Petition of Mary Ann McKenna

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(No. 621.)

A Petition of *Mary Ann McKenna*, of the town of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner attended the Meeting held on *St. Peter*’s Plain, in *Manchester*, on the 16th of August 1819; arrived on the ground at the time when Mr. Hunt arrived in a carriage; the Meeting was quite peaceable; saw the Cavalry ride amongst the people, cutting at them indiscriminately; the Petitioner was knocked down by the Yeomanry, who trampled upon her with their horses; and such was the injury sustained by the Petitioner as to deprive her of the faculty of hearing and all power of speech, and for the space of six weeks that the Petitioner lay in the Hospital, her life was despaired of; the Petitioner therefore humbly prays, That the House would institute such inquiry as may bring to justice the abettors and perpetrators of so shocking an outrage.