

Name: John Hemshaw

Occupation: Not known

Home: Not known

Date: 23nd March 1820

Source: *Trial of Henry Hunt* 123

Summary: Not allowed to testify because he was a Quaker.

Done by: RH

John Hemshaw was called, but being a Quaker, could not be sworn. The *Judge* (having referred to the act) decided, that evidence in criminal cases could not be received on the affirmation of a Quaker.

Mr. Hunt had thought that the testimony of a Quaker could be received on his solemn affirmation, which, if false, would expose him to a prosecution for perjury. He, however, did not wish the examination of *Henshaw* as he could call persons who were with him to prove the facts he had been called to establish.