

Petition of Joseph Bruce of Manchester

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(No. 630)

A Petition of *Joseph Bruce, of Manchester*, in the County of Lancaster, was presented and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner attended the Meeting on the 16th August 1819, on *St. Peter's Field, Manchester*, at which Meeting good order universally prevailed; the Petitioner had been at the Meeting upwards of an hour when the *Manchester Yeomanry Cavalry* rode most furiously amongst the people, cutting at all they met with most ferociously; while in the act of making his escape the Petitioner was stabbed on the shoulder by one of the Cavalry with a sabre, and the Petitioner believes that if he had not leaped over some railing into a cellar, he should have been killed on the spot; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House would be pleased to cause a strict inquiry to be made into this brutal outrage.