

Petition of James Campbell of Manchester

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(No. 622)

A Petition of *James Campbell, of Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner, while attending a legal and peaceable Meeting held in *Manchester* on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1819, for a legal object, was wilfully, wickedly, and maliciously assailed and wounded by the *Manchester* Yeomanry Cavalry; who without any just cause or provocation, made a most furious charge upon the said Meeting; cutting at and wounding with their sabres indiscriminately all who came in their way; the Petitioner being near to the hustings, was cut down by one of the aforesaid Yeomanry, who inflicted a sabre wound on the shoulder of the Petitioner four inches in length; while lying on the ground the legs of the Petitioner were dreadfully lacerated by being trampled upon by the horses of the Cavalry; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House will be pleased to institute such inquiry into this brutal outrage as shall bring the perpetrators of it to justice.