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1. [f. 61] 1623: LORD DEPUTY FALKLAND'S WARRANT FOR A COMMISSION  
TO ENQUIRE ABOUT WASTES IN THE WOODS IN THE TERRITORY OF  
RANELAGH, COUNTY WICKLOW<sup>1</sup>

[22 OCTOBER 1623]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

Whereas the lands in the territory of Ranelagh in the county of Wicklow are by since found to belong to the king's majesty and we are informed that since the finding of the said office much waste and spoil hath been made of the woods and timber thereon growing to the great loss of his Majesty's behalf, these are therefore to will and require you to draw up a commission in due form directed to our trusty and well beloved Sir William Brabazon, knight, Sir William Parsons, knight and baronet,<sup>2</sup> Master of the Court of Wards and Liveries and surveyor general of his highness's kingdom of Ireland, John Brereton, esquire, his Majesty's sergeant at law, Sir Henry Bealing, knight,<sup>3</sup> Edward Bolton, esquire,<sup>4</sup> solicitor his Majesty's solicitor general, Captain Dennis Dale, Calcott Chambré, esquire,<sup>5</sup> Robert Pont, clerk, or to any three of them whereof Sir William Brabazon, knight, Sir William Parsons, knight and baronet, John Brereton, esquire, his Majesty's sergeant at law, or Edward Bolton, esquire, his Majesty's solicitor general, to be always one; to enquire as well by view as by the oaths of good and lawful men of the same county by whom such waste hath been committed, when and to what value. And the same to be returnable with as much expedition as may be [ ] XXXXX  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. If doing whereof this shall be your warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 22nd day of October 1623.

To his Majesty's learned council or any of them.

J. Veele<sup>7</sup>

2. [f. 62] 1624: LICENCE FOR GEORGE FORTE & MATTHEW MORRIS TO  
TAN & DRESS LEATHER IN MARYBOROUGH & THE LIBERTY THEREOF [1 JULY 1624]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

These are to will and require you presently upon sight hereof to draw up a fiant in due form of law containing a license unto George Forte and Mathew Morris during

<sup>1</sup> The headings of warrants 1–34 are written in a different (later, probably eighteenth-century) hand from that of the secretary.

<sup>2</sup> William Parsons (1570?–1650), later lord justice of Ireland (see *DIB*).

<sup>3</sup> Sir Henry Bealing (or Bellings) (c. 1603–77), father of the lawyer and historian, Richard Bellings (see under Richard Bellings, *DIB*).

<sup>4</sup> Edward Bolton (1592–1659), solicitor general of Ireland (see *DIB*).

<sup>5</sup> Calcott Chambré, d. 1635.

<sup>6</sup> This is how it appears in the manuscript and there is no obvious explanation.

<sup>7</sup> John Veele, Irish secretary of state.

their natural lives and the longer liver of them and their several assigns (having been brought up as apprentices in the trade of tanning), by themselves or there [*sic*] servants or apprentices, to tan and dress leather at the town or fort of Maryborough, ^or the liberties thereof^ in the Queen's County; with a prohibition to all others not to tan or dress leather within the said town or liberties other then such as have been authorized heretofore by Sir Henry Sidney, knight,<sup>8</sup> sometimes lord deputy of this kingdom, or by some other succeeding lord deputy by letters patents under the great seal of this kingdom, upon such pains and penalties as in the statutes made in the eleventh year of his Majesty's reign of the late Queen Elizabeth entitled an act for the limitation of places for tanning, and set down and provided with a *Non obstante* of the statute and all such other clauses as in grants of like nature are usual; and inserting a *proviso* that the several patentees shall from time to time keep and bring up to the trade of tanning one, two or more apprentices; and another *proviso* for the observing of all such instructions as shall be contained in a schedule to their letters patents of licence to be annexed. And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the first of July 1624.

To our well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or either of them (as shall appertain).

J. Veele

3. [f. 63] 1625: WARRANT FOR A COMMISSION TO SIR EDWARD VILLIERS,  
LORD PRESIDENT OF MUNSTER & OTHERS TO ADMINISTER THE  
OATH OF SUPREMACY

[27 MAY 1625]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

Whereas by the statute of Eliz: it was among other things enacted that all and every officer and minister having her highness's fee or wages within this kingdom of Ireland should take and receive a corporal oath upon the Evangelist before such person or persons as should please her highness, her heirs or successors, or the lord deputy or other chief governor or governors of this kingdom, to name and assign according to the effect expressed in the said statute, these are therefore to will and require you forthwith to draw up a fiant in due form of a commission directed to our right trusty and well beloved Sir Edward Villiers, knight,<sup>9</sup> lord president of Munster, or in his absence to the vice president here, and to Henry, earl of Thomond,<sup>10</sup> Richard, earl of Cork, Dominick, Lord Viscount Kinsale,<sup>11</sup> and to our trusty and well beloved the justices of assize for that province for the time being, and Sir Richard Aldworth, knight,<sup>12</sup> provost marshal of the said province, or to any two or more of

<sup>8</sup> Henry Sidney (1529–86), lord deputy of Ireland (see *DIB*).

