

Prisoners

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~~be stretch forth your hands~~  
~~and get it back again stated.~~  
 that the law says that if the  
 King did not give an answer  
 to the Petition within forty —  
 says he was liable to be seized  
 and all his family and confined  
 in a Prison till he gave an  
 answer."

"Asked what right a King has  
 John Baggally with 25000 £ or a Prince with  
 10000 per week who could not 29<sup>th</sup> Jany  
 write his name till he got a — 20.  
 glass of Brandy. said I suppose  
 if they don't listen to our —  
 petition we must kneel down  
 and pray".

"Invariably to know from Magna  
 Charta what he stated <sup>before</sup> ~~in the~~ former time respecting the —  
 seizure of the King."

~~but he was determined to speak~~  
~~in spite of all opposition for if~~  
~~we can obtain our ends there~~  
~~will be no 10,000 a week then~~  
~~no presents of Snuff boxes —~~

now

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"you shably coaches the Queen  
 Aunt had better get a Coach  
 for himself and ride away"

"Said you see Petitions are —  
 vain that rather than sit — 10<sup>th</sup> Feby  
 down with the insults we —  
 have received I would lose the  
 last drop of Blood in my body".  
 Pulled out a Book and said he  
 had the Constitution in one —  
 hand and Death in the other".

John Baggally "said while you continue to work  
 16 hours a day they will  
 continue to take it from you 13<sup>th</sup> Feby  
 I would have every man to sign  
 his name to be determined to —  
 pay no more taxes".

"Spoke of the Prince giving up  
 50000 a Year and Lord Camer —  
 with his Sinecure, but we will  
 not be satisfied with it, we  
 want the Constitution and the  
 whole of it. Now is the —  
 moment to come forward and  
 it might be embraced or they

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would be enslaved for ever &c.  
Told them to come determined  
to have their rights at the  
risk of their lives. That men  
should be sent ten or twelve — 24<sup>th</sup>  
miles round Manchester and — I say  
if they could get from three to  
500,000 men together they would  
see who dared oppose them —  
agreed that a Committee should  
sit that night and a meeting be  
held as a farewell meeting on 25<sup>th</sup>.

John Baggley  
- "Said the People were tools in  
the hands of those wicked and  
Diabolical Robbers and Murderers  
of Ministers Castlereagh and  
Canning - referred to the Plains 25<sup>th</sup> of June  
of Waterloo and <sup>said</sup> that they were still thirsting for more blood.  
If they <sup>take</sup> back them the People  
must demand them and if they  
refuse them the People must  
then take them by force -

Proposed a Public Meeting for  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at St Peters.

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at 12 o'clock and that Deputies  
should be sent to Nottingham  
Sheffield and Birmingham to  
inform them of it and that it  
was determined to send Deputies  
from the Towns from ten to 25<sup>th</sup> of February  
fifteen Miles round Manchester.  
Colinton  
to call Public Meetings and then  
to march the People in a Body  
to Manchester &c and if we get  
a Body of three or 400,000 together  
who dare oppose us." Committee

John Baguley ordered to sit to appoint delegates

"Proposed meeting the Monday  
following at St. Peters and that  
every man should bring a —  
blanket with him and be allowed  
them to retake him by force  
if taken." Meeting adjourned till  
8. A.M.

~~3 March noon  
St. Peters~~

~~H. Peters~~

"Proposes plan for going to London  
One man over each Ten another 6 March Event  
over each fifty Another over - Islington

*each*

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each hundred, to come on Monday with Knapsacks and as much provision as they could get".

John Baguley "came in a coach with

and mounted a Cart.

10000 people assembled pointed out 10<sup>th</sup> March different plans for conducting the March to London. Great numbers had Knapsacks and blankets called on them not to be dismayed."

