

Madington 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."

Wm. Brent, curate

Giles Whithorne, *churchwarden*

Wm. Snowe, *churchwarden*

Henrey Miles, *overseer*

John Downton, *overseer*

John Gilbert, *sen.*

Wm. Harrinson

Bartholomew Woodrofe

Edward Collier

Robert Coles, *sen.*

Gyles Lawne, *sen.*

Nicholas Collier

John Collier

Henrey Miles

John Mason

Clement Dawes

George Duke

Robert Reade

Robt. Miles

Richard Monday

Thom Gilbert

Thom Ashler

Steven Sopp

John Gilbert, *jun.*

Wm. Willis

Wm. Giles

Gilbert Hopkins

Giles Lawne, *jun.*

Edward Weekes

Wm. Marshman

Robert Coles, *jun.*

Robert Selwood, *sen.*

Thom Sutton

Edward Sutton

Robt. Bayley

John Newton

Nicholas Hood

Thom. Merryott

Wm. Lawne

Robert Selwood, *jun.*

John Miles

Giles Bayley

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| John Palmer | Thom Combes |
| Wm. Giles, jun. | Richard Frauncis |
| Nicholas Fleminge | Steven Swaine |
| John Frauncis | Thom Willis |
| Symon Asher | John Mundaye |
| Robert Lawne | Thom Harnam |
| Richard Amlin | Thom Hopkins |
| George Godwin | Steven Frauncis |
| Willm. Brashier | Thom Swayne |
| Henrey Sopp | Henrey Collins |
| <i>Edward</i> Swayne | John Collier |
| Symon Edmonds | John Edmunds, sen. |
| Thorn Fricker | Richard Ambyn |
| Henrey Pennycott | John Edmunds, jun. |
| Robt. Waterman | Robert Bacon |
| Wm. Coles | Xcpofer Mead |
| Henrey Frauncis | George Alexandr |
| John Rogers | John Selwood |
| Woolstan Hollowaye | Willm. Fricker |
| Thom Douse | Humtry Flemin |

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