<sup>9</sup> Edward Villiers (c. 1585–1626), government official and administrator (see *ODNB*).

<sup>10</sup> Henry O'Brien (d. 1639), 5th earl of Thomond (see *DIB*).

<sup>11</sup> Dominick Sarsfield (d. 1636), 1st Viscount Sarsfield of Kilmallock, and Viscount Kinsale (see *DIB*).

<sup>12</sup> Richard Aldworth (d. 1629), provost marshal of Munster and army officer (see *DIB*).

them, hereby giving them full power and authority to call before them from time to time all and every officer and officers of all and every city or town corporate within the liberties of the said province and all other person or persons whatsoever within the said province, which by the said statute ought to take the said oath, and them and every of them to require to take their said corporal oath to his Majesty, his heirs and successors, in such manner as by the said statute is expressed and according to the power and authority given by commission in his behalf by his late Majesty unto the Lord Viscount Wilmot,<sup>13</sup> lord president of Connacht, which is to be initiated ^by you^ in the whole substance hereof *mutatis mutandis*. And for so doing this shall be your [ ] warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the 4th of May 1625.

To our well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or to either of them.

J. Veele

4. [f. 64] 1625[16]: WARRANT FOR APPOINTING WILLIAM HILTON THE KING'S ATTORNEY FOR THE PROVINCE OF CONNACHT [27 FEBRUARY 1626]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

Whereas by the death of Walter Archer late attorney of the province of Connacht, that place is now become void and in our gift and disposal, these are therefore to will and require you presently upon sight hereof to draw up a fiant [ ] in due form of law containing a grant of the said office of king's attorney unto their our well beloved William Hilton, counsellor at law,<sup>14</sup> with the yearly stipend or fee thereunto belonging from the day of the death of the said Archer together with all such other fees, profits, perquisites and commodities whatsoever to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining in as large, ample, and beneficial manner as the said Archer, or any other formerly held or enjoyed the same, inserting therein all such other clauses as in the grants are usual. And the same fair[ly] engrossed in parchment to send us under your hand to be further passed as appertaineth. And for so doing this shall be your warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin, 27 February 1625/26.

To our trusty and well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or either of them.

Nich. Whyte<sup>15</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Charles Wilmot (1570/1–1643/4), 1st Viscount Wilmot of Athlone (see *DIB*).

<sup>14</sup> William Hilton, lawyer and judge of the prerogative court.

<sup>15</sup> Nicholas Whyte, MP for Kildare in 1634 (see McGrath).

5. [f. 65] 1625[/6]: A WARRANT FOR APPOINTING SAMUEL MAYART<sup>16</sup>  
2ND JUDGE OF THE COMMON PLEAS

[16 JANUARY 1626]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

These are to will and require you forthwith to draw up a fiant in due form of law containing a grant of the office or place of second judge of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in this kingdom unto Samuel Maynard [*sic*], esquire, to have, hold and enjoy the same together with all fees, profits, advantages, emoluments, privileges & immunities whatsoever ^thereunto belonging^ from the death of Sir Gerard Lowther, knight,<sup>17</sup> during pleasure in as large, ample and beneficial manner as the said Sir Garret Lowther<sup>18</sup> or any other supplying that place have heretofore held and enjoyed the same according to the purport of his Majesty's letters in that behalf unto us of the 21st of July last, a copy whereof for your better instruction we have herewith sent you. And the same fair[ly] engrossed in parchment under your hand to send unto us to be further passed as appertaineth. And for so doing this shall be a sufficient warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the xvith day of January 1625[/6].

To our well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or either of them.

Jo. Veele

6. [f. 66r] 1625: A WARRANT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SIR EDWARD VILLIERS,  
LORD PRESIDENT OF MUNSTER, IN THE PLACE OF THE EARL OF  
THOMOND, DECEASED

[24 MAY 1625]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

Whereas the king's most excellent majesty that now is taking into his gracious princely knowledge and observation the good part, valour and discretion of Sir Edward Villiers, knight, hath thought good in his princely wisdom to make choice of him to succeed the earl of Thomond,<sup>19</sup> deceased, late president of the province of Munster in this realm in the government of that province and to that end hath been pleased by his highness's letters unto us directed, dated at Westminster the sixth day of this present month of May, to require us with the advice of some of his highness's learned Council here to make forth unto the said Sir Edward Villiers such letters patents, commissions, warrants and instructions for the exercising and enjoying of the office of lord president of Munster with all authority, privileges, immunities and pre-eminence thereunto in anywise appertaining and in his large, ample and beneficial manner to all intents and purposes as Sir Henry Brunkard, the Lord Danvers,<sup>20</sup> the earl of Thomond, or any other president of Munster or of the province of Connacht in this realm, have had

<sup>16</sup> Samuel Mayart (1587–c. 1647), lawyer (see *DIB*).

<sup>17</sup> Gerard (Garret) Lowther (d. 1624), justice of the common pleas in Ireland (see *DIB*).

