

As to the Seventh Article of keeping the Assembly on
foot by a Bill dated after they first vote

Shew Dependent saith that as to the time he refers
to the Journal but to the best of his Remembrance it was
in September 1695 & he is certain it was that Assembly
that the honorable Robert Smith Speaker was disabled by
Sickness & the honorable Richard Chenevix in his
stead it so happened that the day that the Assembly
was to meet there did not meet enough to adjourn And
his Excellency coming to town that evening & being very
sick with a cold of the Throat & being in
Dublin a Payer was after when a full house met whether
they ought to proceed upon Business for the reasons
& the Major part of the house was of an opinion that
they ought not to proceed but they put in putting any
such Matter upon their Journal but afterwards did
resolve that if his Excellency would send forth a writ
bearing date before the day appointed for that they would
proceed on the matter before them upon which his Excel-
lency was ^{acquainted with the same and} desired by the Assembly to send forth such
Writ to which his Excellency assented; that as to the
Latter part of the said Article in sending forth Writts
for Members when others was Legally Chosen this
Dependent refers to the Journal of the Assembly which
he believes will make appear that the said Writts were
sent forth by the Order of the house Philip Clarke

& Article he suffers Members of the Assembly to be
elected where the Majority of the Electors are known
Papists & Dissatisfied to his Majestys Government

Does say he knows nothing of that Article
but does believe Roman Catholics have elected
Burgesses