

# Report to Parliament by the Warwick County Committee on the Assault on Aston Hall January 1644

*'The Knight's forces sounded a Challenge, and we sent to demand the House for the use of King and Parliament; but they returned answer that they would not yeeld while they had a man alive. On Tuesday we played upon them with our Cannon, but they disposing of themselves in the lower rooms had little prejudice done them. On Wednesday ... Our Men, Horse and Foote, marched up very valiantly, and by assault tooke the Church, which was defended by 40 stout French and Irish men, who we tooke prisoners, with one woman ... by taking the Church we presently assailed their workes and tooke them, stormed the House, and our men with great valour entring in at the windows ... the enemy within ... then cryed for quarter, which was granted them, yet afterwards some of them very barbarously shott two of our men in the mouth comming in at the window, which so intraged our souldiers, that they went about to put them all to the sword, and killed or wounded neere twenty before they could be appeased. We lost on oure side foure men and foure wounded...we tooke in all about 80 prisoners, whereof some of note, but above all we had good store of rich Pillage, goods, moneys and plate'.*