<sup>18</sup> Gerald Lowther (1590–1660), lawyer and judge (see *DIB*).

<sup>19</sup> Donough O'Brien (d. 1624), 4th earl of Thomond (see *DIB*).

<sup>20</sup> Henry Danvers (1573–1644), earl of Danby (see *DIB*).

and enjoyed the place of president with all fees, commodities, entertainments and allowance whatsoever belonging or formerly allowed to his highness's president of that province or to any of them, to have hold, exercise and enjoy the said office of president of Munster in such sort as the same hath been held and exercised by the said former president or any of them together with all the said [f. 66v] fees and allowances from and immediately after the day of the death of the said earl of Thomond. These are therefore to will and require you presently upon sight hereof to draw up a fiant in due form of law containing a grant from his Majesty unto the said Sir Edward Villier of the said office of lord president of the province of Munster with all authorities, privileges, pre-eminence, sureties, fees, commodities, entertainments and allowance whatsoever heretofore allowed to the president of that province or to any of them, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office of president of Munster unto the said Sir Edward Villiers according to the tenor of his Majesty's said letters, the copy whereof for your better instruction we herewith send unto you to press and also to draw up in due form of law the fiant of all such commissions unto the said Sir Edward Villiers as have been heretofore granted either unto the said late earl of Thomond, lord president of Munster, or to any other lord president of that province. And the same to send unto us fair[ly] engrossed in parchment under your hand to send unto us to be further passed as shall appertain; for doing whereof this shall be your warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the 24th day of May 1625.

To our well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or to either of them.

J. Veele

7. [f. 67] ATTORNEY OF CONNACHT TO WALTER ARCHER, 1625 [27 SEPTEMBER 1625]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

Whereas by the death of Damian Peck, late attorney of the province of Connacht, that place is now void and in his Majesty's gift and disposition, these are therefore to will and require you presently upon sight hereof to draw up a fiant in due form of law containing a grant of the said office of attorney of the said province of Connacht unto our well beloved Walter Archer of the town of Kilkenny, esquire, to have and to hold the said office of attorney of that province unto him the said Walter Archer together with the fees the yearly stipend belonging unto the said office unto the said Walter from the day of the death of the said Damian Peck with all fees, profits, perquisites, and commodities, privileges, pre-eminences and authorities whatsoever unto the same belonging or in anywise appertaining in as large, ample and beneficial manner as the said Damian Peck formerly held or enjoyed or of right ought to have holden or enjoyed the said office, inserting therein all such other clauses as in like grants are usual. And the same fair[ly] engrossed in parchment to send us under your hand. And for so doing this shall be your warrant. Given at Kilbeggan this 27th of September 1625.



To our trusty and well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or either of them.

Richard Grace

8. [f. 68] GRANT TO JOHN KENNEDY, REMEMBRANCER OF THE EXCHEQUER, 1625<sup>21</sup>

[21 AUGUST 1625]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

These are to will and require you privately upon sight hereof to draw forth a fiant of a grant in due form of law unto Robert Kennedy and John Kennedy, esquires, of the office of remembrancer of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer within this realm of Ireland otherwise called the office of chief remembrancer of his highness's said Court of Exchequer with all stipends, fees, perquisites, gifts, grants, rights, privileges and other appurtenances whatsoever to the said office any way incident, belonging or appertaining in as large, ample and beneficial manner and form as the said office was at any time heretofore granted unto Henry Draicott, esquire, John Thomas, esquire, Roger Manwaring, gent, Richard Colman, gent, or Sir James Carroll, knight,<sup>22</sup> by the name of James Carroll, esquire, or any other whatsoever, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office with appurtenances by the said Robert Kennedy and John Kennedy during their natural lives and the lives of the longer liver of them or by their sufficient deputy or deputies. And for you so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin 21 August 1625.

To our well beloved, his Majesty's attorney and solicitor general, or either of them.

John Veele

9. [f. 69] 1626: WARRANT FOR APPOINTING HENRY HART[E] & FRANCIS BURGESS USHERS OF THE COURT OF WARDS

[10 JUNE 1626]

By the lord deputy

Falkland

These are to will & require you forthwith to draw draw up a fiant in due form of law containing a grant to be made unto Henry Harte & Francis Burgess, gent, of the office or place of usher of his highness's Court of Wards in this kingdom as the same is now established, to have and to hold the said office during good behaviour with all the rights, fees & perquisites thereunto belonging or appertaining in as large & ample manner as the same is now enjoyed or was therefore granted to Mathew Mainwaring, esquire. And the same fair[ly] engrossed in parchment under your hand to send unto us to be further passed as appertaineth. And for so doing this shall be your warrant. Given at his Majesty's Castle of Dublin the xth of June 1626.

<sup>21</sup> See also warrant no. 410, 20 May 1634, for appointment of William Bramhall as chief remembrancer of the exchequer following 'manifold misdemeanours and abuses committed by' Robert Kennedy.

<sup>22</sup> James Carroll (d. 1639), landowner and state official (see *DIB*).