

Petition of Catherine Coltman of Manchester

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A Petition of *Catharine Coltman, of Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner attended the Meeting held in *Manchester* on *St. Peter's Plain* on the 16th of August, 1819; the Petitioner was about the middle of the crowd, the greatest peace and good order prevailed, when, about half an hour after Mr. *Hunt* had ascended the hustings, the Yeomanry Cavalry rode most furiously amongst the multitude, cutting indiscriminately, sparing neither age nor sex; the Petitioner was thrown down with a number of other persons, at which time three of her ribs were broken, and the Petitioner verily believes, that owing to a number of persons having fallen upon her was the means of saving her life as the Cavalry most unmercifully cut at those persons with their sabres, regardless of their cries and supplications for mercy; the Petitioner, who is a widow and the mother of nine children, is at this time, and has been ever since she received the injury, in a very weak state; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House will cause an inquiry to be made into so wanton and shameful an outrage.