6 March 1816  
Islington

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John Johnstone." Opened the meeting for Radical 9<sup>th</sup> March reform in Parliament." 9<sup>th</sup> March 1816

Apprehended - "Said if the People would unite heart 15<sup>th</sup> Mar" 1816

committed to and soul all the Soldiers in England 18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1816

Castler Gaol would not be able to dispose them - Lord Wellington in

under Lord 18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1816  
Bilborough  
that he had been in Company with General

General 18<sup>th</sup> Decr 1816  
an Oxford Blue who had been

employed in dispersing the mob

29<sup>th</sup> Decr 1816  
Discharged - in London who said he was warm

in the cause and would never hurt

one of them.

"Read Barricelli's answer to his  
to call a meeting, moved a meeting  
to be held at St. Peter the following

Monday said assert your rights - 16 Decr Right

by persuasions and remonstrances at Bilborough

and if that will not do insist

upon having them declare you will

attain your object or die in the

cause."

"Said that Missionaries were appointed  
to go thro' all parts of the Kingdom 17<sup>th</sup> Decr  
at the Wellington  
to enlighten the People"

"Fights against Bishops and their  
Establishments - Slave Traders, Standing  
Army. National Debt etc. said we 18<sup>th</sup> Decr  
were to be determined not to pay any  
more money than we do not see will  
be of benefit to ourselves."

2 Who attended these  
Meetings?

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"Said they must pray but their  
prayers must be of that nature ~~no~~  
we will have it so."

"Said he must attend a meeting at  
Bridgwater where none but Deputies <sup>Bury St. Edmunds</sup> from the different Counties were to <sup>be</sup> ~~King of Bells~~  
attend".

"Said that the Prince will not —  
hearken to our Petition, but we  
will punish him by taking his — <sup>January 1817</sup>  
head off as was done formerly by <sup>at Gayle Bridge</sup>  
Chal. 1<sup>st</sup> but every one among you <sup>Meeting of</sup> ~~making~~ <sup>Hampden Club</sup>  
John Johnstone who is anxious of extricating himself  
from an odious and tyrannical —  
Government hold up his hand."

"Declared that Chal. 1<sup>st</sup> lost his head  
for not going as the People wished  
that those times were like the present <sup>13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y</sup>  
and that the same event it was  
positively determined should happen  
again if the Petition which the  
People intended to present was not  
granted."

"Detailed the success of his route —  
thro' Staffordshire that in Burslem <sup>17 Feb'y</sup>  
he had formed three Hampden Clubs New Islington  
besides one at Hanley Green and —  
another at Lane End, that they were  
composed of some of the bravest —  
fellows in the Country".

"Was appointed a delegate to the  
County meeting at Preston on 25<sup>th</sup> <sup>Feb'y</sup>  
February".

"Contrasts Government of America  
with this — ~~This was a government~~  
of Kings Lords and Commons which  
draws <sup>in</sup> your pockets of 70 millions  
per annum, that as Britons they <sup>24 Feb'y</sup>  
should blush for shame for — <sup>New Islington</sup>  
~~suffering themselves to be imposed~~  
~~on~~ that he was for a Republick  
Reported them to come forward to  
show themselves Englishmen".

John Johnstone "Advised the People to be firm and  
determined and if the Speakers were <sup>3 March</sup>  
taken which in all probability they  
would be not to be disengaged but  
to come forward like men".

"Pointed out the difficulty of marching  
to London but that if they could  
reach Birmingham they had —  
nothing to fear neither from an Army  
nor any thing else that might obstruct <sup>6 March</sup>  
them. — Apologised for not going to New Islington  
London, as useful men would be  
wanted to give information at home  
and then he had some friends in the  
cause in his house from Yorkshire  
and that they informed him there were  
10000 men ready in one Town and  
that the whole Country was ripe and  
ready for anything".

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"said his Friends might come to consult him not more than two at a time. That if you set off from Manchester in the way proposed you will be surrounded by the Police and Soldiers and be an ~~branch~~ 8. p.m. easy prey if you have nothing ~~nothing~~ Bington Garret. but your open hands. If we could get as far as Birmingham the whole would be done for there no doubt ~~you~~ will be 100000 strong there John Johnstone it would be impossible to bring any thing to resist you."

