

Idminster Protestation Return of 1641/42

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This refers to Idmiston, near Salisbury

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."

John Sharpe, *vicar*

Nicho. Persom, *churchward.*

John Baugh, *churchward.*

John Binder, *ovseer*

Richard Bowell, *esq.*

Thom. Yeates

Thom. Perom

John Sharpe, ju.

Rich. Note

Robt. Thatcham, senr.

Robt. Thatcham, ju.

Wm. Grantham

Henrey Dallinge

Wm. Bennett

Anthony Batt

Thom. Perren

John Carde

Richard Ratway

Edward Holmes

Xpofer. Shearey

Wm. Purse

Wm. Webb

Rich. Conduit

George Burden

Ed'rd. Scutt

Edmond Brewman

George Sheter

Richard Eeardwod

Thom. Cheter

Jerome Worte

Steven Page

Thom. Annatts

Ed'rd. Annatts

W'm. Judd

Robt. Sharpnell, sen.

Robt. Sharpnell, ju.

John Sharpnell

John Childe

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George Childe	John Nott, ju.
George Romball	Richard Binder
Thom. Savage	Jerome Gibbens
Henrey Coyte	Robt. Eddington
Xpofer. Lea	Xpofer. Mershali
Robt. Downes	Gilbert Perom
John Milton	John Perom
Wm. Milton	Leonell Clarke
Richard Carpenter	John Edington
Thom. Hayward, sen.	Wm. Browne-John
Thom. Hayward.ju.	Wm. Coale
John Snell	Edward Eaton
Thom. Snell	John Browne-John
Wm. Hurst	Edward Browne-John
Wm. Binder	Henrey Newman
Rich. Coale	Henrey Knight
Robt. Nott	John Newinge
John Nott, sen.	

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