Petition of Dennis Hickly of Manchester

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A Petition of *Dennis Hickly*, of *Manchester,* in the County of *Lancaster,* was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner, while attending the Meeting held at *Manchester* on the 16th of August, 1819, in *St. Peter’s Field,* was violently attacked by the Yeomanry Cavalry, one of whom cut the Petitioner to the ground with a sabre and rode over his body; the Petitioner was so severely bruised by being trampled upon, that he was disabled for near a month: the Petitioner stood near to the hustings, and had a complete view of what passed at the Meeting; he never saw the least disposition to tumult on the part of the people; and he conceives that the attack made upon the Meeting by the Yeomanry Cavalry was unprovoked, and that it was a wanton and cruel outrage; and prays, that the House will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made into the proceedings which took place on the afore-mentioned occasion.