

Figledean 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."

Edrd. Mills	John Stoute [<i>?Stente</i>]
Henrey Mills	Peeter Storer
Briant Gunter	Nicho. Subdeane
Giles Carewe	Wm. Holmes, sen.
Leonard Piper	Edrd. Heynes
Thom. Tarrant	Thom. Jackman
Thorn. Carter	John Banninge
Edrd. Carter	Wm. Sharpe
John Gaie	Roger Fullis
Simon Worte	John Wordly
Nathanielt Canings, sen.	John Sheppard
Nathaniell Canings, ju.	Robt. Jole
John Legg, sen.	Wm. Holmes, ju.
John Legg, jun.	James Holmes
Robt. Churcheye	James Lawrence
George Holmes, ju.	Thom. Polhorne
Wm. Jole	Rich. Polhorne
Henrey Holmes	Rich. Hull
Anthony Biffin	Martin Lawrence
Edrd. Holmes, sen.	Rich. Holmes
Thom. Blackmoore	Wm. Cutler, sen.

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Wm. Cutler, ju.	Edward Jackman
Wm. Smart	Thom. Smith
Edrd. Smart	George Holmes
John Hunt	Edrd. Holmes
Jesper Romball	John Cooper
Richard Kent	Thom. Sheppard, ju.
Elias South	Simon Sheppard
John Holmes, sen.	James Purdye
John Holmes, ju.	Nathaniell Cannon
Richard Holmes	Rich. Worte
Robt. Worlye	Wm. Webb
Thom. Cannon	Wm. Smith
John Smith	Thom. Lawrence
Thom. Gine	Robt. Stockwell
Rich. Gine	Thom. Stockwell
Rich. Collett	Simon Worlye
George Batter	Steven Southeye
James Heyres	Thom. Cooper
John Ricketts	

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