

**Name:** Edmund Simpson

**Occupation:** Hatter

**Home:** Deansgate, Manchester

**Date:** 17th March 1820

**Source:** Trial of Henry Hunt, 36-37

**Summary:** Saw crowds marching to SPF on 16<sup>th</sup> August 1819, with music and colours.

**Done by:** RH

*Edmund Simpson* examined by *Sergeant Hullock*. —I am a hatter, and reside in Deansgate. I saw several bodies of people pass on the 16th of August. They had music and colours. The people marched nine or ten a-breast, and some part of them went in regular step. I shut my shop before ten o'clock, and kept it shut all day, I was afraid there would be a disturbance, and I was very much alarmed. I looked out of the upstairs window.

Cross-examined by *Mr. Hunt* – I was not afraid of the cavalry at all. I did not hear a report that the cavalry would attack the people. (In answer to the *Judge*). Between 4,000 and 5,000 persons passed my house.