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Transcribed by Harry Westhead

My Lord,

 The enclosed information is this moment arrived by the Manchester Defiance Coach at my office − it considering of some importance − I lose no time in forwarding it to your Lordship. And am

 Your Lordships Obt humble servant,

 W. Waterhouse

Lad Lane

August 17th

1/2 past 7 PM

In his absence to be opened by his Principal Secretary

The Right Honourable Lord Viscount Sidmouth,

~~Downing Street~~

~~Whitehall~~

Richmond Park

H. Hobhouse

Manchester August 16 1819

Gents,

 The Meeting took place at 1 o’clock Hunt in the chair with 16 flags and 7 caps of liberty hoisted up amongst upwards of 60,000 People the Cavalry has just broke in upon them the Flags are taken Hunt and his party secured. Several lives are lost and a number wounded the Cavalry are now scouring the Streets in all directions.

½ past 2 o’clock.

 Yours

 H Allen