## Fisherton Anger 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 Almightie 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 Vnion 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 Good, rector

Wm. Shackler, *churchwarden* Edward Ward, *churchwarden* 

Wm. Jarvise, *overseer* Wm. Darby, *overseer* 

John Greene, esqr.
Jeffery Smith
Robert Johnson
Robert Randoll
Wm. Smith, gent.
Wm. Shackler
Edward Thomas
Thom Randoll
Edward Ward
Thom Hobbs
Richard Lacye
Steven Batten

Edward Bodenham Richard Luffman Walter Fisher John Holdernes James Davis
Thom Thresher, jun.
Willm. Whatley
John Watkins
Cxpofer Coster
Lawrence Shacker
John Blake
Robert Blake
John Rugle
James Fowler
Samuel! Herryn
Thom Thresher, sen.
John Webb
Richard Cupper

John Costerd

John Cooke

Thom Custers, sen. Richard Custers Thom Custers, jun. **Anthony Davis** Wm. Domeney Henry Johnson John Miller Richard Fuller John Randoll Wm. Cusens **Ambrose Wilkens** John Collier Nicholas Boen **Humfry Lacye** Dauye Morgan John Kinge

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John Hebbert Henrey Adlam Hugh Browne Robert Rawlins Robert Surman **Edward Cleare** Robert Slade Wm. Godbye Leonard Bone **Gyles Shuter** Roger Waterman **Edward Fisher** Giles Sherston Thom Bayle Richard Cooke Henrey Pickell Wm. Sanger Robt. Haynes John Mayes Thom Cooper Richard Vndrell Thom Adams Thom Beacham Richard Waterman John Lacye, sen.

**Edward Lacye** 

John Adams

John Compton Walter Shadwell John Cater Richard Woodward John Pavve Thom Biggs Michell Yeamon John Purryer Ambrose Blake **Richard Thomas** John Sainsburye John Ellyot John Woodward Nicholas Woodward **Edward Shuter** John Shuter Wm. Leaves John Champion Cristofer Pauy John Leye, sen. John Laye, jun. John Knight Henrey Winterborne

John Pinchon

Wm. Lacye

John Parker

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