

Petition of Simon Mellor of Royley

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A Petition of *Simon Mellor*, of *Royley*, in the Township of *Royton*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner attended a Public Meeting held on *St. Peter's Field, Manchester*, on the 16th day of August, 1819, which was convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of petitioning the Legislature on the subject of Parliamentary Reform; that the Petitioner saw the soldiers ride amongst the people in a short time after the business of the said Meeting commenced, and the Petitioner's thigh was severely wounded by a Cavalry man with his sabre; the Petitioner saw a woman take her last breath that had been killed; and the Petitioner was twenty days before he could follow his employment; that in the humble opinion of the Petitioner, the Magistrates, Constables, and Soldiers, acted according to a preconcerted plan, which, in the humble opinion of the Petitioner is the reason why no person has been prosecuted in the inferior Courts of Justice; the Petitioner therefore most humbly prays, That the House will in its great wisdom so far attend to the protection of His Majesty's most loyal subjects, as to institute an inquiry into the fatal proceedings which took place at *Manchester* on the 16th of August 1819.