

HO42/198 f. 679. Information of Samuel Ogden of Harpurhey. Transcribed by Claire Robinson.

'Information of Samuel Ogden of Harpurhey, Publican, taken upon oath before me one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Lancaster this ninth day of November 1819, who saith that many persons who were Reformers but strangers to this Informant and who occasionally frequented Informant's House, talked about changing the Government, and that they would have annual Parliaments – for which purposes the meeting at Manchester was to be held. Informant a hundred times heard this talk before the sixteenth of August last – it was the common conversation of the people – and heard certain individuals curse the King and damn the Government – and these expressions Informant has heard in his own House from the people who were there drinking. Informant does not know by name who these individual were.

On the 16th of August about two o'clock in the afternoon Informant saw crowds returning from the Manchester meeting and heard them say (hundreds of them) that they would all go armed if they went to another meeting at Manchester.

Samuel Ogden
Sworn before James Watkins.'