

Greate Durneford 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."

Edward Hollan, <i>vicar</i> .	Wm. Collins	Wm. Smart
John Biggs, <i>churchward</i> .	Thom. Barrfoote	John White
Richard Conduit, <i>churchward</i> .	Robt. Mondaye	Edrd. Newton
Edward Rattway, <i>ovseer</i>	Nicho. Taylor	John Dolin
John Absolan, <i>ovseer</i>	Robt. Collins	George Jarvis
Edrd. Gilbert	Edrd. Hardinge	John Waters
Thom. Conduit	Clement Andrewes	John Worte
Walter Coles	Nicho. Ellis	Steven Foster
Thom. Bowne	John Thomas, <i>gent</i> .	Rich. Swiggins
Wm. Bowne	Beniamyn Combes	Wm. Maton
John Dismer, sen.	Wm. Couper	Nicho. Forte
Anthony Dismer	Steven Reeves	John Webb
John Dismer, ju.	Ambrose Dyson	Thom. Conduit
Wm. Carter	Henrey Dolin	John Conduit
Rich. Stile	Rawlins Hillman, <i>gent</i> .	Rich Mondaie
Henrey Stile	Edrd. Porter	John Pincke
Thom. Carter	Robt. Taylor	
Thom. Elliott	Wm. Howard	

(source: W. N. & Q, Book 7, journal December 1912)