

Name: Thomas Brooks

Occupation: Pattern drawer.

Home: Stockport.

Date: 24th March 1820

Source: *Trial of Henry Hunt* 151-152

Summary: Rode in *Moorhouse's* coach to the meeting on the 16th.

'*Moorhouse* rode with him on the roof of the coach; did not have any conversation of moment with him'.

Done by: RH

Thomas Brooks (examined by *Mr. Hunt*)—Lived at Stockport; was a pattern drawer; was at Manchester on the 16th of August; saw a quantity of people passing by as he was on *Moorhouse's* coach; he (*Moorhouse*) was on the coach, also and went; with witness to Manchester; passed the people a mile out of Stockport, but a great many went before and came after. The horses were taken out at the White Bear, but the passengers wished him to go on to the meeting; he had no objection to going on, provided that he was paid for it. The horses were taken, out before the Ashton people came up. The only objection made to going to the meeting was this: It was said that people might get on the coach and break it down. Witness went to the meeting; saw *Mr. Moorhouse* come on the ground with the carriage, and witness walked by the side of it up to the hustings; did not see *Mr. Moorhouse* get out; never saw *Moorhouse* on the hustings; Witness handed the chair to enable *Mr. Hunt* to get on the hustings, so was very near; saw *Moorhouse* going towards the houses, and lost sight of him in the crowd. Never saw him on the hustings, though he remained there till the cavalry surrounded them; saw no cordon of people surrounding the hustings with locked arms.

Cross examined by *Sergeant Hullock* . Witness went from Stockport on purpose to attend the meeting; *Moorhouse* rode with him on the roof of the coach; did not have any conversation of moment with him; did not ask what resolutions were to be moved; knew *Mr. Hunt* was with *Moorhouse* the week before; saw *Mr. Hunt* and *Moorhouse* set off, for Manchester the 9th of August; witness attended the Manchester meeting in January; he saw about a hundred people assembled at Sandy Brow, at Stockport; *Moorhouse* did not address the people; did not know who was in the carriage but *Mr. Hunt*, *Mr. Moorhouse*, and *Mr. Saxton*.

Re-examined by *Mr. Hunt* – Never saw *Moorhouse* at any public meeting before the 16th of August.