

## CORRESPONDENCE

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### **Editors' note**

**LPS** readers are reminded that the editorial board is always prepared to offer advice on subjects within the scope of **LPS**. Sometimes queries which have been raised are discussed in print in this section of the journal but there are many others which are not published, so if you think we can help do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Early Protestation Returns**

Dear Sir,

Articles (for example, see Anne Whiteman's article in **LPS** 55, Autumn 1995 and no. 56, Spring 1996) on the Protestation Returns make reference to the government's attempts to enforce the Protestation throughout the country in the late spring and early summer of 1641. Early returns were made for some London churches and various churches and various parishes in Cornwall, Westmorland, Essex and Kent. To this list needs to be added the parish of Radcliffe, Lancashire.

Whilst transcribing the Lancashire returns I came across the following:

Majj 30 1641

Memoram that according to ye directions of ye house of Comons bearing date ye first of May for ye taking & acknowledging of a ptestatio By ym comitted to such as will volutarily take & acknowledge ye same Wee ye inhabitants of ye pish of Radcliff whose names are subscribed did take a voluntary oath uppo the holy evangelist for our pformance thereof. And likewise wee ye said inhabitants uppo a second motion from ye house of Comons took ye same ptestation againe ye 27 of February 1641 & wee ye Rector Churchwardens overseers swormme & Cunstables, know not of one man in or pish but hath taken the ptestatio

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Your readers may be interested to learn that the Lancashire Returns will be published by the Lancashire Family History and Heraldry society, possibly during 1998 or 1999. Due to the size of the Lancashire Returns the final

publication will be in two volumes:

Volume 1 containing the Amounderness, Blackburn and Leyland hundreds (236 pages);

Volume 2 containing the Salford and West Derby hundreds (199 pages).

Returns for some townships contain a high proportion of women's names - in some cases nearly 50 per cent.

If anyone wishes to be informed as to when these returns will be published, they should write, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to:

Stan Hazlewood, Publications Officer - LFH&H, 26 Wray Crescent, Ulnes, Walton, Leyland. PR5 3NH

Yours sincerely,

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