

Petition of Ann Whitaker

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(No. 614)

A Petition of *Ann Whitaker*, of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner was present at the Meeting held on *St. Peter's* Field, in *Manchester*, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August, 1819, at which Meeting the utmost good order prevailed, when the Yeomanry Cavalry made a desperate attack upon the people, riding over and cutting at all within their reach; the Petitioner was one amongst many others who was thrown down by the Cavalry; the Petitioner was dreadfully trampled upon, and had three ribs broken, and her right arm so crushed that the Petitioner has never since recovered the perfect use of it; that the Petitioner was taken in a coach to the Infirmary; she was entirely disabled for the space of eight months, and is still in a weakly state; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House would be pleased to cause an inquiry to be made into the transactions which took place on the above-stated occasion.