

Petition of James Tomlinson

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A Petition of James Tomlinson, of Coldhurst Lane, in the Township of Oldham, and County Palatine of Lancaster, Hatter, was presented and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner was at the Meeting held at Manchester on the 16th of August, 1819; that the Petitioner saw no disturbance nor any indication of tumult or disorder, until the arrival of the Manchester Yeomanry Cavalry, who with dreadful oaths and imprecations commenced a desperate attack on the multitude composing the Meeting; that the Petitioner, in endeavouring to make his escape, was by the extreme pressure of the crowd thrown down; and that, whilst lying on the ground, one of the Manchester Yeomanry Cavalry made a cut at he Petitioner with his sabre, and inflicted a deep wound on the right side of the Petitioner's head: the Petitioner therefore humbly prays That the House will be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made into the transactions of that awful day.