

## Foffont Protestation Return of 1641/42

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Cawden and Cadworth Hundred.

Foffont is shown under this Hundred therefore I assume that this to mean Fovant.

The curate listed below – David Comage – cannot be traced in this era under the parish, in [CCED](#)

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 Vnion and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, relinquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

David Coinage, *Curate*  
Jas Goodfellowe, *Chwdn.*  
Wm. Donne, *Churchwdn.*  
Francis Jaye, *Ouseer*  
Willm. Weare, *Ouseer*  
Wilim. Randoll  
Rich. Meryweather, sen.  
Robert Martyn  
Richard Martine  
Edward Glyde  
Osmund Martine, sen.  
Osmund Martin, jun.  
James Barter  
David Vininge  
Tho. Gasper  
Giles Gasper

John Gasper  
Edward Gasper  
Henry Gasper  
Willm. Stronge  
Hercules Candye  
Thorn. Griste  
Edward Hewlett  
Henrye Gerrard  
Walter Barrowe  
Willm. Lucas  
Christofer Baker  
Henry Done  
Henry Barter  
John Barrett  
Walter Gryne  
Henry White

Richard Goodfellowe  
Willm. Bayly  
Richard Stoute  
David Stoute  
Richard Meryweather, jun  
Richard Northeast  
John Chappell  
Henry Newman  
Henry Gasper  
George Bowles  
Thom. Farlye  
Henrye Coyne  
Laurence Stronge  
Phillipp Duppinn  
Rich. Barter, sen.  
Rich. Barter, jun.

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Edmond Barrett	John Page	James Bowles
Rich. Preslye	Michael Candye	Nich. Bowles
Robert Stoute, sen.	Henrye Bowles	Francis Candye
Edward Bacon	Ambrose Alford	Robt. Perkins
John Vininge	John Dewe [?]	David Aliens
Rich. Goodfellowe	John Turner	Willm. Aliens
Nich. Keate	James Meryweather	Robt. Feltham, sen.
Judah Barter	George Gildin	John Feltham
Willm. Barter	Edwd Lucas, <i>pop. Recus.</i>	Willm. Feltham
Ralfe Martin	John Lucas, <i>pop. Recus.</i>	Robt. Nightingale
Robt. Glasse	Willm. Candy, sen.	Francis Barter
James Barter	Willm. Candy, jun.	Francis Merryweather
Robert Lywood	Rich. Smith	Robert White
Thom. Barter	Michael Stronge	Andrewe Andrewes
Robert Stoute, jun.	Nich. Stronge	Willm. Vincent
Edward Feltham	George Stronge	Willm. Newman
Michael Fricker	Willm. Jarvis, sen.	Willm. Candye
James Dudds	Willm. Jarvis, jun.	John Moores
Wm. Baker	John Sharpe	Ralfe Walden
Nicho. Connants	Robt. Feltham, jun.	Henry Carpenter
George Conannts	Steuen North	James Mould
Era. Nightingale	Tho. Jarvis	Tho. Mould
Wm. Nightingale	Henry Hannon	Henry Durneford
Rich. Barter	Wm. Keate	Robert Durneford
Willm. Wilkins	Robt. Jarvis	Humphry Powell
James Baiter	John Leonard	Wm. Moores
Wm. Scamell	Edw. Bowles	

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