~~In~~ Action at the New Bailey said there would be a numerous meeting to morrow and three parks in four will come armed with sticks and bludgeons for their defence." —

9 March

~~Dobbs~~ Stated he had been round  
 the Country & Co<sup>d</sup> answer for 100000<sup>36</sup>  
 in the No<sup>o</sup> Series — that the object<sup>459</sup>  
 of his Mission was to prepare Spain for  
 a Revolution — that the Committee  
 at Manchester were men that had  
 been tried for a Conspiracy at W.M.  
 ap.

When in London attended a  
 French meeting at the Cock in  
 Grafton Street



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Wm. Bonbow "pointed out the Tyranny with which they were oppressed and the necessity of being determined 16 Decr 1816  
and if they would not grant <sup>Cuntry</sup> <sup>25</sup>  
their request they would reform <sup>Gibbs G. Ancoats</sup> <sup>Lane.</sup>  
themselves or lose their lives in the attempt."

"He was appointed a Deputy" 17<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1817  
Attended two meetings in London Street.

"In the Chair. Produred acts of  
Opp. Bonbow Parliament as so right to  
allow Petition and have arms to  
apprehend protect themselves. said I don't - 3<sup>rd</sup> Evening  
in Ireland 26<sup>th</sup> Feby present to say what you must New Islington  
committed to go with them<sup>2</sup> that the gagging  
the House of Commons would be put in force  
correction under Lord Sidmouth but "rather than submit to the  
warrant - Tyrants York let me die."  
29 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1817

Ordered to be  
discharged but "said he thought it high time  
refused to enter 20<sup>th</sup> Feby  
into the 25<sup>th</sup> Feby  
they should be organized. Depart New Islington  
recognition. freedom out of the Committee" 2

"Agreed to a farewell meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Feby  
to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February". New Islington

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"Said the only thing that he disagreed to was going to London by ~~Tens~~ he would say 20,000 and I am ready to go with you and will lose every drop of Blood in my Veins for what is death to me while I am a Slave to a set of People vulgarly called the House of Commons and of that inference ~~to~~ and ~~and~~ Customs

Mr Benbow - You may rest assured I shall 3<sup>rd</sup> March being be the last that will leave - Garret Wellington your cause far in ~~city~~ than him - says we shall have every- thing we wish. Perhaps there are some among you fitter for Petticoats than breeches, but I doubt not you will be men stepping forward like Englishmen to demand your rights - A blacksmith in the reign of Richard 2<sup>nd</sup> went to London with 20,000 men and got their Liberties which remained till they were destroyed by Tyranny."

Joseph "Proposes Subscriptions of a Mitchell Penny each and the appointment of more Officers and a Treasurer Bibby says they cannot wait quietly till 2<sup>nd</sup> March." 461

"Waged the necessity of Subscribing to send a delegate to London to co-operate in obtaining reform in Parliament."

~~Joseph~~ "Hated now from the People was Mitchell of Macclesfield and other places and Bibby from 5<sup>th</sup> May hoped they would see fit to apprehended 16<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1816 Great Ancoats Lane"

at Huddersfield 21<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> Was appointed a Deputy and went 17<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1817 committed to House of Correction to London" at Knights Banque Street under Lord Sidcup, warrant.

29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> Announced a County Meeting at Ditchley-Preston on Tuesday following - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> and that it was advisable to appoint two to Watch. He was appointed with Johnstone

"Said was at a loss to advise them as Government had rejected every legal means when they had asked for Pottersfield Bread they had received a Share - Proposed that every 20 should petition and carry ten take it and go to London" (252)

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"Spoke as to Chas 1<sup>st</sup> losing his head, and that at the meeting of Parliament something of great consequence to the Nation would be asked that he did not expect it would be granted, but if it was not the People would compel them to grant it."

