

Shrewton 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 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."

Thom Grange, <i>vicar</i>	Wm. Gilbert
Nicho Gouldsborowe, <i>churchwarden</i>	Lewis Griffith
John Fleminge, <i>churchwarden</i>	James Graunte
Thorn Payne, <i>overseer</i>	Charles Mogridge
Nicho Gouldsborowe, <i>gent.</i>	John Mondaye, sen.
Thorn Tooker, <i>gent.</i>	Wm. Alexandr
Robt. Wamsborowe	Henrey Alexandr
Robt. Jennings	Wm. Smith, sen.
John Jennings	Wm. Smith, jun.
John Gilbert	Steven Best
Wm. Kelloe	Wm. Bungey
Robt. Netten, als. Gilbert, jun.	John Monday, jun.
John Netten, als. Gilbert, jun.	Humfry Gamlen
George Alexander	Wm. Starr
Nicho Collett	John Browne
Rich. Mondaye, sen.	Wm. Sellwood
Robt. Payne	Robt. Sellwood
John Palmer	John Prior
Wm. Carter	Robt. Newman
Ed'rd. Williams	Henrey Waterman, sen.
Ed'rd. Graunte, <i>gent.</i>	Henrey Waterman, jun.

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Wm. Stile	Robert Netton, als. Gilbert
Thorn Starr	Wm. Pearcy
Walter Blowdon	Wm. Phillipps
Gabrielle Mondaye	Tymothy Payne
Robt. Pennye	Anthony Pearcy
John Jevon	Thom Beste
John Dovers	John Waterman
Thom Moore	John Burte
Wm. Reade	John Wise
John Greenely	John Gilbert, als. Netton
Anthony Hill	James Munday
John Parsons	John Longe
Charles Blanchard	Nicholas Greene
Cris. Mondaye	Robt. Netton, als. Gilbert, <i>min.</i>
Josias Peare	Robert Netton, als. Gilbert, <i>min.</i>
Tristram Crouch	Richard Monday, jun.
John Taylor	Thom Payne
George Taylor	John Winsar, sen.
Ed'rd. Gamblen	John Winsor, jun.

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