

Petition of David Ellis of Manchester

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(No. 601)

A Petition of *David Ellis*, of *Manchester*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented and read; setting forth, That the Petitioner, while in the exercise of the right of Petition, at a Meeting held on *St. Peter's Field*, in *Manchester*, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 1819, was violently assaulted by the Yeomanry Cavalry, who without provocation rode furiously amongst the people, cutting down and trampling upon all within their reach; the Petitioner received a sabre wound upon the head, and another on his hand, and it was with great difficulty that the Petitioner effected his escape; the Petitioner was completely disabled by his wounds for upwards of a month; the Petitioner humbly prays, That the House would be pleased to institute such inquiry into the bloody transaction as shall prove to the wicked perpetrators of it that an *Englishman*, in the legal and peaceable exercise of his rights, cannot be savagely maimed with impunity.