

Petition of Edward Dwyer of Manchester

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(No. 631)

A Petition of *Edward Dwyer of Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented, and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner, while attending a peaceable and orderly Meeting, held at *Manchester* on the 16th of August 1819, for the purpose of petitioning the House on the defective state of the Representation of the people in the House; the Petitioner was, together with a great majority of the said Meeting, without just cause of provocation wilfully and maliciously attacked by the *Manchester* Yeomanry Cavalry, who rode (being in a state of intoxication at the time) most furiously amongst the people so assembled, cutting at them indiscriminately with their sabres; in an attempt to escape, the Petitioner was pursued into a burying-ground belonging to the Quakers, by two of the aforesaid Yeomanry; the Petitioner to avoid their fury climbed into a tree, in which position they cut at him with their sabres, and bruised him on several parts of the body; one of the Yeomanry at length cut the Petitioner on the back of his hand, when the Petitioner fell from the tree, and while the Yeomanry were in pursuit of other persons who were in the inclosure, the Petitioner effected his escape; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House will be pleased to cause inquiry to be made into such an inhuman outrage.