

Everly 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."

Robert Maton, *curate*
John Reynolds, *churchward.*
Richard Shadvvell, *churchward.*
Anthony Kinton, *ovseer.*
Edrd. Moore, *ovseer.*
George Reynolds, *sen.*
George Reynolds, *ju.*
Richard Reynolds
Thom. Nicholas
Henrey Potter
Wm. Prater
Richard Beare
Nath. Helliar
Eneas Goodale
Michaell Pittman
Wm. Basinge
George Smith
Wm. Gilbert
Wm. Powell
John L[e]well
Richard Potter

Robt. Chaundler
John Beare
George Francklyn, *sen.*
George Francklyn, *ju.*
Frauncis Fisher
Xpfer. Sumerby
Edward Ansill
John Dickoxe
Henrey Poulter
Nicholas Kinton
Thom. Lancaster
Peter Bayley
Xpofer. Shorpe (*sic*)
Thom. Carter
Richard Head
Richard Jukens
Richard Scoates
George Sprangnell
Edrd. Still
Henrey Talbutt
John Hickscoxe

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Thorn. Johnson
Edrd. Dickman
Edrd. Cooper
Richard Prater
Wm. Chamberlayne
Edrd. Beare
Thom. Gale
Edward Moncke
Wm. Beare
Richard Merydaye
Thom. Tarrant
Richard Harris

Henry Beare
Richard Dickman
Wm. Ward
Edrd. Moncke, ju.
Edrd. Beare, ju.
Steven Bayeinge
John Buncher
Thom. Beckington
Nicholas Hickscox
Bartholomewe Home
Edward Moore, ju.

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