

Which Indictment being read the sd Thomas Smith  
submits to their Court and is by order of the Court  
discharged from the prosecution.

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Richard Dawson being presented by Grand Jury  
in November last for breaking open the house of  
Wm Sigley

Commandment therefore given to the Sheriff of Kent  
County by 25<sup>th</sup> day of November Anno Dom 1697  
that he cause the sd Richard Dawson to be taken  
and appear before his Majesty's Justices at the next  
Court to answer &c

At which Court viz: the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February the day  
of Return of the writ came Capt. Edward Sweetman  
High Sheriff of the County and made Returns of the writ  
in these words Copi of Edward Sweetman Sheriff

And now here at this day came the sd Richard Dawson  
for his proper person to answer the sd prosecution being  
found into the Indictment of the fact of the Indictment: so  
the Indictment is good in these words viz:

Went the sd Jurors for our Sovereign Lord the King that  
now is for Kent County upon their Oath do affirm  
Richard Dawson of Kent County Plaster for that he  
the sd Richard upon the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November Anno Dom 16  
1696 at or about hundred in Kent County aforesd. within the  
jurisdiction of this Court by force and Arms viz: with  
swords, staves and knives into the <sup>dwelling</sup> house of a certain  
William Sigley he did enter and other persons to him  
did to the great damage of the sd Wm Sigley and of his  
house, our Sovereign King Charles the 2<sup>d</sup> King

James Deane John Chavoy Honorable