

## Tilshead 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."

Richard Foote, *vicar*

John Longe, *churchwarden*

John Gye, *churchwarden*

Nicholas Maye, *overseer*

Lawrence Baker, *overseer*

Jerome Batten

John Balden

Edmond Humprey

John Cullypher

Thorn Smith

Abraham Langley

Howell Jones

Thom Pettett, sen.

Edward Pettet

John Pettet

Thom Pettet, jun.

John Marchant, sen.

John Barker

John Marchant, jun.

John Hulle

Thom Snelgrove

Rich. Nutbeame

Steven Andrewes

Thom Arnolde

Roger Doners

John Elliott

Robt. Waters

James Waddam

Cutbert Scuce

Steven White

Thom Baker, sen.

Edward Baker

Thom Baker, jun.

Wm. Earle, sen.

Ambrosse Naish

Wm. Earle, jun.

Xpofer Phillipps

John Longe

Wm. Reynolds

John Imber

Vincent [sic]

Humprey Coxe

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Wm. Coxe	Thom Holdwaye
John Maye	Wm. Gye
Thom Collett	John Gye
Edmond Harris, sen.	Allen Randoll
Arthur Tanner	Nicholas Browne
Edmond Harris, jun.	Wm. Elliott
Nicho Alexandr	John Woolford
John Deacon	Henrey Wollford
Steven Gye	Thom Slower
Hugh Gye	Thom Jones
John Payne	Thom Wise
John Broadbancks	Richard Leonard
Wm. Weeks	John Angood
John Coop	Edward Gye
Austine Hayter	Austine Gye
John Saulter	Xpofer Woolford
Jordan Hollwaye	

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