

North Tidworth 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 Cusee [?], *curate*
Rich. Parsons, *churchwarden*
John Stoute, *churchwarden*
Wm. Maton, sen.
John Maton
Michael Maton
Phineas Phillimor
Rich. Webb
Robt. Alderman
Michael Annatts
Wm. Pitman, sen.
Wm. Pitman, ju.
Rich. Pitman
John White
John Bayley
Michael Edwards
Thom. Head
Thorn. Gregory
Thom. Roby
Joseph Bayly
Austine Gamblen

John Dikcox
Wm. Downes
Wm. Still
Thom. Withers
Francis Maton
Phip. Woodford
Xpfer. Newman
Wm. Dikcox
John Bayley
Francis Worroll
Richard Seward
Thom. Loder
Thom. Monday
Robt. Stockwell
Thom. Dewye
Wm. Pointer
Thom. Cundit
Richard Edwards, sen.
Richard Edwards, ju.
Robt. Bayly
Wm. Bayly

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Phillip Home	Wm. Selly
Rich. Parsons, sen.	Edward Sopp
Rich. Parsons, ju.	Silvanus Tibball
Edmond Southaye	John Drayton
John Stoute	Leonard Staplehorne
Richard Marchant	Robt. Oldinge
John Mompesson, sen., <i>gent.</i>	Nicho. Francklin
John Mompesson, ju., <i>gent.</i>	Oliver Thatcher
John Smith	John Coxe
John Parsons	Ed'rd. Kenton

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