Went as a Delegate to Birmingham April Derby kepted Wakefield Leeds Halifax May Middleton - taken when going to a central meeting at Wakefield -

John Drummond attended a meeting where 700 or 10<sup>th</sup> March 800 persons were present and he was placed in the Chair

15<sup>th</sup> March committed under warrant to Lord Sidmouth at one of which the question was whether the trade of England was sufficient to support us - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Recd discharged - Prayed we had an honest Government."

(before described) "At several other meetings he addressed those assembled upon the plan of marching to London, ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> read the petition to them."

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March he came on the ground in the Park with Baguley, and spoke to the people."

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John Knight - "Secretary to the Manchester Committee"

9<sup>th</sup> April "Attended a meeting for reform in parliament and spoke." 30<sup>th</sup> Recd

warrant to - It was announced at this meeting that Public Meetings would be held at Worcester and

29<sup>th</sup> Recd Discharged Carlisle Lancaster and Oldham - where new flags would be displayed.

"Attended another meeting where the question in debate was whether a Jacobin or Loyalist was the best, when it was unanimously Safford. determined in favour of the former He was a principal Speaker at this meeting."

"Was at another meeting where the same question was debated." 6<sup>th</sup> Jan'y Glinton

"Held a meeting at his own house of six of a Committee to appoint delegates <sup>to</sup> London at which ~~one~~ rainbow was appointed one."

"He was besides at several other meetings and addressed them, and signed a commission from the Manchester Committee to Bolton."

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Dyak Bayon. Was at several of the meetings  
 15<sup>th</sup> March viz: on 6<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
 committed to Totthill Fields Feb'y 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> March and took the  
 under Lord Sidaway Chair at the latter, and spoke at  
 several.  
 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. all of them.  
 Discharged.

Wm Ogden. "A Printer in Manchester."

8<sup>th</sup> March In walking home from the Coles  
 apprehended meeting he compared Parliament  
 15<sup>th</sup> March to an anchor and the Campaign Club  
 committed men pulling at it. That the different  
 under Lord meetings would all join soon, and  
 Plymouth's Warrant.  
 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.  
 Discharged

would have a pull altogether -  
 and pull the House down. I mean  
 said he take off the seats of all the  
 members of it whom you do not  
 like." He was present at the  
 meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec'r and 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
 at St Peters.

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Mr. Sellers. A knife grinder at Manchester  
was active in informing the  
committed to Committee Men from Ashton  
Reading Gaol Stockport and the several Towns  
under warrant  
of Lord Sidmouth in the neighbourhood.

<sup>2 Decr</sup> Discharged      A meeting ~~of Friends~~ was held at 16 March  
his House at which several <sup>+</sup> Friends House  
resolutions were passed, and it  
was openly talked of doing away  
~~with~~ Obnoxious Men and of burning  
sawm factories and notice was  
given of a Friends meeting to be  
held at Middleton the next night.  
He accompanied Roberts & Gullion  
to the meeting at Middleton and in  
their way thither <sup>they</sup> concurred upon  
the subject of Spiking the guns.  
On their arrival at Middleton - 17<sup>th</sup> March  
they went to Lancashire's George, Middleton  
thence to a Public House where  
they found Lancashire and -  
several delegates, whence they  
returned two at a time to  
Lancashire's George, and were  
conducted to an upper chamber  
bed room where they found others

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already in attendance. Sellers took the Chair and then the several Deputies were called on but no names were mentioned each person answering to the name of the place he represented. Then it was proposed to send two Deputies, one to Birmingham and ~~the~~ another to Rotherham and Sheffield.

