

## Combe Bissett 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."

Henry Beach, *Vicar*  
John Trippocke, *Churchwarden*  
John Barnes, *Churchwarden*  
Willm. Bryne, *Onseer*  
Willm. Ikirber, *Onseer*  
John Hancocke, *gent.*  
John Topp, *gent.*  
George Euans  
Thomas Palmer  
Francis Gierke  
Willm. Lipps  
John Soper  
Henry Lilly  
Mathewe Pearce  
Simon Hobby  
Willm. Moulton  
John Gole  
John Gilbert  
John Pearce  
John Sharpe  
Henry Targett

John Durneford  
Edward Palmer  
Willm. Whitm'sh, *sen.*  
Willm. Whitm', *jun.*  
Thomas Hacford  
Willm. Barber  
Willm. Brine  
John Brine  
William Burbage  
John Burbage  
James Burbage  
Henry Chubb  
Samuell Chubb  
John Lipps  
Richard Burden  
Willm. Collins  
Thom. Longe  
John Barber  
John Mowdey  
John Curtis  
Humfrey Downer

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Richard Waterlyn  
Thom. Phetiplace  
Willm. Lipps, jun.  
Willm. Bennett  
John Slye  
Richard Andrewes  
Thom. Hayward  
Edward Hayward  
James Harwood  
John Gauntlett  
John Collins  
Willm. Pearce, sen.  
Willm. Pearce, jun.  
Willm. Duland, sen.  
Willm. Duland, jun.  
Richard Lacye  
Nich. Whitm'sh

Stephen Elliott  
John Elliott  
Jesp. Grey  
Thom. Whitm'sh  
Willm. Whitm'sh  
Henrey Parker  
John Trippocke  
John Barnes, sen.  
John Barnes, jun.  
John Barnes, min.  
Robt. Griffin  
John Pressey  
Thom. Webb  
Willm. Smith  
Nicho Daniell  
John Palmer  
Edmund Palmer

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