Petition of Owen McCabe

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(No. 628.)

A Petition of Owen McCabe, of the town of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner was present at the Meeting held in *St. Peter*’s Plain, in *Manchester*, on the 16th of August 1819; the Petitioner arrived at the Meeting just at the time when Mr. Hunt arrived; all was peaceable and quiet until about half an hour after the arrival of the Petitioner, when the Yeomanry Cavalry made a furious, and, is the opinion of the Petitioner, an unprovoked attack upon the people, riding them down, cutting, and trampling them indiscriminately; the Petitioner, in an attempt to escape from the carnage which he saw taking place around him, was rode down by the Yeomanry, and trample under their horses’ feet; the Petitioner had his head severely crushed and the whole of his ribs broken; in this state the Petitioner was removed in a cart to the Infirmary, where he lay upwards of a month, and the Petitioner was subsequently and outpatient of that Institution for the space of ten months, and is at present, and has ever since the latter period, a patient of Doctor Lyon, of Manchester; that, in consequence of the grievous bodily harm sustained by the Petitioner has, ever since the aforesaid 16th of August 1819, been totally disabled from earning a livelihood, and the Petitioner has every reason to fear that he shall be incapable during the remainder of his life of labouring for his maintenance and support; the Petitioner therefore humbly prays, That the House will be pleased to cause such inquiry to be instituted into the transactions aforementioned as impartial justice requires, and which the Petitioner humbly believes as injured British subject will not sue for in vain to the House.