

# DEPOSITION OF A MINISTER

George Hall (c. 1613–1668), Bishop of Chester (1662–1668)

to the Church-Wardens of Garstang

Friday, 29 August 1662 [OS]

Whereas in a late Act of Parliament for uniformity it is enacted that every parson, vicar, curate, lecturer, or other ecclesiastical person neglecting or refusing, before the Feast Day of Saint Bartholomew 1662, to declare openly before their respective congregations his assent and consent to all things contained in the Book of Common Prayer established by the said Act, *ipso facto* be deposed, and that every person not being in holy orders by episcopal ordination, and every parson, vicar, curate, lecturer, or other ecclesiastical person failing in his subscription to a declaration mentioned in the said Act to be subscribed before the Fast Day of Saint Bartholomew 1662 shall be utterly disabled, and *ipso facto* deprived, and his place be void, as if the person so failing be naturally dead.

And whereas Isaac Ambrose, late vicar of Garstang, in the county of Lancaster, has neglected to declare and subscribe according to the tenor of the said Act, I do therefore declare the church of Garstang to be now void, and do strictly charge the said Isaac Ambrose, late vicar of the said church, to forbear preaching, lecturing, or officiating in the said church, or elsewhere in the diocese of Chester. And the church-wardens of the said parish of Garstang are hereby required (as by duty they are bound) to secure and preserve the said parish church of Garstang from any invasion or intrusion of the said Isaac Ambrose, disabled and deprived as above said by the said Act, and the churchwardens are also required upon sight hereof to show this order to the said Isaac Ambrose and cause the same to be published the next Sunday after in the parish church of Garstang before the congregation, as they will answer the contrary.

Frank Bate, *The Declaration of Indulgence, 1672: A Study in the Rise of Organised Dissent* (London: University Press of Liverpool, 1908):vi.