

Ebsborne 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. Bisson, *Clic.*
Henrey Watts, *Churchward.*
John Seager, *Churchward.*
Wm. Penny, *Ouseer*
Nicholas Jervis, *Ouseer*
Edmond Mihill
John Williams, sen.
Richard Sergeant
John Salter
Stephen Alnor
John Banckes
Henrey Ingram [?]
Henrey Jefferye
Laurence Butler
Nicholas Brettan
John Jeffrey
Thorn. Jeffrey
John Alnar
Edward Hill [? Still]
David Watts
Thom. Watts

Joseph Watts
Nicholas Younge
Thom. Haylocke
Robert Alnar
Steven Haylocke
James Roberts
Henry Gawen
Robert Gawen
Thom. Younge
John Franncis
Phillipp Eldridge
Henrey Younge
Henrey Laurence
Roger Ezwood
Robert Starke
Henrey Markett
Thom. Ingram
Henrey Cancell
Thom. Scamell
John Seargeant
Henrey Roberts

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John Williams, jun.
Thom. Willis
Simon White
John Bound
Steuon Button
Simon Coole
Willm. Randoll
Edmond Randoll
Naboth Blundon
James Foxe

David Jeffery, sen.
Thom. Moores
David Jefferey, jun.
John Younge
Edmond Kaberts
Simon Seargeant
John Markett
Mihill Hiscocke
Willm. Starke

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