It was determined that the rising should be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March when they were to seize the Barracks, Police Office & New Bailey; the latter of which was considered most dangerous ~~on account~~ of the two guns there ~~but the most useful weapons for those most~~ ~~very gamblers~~. The Borough houses and Constables houses were to have a guard over them. The Banks to be attacked for the money. This was agreed to. The men to arm themselves. Meeting adjourned to the New Chadderton on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

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was at the George and Anchor with the Rotherham Deputy, and — 18 March conversed with him as to the George & Anchor time fixed for the rising —

~~A person of the name of Charnley~~  
~~came to his cellar, to enquire~~  
~~about the intended meeting —~~  
~~when Sellers told him that it~~  
~~would be put off, as he had~~  
~~learned from some of the Banbury~~  
~~men that had come over to him.~~

John Lancashire. — The Middleton Deputy — He was the person at whose apprehended house a meeting of Deputies was held to concert the Plan of 17<sup>th</sup> March. committed an Insurrection, for the manner in which they assembled at Lancashire warrant to Chelmsford and the plan which was there concerted see the Summary 2<sup>nd</sup> part relating to James Sellers.

Minded the adjourned meeting at ~~the New~~ Chadderton about eight o'clock, seventeen mustered. It was then proposed that those who had 23<sup>rd</sup> March not been at the Middleton meeting ~~had~~ Chadderton should leave the room, ~~I~~ ~~Leary~~ ~~said~~ saying he had been at

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a meeting at the Volunteer on Wednesday, early then left the house. It was proposed that the day fixed for rising should be delayed till they saw the fate of the Suspension Bill. Barr ruled. Next Sunday night or Monday morning was to be the time.

It was agreed to meet at the Royal Oak on Friday at 3 o'clock to hear what news from Birmingham, and the plan of Insurrection was that they were to come to the outskirts of the town and wait for a rocket as a signal to advance to St. Peters, then to divide, one party to the barracks, another to the Police Office, another to the Borough Reeves and Banks.

It was determined that there should be no writing or printing every thing by word of mouth.

On his return with others from the meeting at Chadderton suggested that notice should be given both people of the plan - He said Middlesex was divided into two

or three districts and in each a person lived whom he could trust and he should communicate it to them.

John Roberts paid ~~for~~<sup>going</sup> to Huddersfield for his expenses to Birmingham and apprehended the batteries, attended the meeting of April at Lancashire's, and proposed committed to that same men well acquainted under false names had with Manchester streets should meet the train from the warrant.

2<sup>nd</sup> Decr discharged neighbouring places at same spot had fixed on in the skirts of the town and show them the way through the streets to the New Bailey which was to be seized and the prisoners set out.

He was at the Royal Chadderton and mentioned that every man was to provide himself with arms the best he could. At the meeting at the Royal Oak on 24<sup>th</sup> March he brandished a paper said he wished every man was armed with a weapon like that

Beside London to make rockets.

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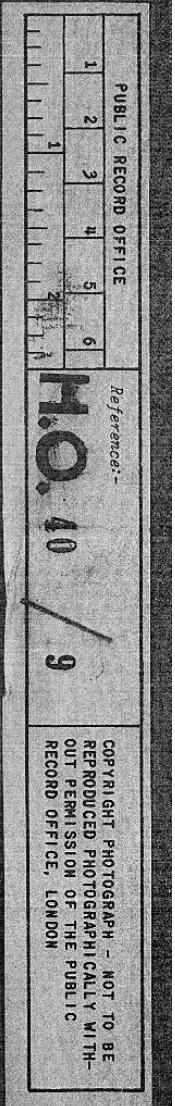
Nath'l. Fulton - A delegate from New-York  
Derbyshire conversed w<sup>th</sup> us re-  
respecting the guns - attended the  
meeting at Lancashire and the  
adjourned meeting at ~~the Rose~~ 23 March  
Chadderton - urged that the rising  
should take place soon - said  
that he has made and had about  
300 Bullets and that he would  
be one to venture to go into  
the Barracks with about 200 men  
Was at the Royal Oak on Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> March - moved so adjourn to  
the George and Dragon and was  
there taken.

William Kent. The Chadderton Deputy attended  
28<sup>th</sup> March the meeting at Lancashire, —  
apprehended and the adjourned meeting at 17<sup>th</sup> March  
18<sup>th</sup> April the Rose and <sup>had</sup> them that he  
committed them and thought they had seventy fire-  
locks. — arms, that one man had  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> promised him about forty  
discharged At the Royal Oak he moved to  
adjourn in consequence of an alarm  
given to the George & Dragon  
and was there apprehended.

