

Winterslowe 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."

Docter Barneston, *rector*

John Smith, *curate*

Robt. Bennett, *churchward.*

John Kinge, *churchward.*

Henrey Dench, *ovseer*

John Webb, *ovseer*

Alexandr. Thislethwayte, jun., *gent.*

Peregrine Thistlethwayte, sen., *gent.*

Henrey Thislethwayte, *gent.*

Alexandr. Newman

John Lake

Richard Hale

Wm. Neale

Wm. Harris

Thorn. Sturgis

George Collens

Henrey Sheath

Edward Knoiton

John Marsh

John Browne

John White, sen.

Wm. Whitm'sh

Giles Elner

Thom. Pottecary

John Davis

Austine Parrecke

John Thislethwayte

Thom. Rogers

Henrey House

Richard Ingram

Alexandr, Walters

Wm. Derpe

Wm. Rayes

Wm. Judd

Edward Monncke

Rich. Monncke

Ham'on Maslye

Steven Will'ms

John Williams

Richard Elye

Robt. White

Thom. White

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Wm. White, sen.	Thom. Browne
Steven White	Nicholas Hipps
Wm. White, jun.	John Bunday
John White, jun.	Robt. Walter
Wm. White	Hugh Holloway, ju.
Wm. Beast	Richard Bennett
Alexandr. Arnold	Nicholas Burrott
Henrey Lynton, ju.	Hugh Holloway, jun.
Nicholas Waters	John Stone
John Waters	John Bennett
Walter Hale	Henrey Bennett
Tymothy Ringe	Edward Browne
Alexandr. Payne	Wm. George
Robt. Wort	Robt. Sheere
Richard Wheeler	Alexandr. Rudman
John Rudman	John Rudman
John Eyres	Thom. Soper
Henrey Lynton, jun.	James Feltham
Henrey Pertome	Thom. Russell
Charles Collens	Nich. Dixon
Henrey Byles	Steven Yeates
Richard Walter	Rich. Browne-John
George Judd	Wm. Judd
John Worder	John Beste
Richard Taylor	Rich. Newman
Thom. Best	Robt. Tinnam
John Sapp	Gyles Greenwood
Alexander Newman	Gyles Ingram
Willm. Carter	Wm. Ingram
Richard Edwards	Wm. Sheere
Tymothy Newman	John Olden
Wm. Yeates	John Edwards
Wm. Stone	John Mersh
Henrey Greenwood (sic.)	John White
Henrey Greene	Wm. Beste.
Thom. Lake	

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