

## Bulford 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."

Thom. Barrell, *minister*  
Henrey Pointer, *churchward.*  
Edrd. Turgis, *churchward.*  
Rich. Bevis, *overseer*  
Wm. Smith, *overseer*  
John Penny  
Robt. Hulbert  
Henrey Miller  
Edrd. Lawrence  
Oliv. Burdon  
Edmond Greene  
Richard Thom.  
Wm. Burdon  
Henrey Pumfram  
Wm. Turges  
John Struges (*sic*)  
James Criste  
Wm. Criste, ju.  
James Heath  
Wm. Criste, sen.  
Henrey Hutchinge

Charles Dowlinge  
Nicho. Wilkins  
Robt. Wilkins  
John Dowley  
Thom. Lamborne  
Wm. Rattue, sen.  
Wni. Rattue, ju.  
Edmond Bratton  
Wm. Pumfram  
Gregory Sturges  
Wm. Smith, ju.  
Tobias Woodlands  
Wm. Tooker [?]  
George Edmonds  
Wm. Warren  
Ralpe Ford  
Wm. Burgis  
Thom. Lamborne, ju.  
John Sturgis  
Wm. Adams  
Edmond Mills

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Wm. Legg  
John Legg  
Thom. Sutton  
Jerom Sturgis  
Henrey Worsdale  
Edrd. Sutton  
Robt. Beuis, sen.

Steven Smith  
Robt. Beuis, ju.  
Thorn. Beuis  
John Pophley  
Roger Sturgis  
Wm. Sturgis, ju.

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