Richard Falconer - A Deputy from Stockport attended the meeting at Lancashire, appointed to go committed as a Deputy to Birmingham under Lord and the Officers for the Sidmouth warrant to pursue of inquiring whether Chelmsford the people there would agree so. take place, and to remain it had to act as one of the discharged provisional Government, he was to provide himself with arms as well as he could -

On 20<sup>th</sup> March received of Robert £2 - for his expenses there-  
The appearance made a confession in the name of a Committee of the proceedings

of Middleton an active zealous Partisan  
Joseph Healey. Attended the meeting at  
28 March the ~~base~~ Chadderton but  
apprehended without warning in consequence of  
9<sup>th</sup> April a resolution that those who  
committed to prison had not been at the meeting  
Preston Gaol under Lord at Lancashire should leave  
Plymouth the Room. He was considered  
warrant. by the rest as a good man  
"I have but too full襟度" —  
discharged



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James Leach, the Rochdale Deputy, was 28<sup>th</sup> March at Lancashire, was also at apprehended the same but withdrew when 29<sup>th</sup> April J. Grealley and the others left committed to the Room - was at the George Hotel under and Dragon, and apprehended 28<sup>th</sup> March warrant there.

11<sup>th</sup> March  
Discharged



17 March

*Robt. Wellington*. Was at the meeting in Peterib. 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1817 where he opposed the proposition of going to London - he was also at the meeting in the Evening of Islington committed under the same day and disapproved him from going to London as for the 24<sup>th</sup> January before. But it appears by the conversation which he held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April that he only disapproved of the mode of having meetings of delegates, for that in his opinion the business might have been done without it, and might still be done if his plan and that of his Yorkshire Friends were adopted. His plan was that one man in every Town should correspond with the Town adjacent, and that such man should alone be entrusted with the time and method of affecting the people's rights, and should call his friends together an hour and a half before the time of rising, and that would be sufficient to acquaint as many as would be able to accomplish the purpose -

These friends when appointed were to be sent by detachment to seize Arms, carriages, provision

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de, and immediately to set to work different Artisans to make pikes, and to force them to make certain quantities of them on pain of death - And in answer to an objection that this plan would not be feasible at such places where there were Militia, after enquiring whether the Soldiers had their Arms with them in quarters or their arms were stored, he said that whether they were stored or not they might easily be seized, for if eight or ten men were to go to each Soldier's quarter, the Soldiers would easily be secured altho' they had arms, and if the arms were in store they might be taken by attacking the guard house. -

His further plan was, that after each Town had effected its purpose all should be concentrated against Manchester and such places, and he thought the men would soon be as well disciplined as the Soldiers, for them

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Their eagerness to obtain would soon teach them the necessity of subordination. - He said that he should see some of his Godwinian plans soon and their plans might then be improved upon, and that these plans might be effected in spite of all the restrictive measures of Government, for what could such measures avail where the people were determined to be free. -

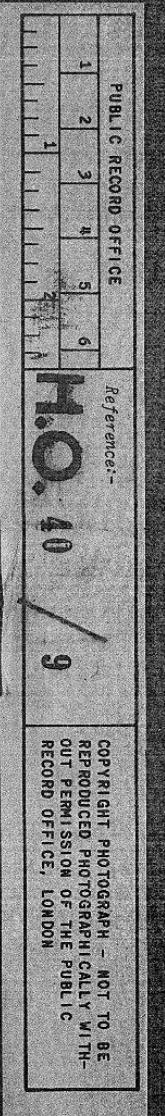
He spoke of their having been a meeting of Delegates at Oldham, where the landlord had desired them to leave the house.

Goffe has sometimes preached at Oldham, and that he has been with Joseph Mitchell there. -

He ~~said~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~been~~ <sup>been</sup> informed that there were Arms hidden about Oldham, Middleton, Royton, and Saddleworth since the Sedition business, and that they had examined them lately & cleaned them up for the purpose of attacking Manchester if that plot had succeeded.

