the irregular setting down of divers Adventurers contrary to Rule and the Council's intentions, and being desirous that an equal satisfaction and composure of such differences may be made, in order to a firm and regular settlement of such as are or may be concerned, the Council have thought fit to authorise and instruct Vincent Gookin, William Petty, Ralph King and Miles Symner Esqs. or any two or more of them to make due inquiry and examination into divers particulars concerning that business. . . ." 26 Jan. 1658. Letters of Lord Deputy and Council A/30. 28. f. 295.

957. T. Herbert to the Governor of Galway.

" The Lord Deputy and Council did in July last give order for payment of £100 upon account to Col. Sadleir, to be issued as he should conceive fit for maintenance of such Popish priests as are or should be confined to the Isle of Boffin, according to six pence daily allowance, building cabins and the like. It is not doubted but care was taken accordingly, and for that the judges in their respective circuits may probably find cause for sending more such priests to that island, I am commanded to signify thus much unto you that you may not be wanting to take such care in this business as according to former directions and provision is made, which is expected by their Lordships." 5 March. *Ib.* f. 301.

958. Lord Deputy and Council to the Protector.

" We are sorry that we cannot give obedience to your very way of satisfying the town of Liverpool their £10,000, by giving them lands in Wicklow for the same, as your Highness directs ; that county being already engaged for satisfaction of arrears before

June 1649. Nevertheless perceiving it to be your Highness' pleasure that an effectual course be taken to acknowledge the affections of that place (expressed in their loss and suffering for the good cause), and finding that no lands are likely to be had wherewith the same may be done according to the Act of Parliament in their behalf, and withal it being not clear to us that this debt is postponed equally with those upon public faith, but a more particular care and respect seems to be had of the petitioners by the said Act than of others, and lastly that the houses in walled towns are in your Highness' dispose, we are bold humbly to offer that, forasmuch as there seems to be a great affinity in the merits of this cause with that of Gloucester, and that even the said Act of Parliament allows them equal favour, that the petitioners may be satisfied their debt out of the remainder of the houses in Galway; a great part thereof being already set out for the satisfaction of Gloucester debt afore mentioned. Now forasmuch as those of Gloucester came to demand satisfaction by an Act of Parliament, directing the houses to be set out unto them at six years' purchase, we conceive your Highness' favour in repairing those of Liverpool their want of the like authority, will sufficiently appear, although the said remainder of houses be set at ten years' purchase, which is our humble advice in this case. . . ." 9 March. *Ib.* f. 297.

959. Same to the Same.

"May it please your Highness, our necessities being very great, and finding what we have hitherto written in order to our relief to be ineffectual, we have humbly presumed to send over the bearer Mr Standish." [1] 12 March. *Ib.* f. 298.

959 (i). Instructions for James Standish Esq.

"You are to make your repair with all speed into England, and applying yourself to his Highness, humbly to show and make appear unto him, or such as he shall appoint, the greatness of the army's arrear in this nation, and, upon account with the Treasurers-at-War there or others, to ascertain the same either to the first day of February last or to some other certain

[1] The difficulty of finding money to carry on the government and to pay the arrears of the army, which had been occupying the serious attention of the Irish Government for months, had at last grown so great, that Henry Cromwell, writing to Fleetwood on 12 March, declared that in sending Standish they were reduced to their last shift. Thurloe, *State Papers*, vi, p. 871.