

## Collingborne Ducis Protestation Return of 1641/42

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The Protestation Returns relate to the years 1641/42, around the start of the Civil War. It was an Oath of loyalty to the King.

The incumbent of each parish was to read the protestation to his parishioners and all men over the age of 18 had to sign the oath but the women were not usually asked to sign.

The Protestation itself runs in the following terms :—

"I (A. B.) doe, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintaine and defend, so farre as lawfullie I may, with my Hfe, power, and estate, the trne Reformed Protestant Religion expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Poperie and Popish Innovations within this Realme contrarie to the same Doctrine and according to the dutie of my Allegiance [to] his Ma'ties Royall person, honor, and estate. As also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawfull rights and Liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation in whatsoever hee shall doe in the lawfull pursuence of ye same. And to my power, and as farre as lawfullie I may, I will oppose, and by all good waies and meanes indeavor to bring to condigne punishment all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Counsells, Plotts, Conspiracies, or otherwise do anie thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, that I shall in all Just and honorable waies endeavor to preserve ye Union and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, reliquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

Henrey Scudder, *cllic.*  
Richard Dowse, *gent.*  
Walter Dowse, *gent.*  
John Vincent  
John Marshall  
Henrey Poulter  
Edmond Batt  
John Sadler  
Richard Peeke  
John Earle  
Edmond Brunnsden  
Richard Webb  
Edward Blackmore  
Thorn. Acreman  
John Browne  
Wm. Browne  
Richard Reeves  
Edward Kent  
Thorn. Manchester  
Edward Dawce  
John Girle

Alexandr. Annatts  
Richard Ansell  
John Batt, sen.  
Wm. Wooram  
Edmond Laurence  
Thom. Stronge  
Robt. Legge  
Wm. Thrasher  
John Brunnsden  
Edward Brunnsden  
Edward Reeves  
Thom. Earle  
Joseph Earle  
John Batt, ju.  
Robt. Carpenter  
Walter Faye  
Thom. Lawrence  
Symon Eastman  
Richard Wooram  
John Dyper  
Wm. Manchester

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John Manchester  
John Hunt  
Francis Beamont  
George Stagge  
Edward Hunt  
Richard Cole  
Thom. Cole  
Henry Mondaye  
John Russell

Rowland Earle  
George Batte  
Robert Rutter  
Wm. Blackmore.  
Robt. Hill  
Hugh Knight  
Tymothy Faye  
John Faye

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