Goffe had given written recommendations signed by him, and adapted to different friends,

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friends, at Royton, Chadderton.

The written Recommendation  
was in the following form.

"I believe that A.B. is an  
honest Trader, and if you can  
by your direction and influence  
- further his interest among your  
- friends, you will much oblige"

"Yrs... John Pickering Esq"

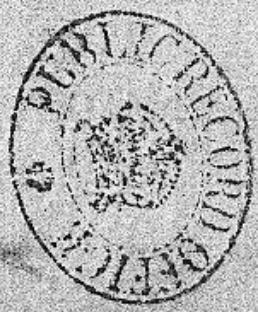
"Mr Sam Hay - Royton  
Sam Lewis - Chadderton  
- Sam Egerton - Middleton  
"Amos & - Do  
"Sam Whitaker - Oldham  
"John Bamford - Saddleworth  
Peter Kenworthy Do  
"W. J. Foye - Huddersfield  
"Mr Warworth Brewer"

He also appears to have  
been a Broker for Bury.

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against the  
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A Summary of the Proceedings  
of some of the persons engaged  
in forming a Plan for seizing  
the Town of Manchester, and  
the Barracks and strong places  
thereabouts.



No sooner had the plan for  
marching in a great Body to  
London been defeated, by the  
dispersion of the Blackheath  
on the 10 March, and by the  
apprehension of some of their  
leaders, than another plan was  
formed for the purpose of  
gaining possession of the Town  
of Manchester and of the Arms,  
Money and strong places within  
it; and for setting fire to the  
Manufactories of obnoxious  
persons. This conspiracy  
*would*

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was carried on by means of secret meetings at the houses of several persons in Manchester and its vicinity, and particularly at Middleton, at the house of John Lancashire, one of the conspirators; at the Rose at Chadderton and the Royal Oak at Ardwick Bridge. It appears that so early as the 15<sup>th</sup> of March this plan was in agitation, by a Committee of persons sent from Stockport, Ashton under Lyne, and various other places in the vicinity of Manchester; which committee used at first to resort to the house of James Leach, a friend in Manchester, where on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, some resolutions were passed.

The principal persons who formed this committee were

John

John Lancashire, the Middleton Delegate, John Roberts, the Manchester Delegate, Nathaniel Hutton, the Delegate from New Mills, William Hunt, the Chadderton Delegate, Richard Ellerott, the Delegate from Stockport, James Leach, the Stockdale Delegate, Robert Ellington, the Delegate from Bury and Joseph Braley of Middleton.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> there was a full meeting of Delegates at the house of John Lancashire at Middleton, where the plan of insurrection was arranged to take place on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting was adjourned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> at

the Rose at Chadderton. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, seventeen Delegates assembled at the Rose; when it was decided that the time fixed for the rising should not be postponed, and the meeting was adjourned to the Royal Oak, on the following

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Friday - We dined nearly the same party assembled at the Royal Oak; but at some alarm given, adjourned to the Green Dragon in Manchester, where many of the conspirators were apprehended.

A wife friend at Manchester was active in informing the committee men from Ashton, Stockport and the several Towns of East Lancashire in the neighborhood. <sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Letter  
committed to  
Leading Job  
under Marshall  
of East Lancashire

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  
Discharged

A meeting was held at his house 16 March at which several Resolutions were passed; and it was openly talked of doing away with obnoxious men, and of burning down factories; and notice was given of a private meeting to be held at Middleton the next night.

Accompanied Robert &  
Hulton

Hulton to the Meeting at Middleton; and in their way they conversed upon the subject of striking the guns. On their arrival at Middleton, they 17 March went to Lavershine's house, Middleton House to a public House, where they found Lavershine and several Delegates; hence they returned, two at a time, to Lavershine's house, and were conducted to an upper chamber, Bed Room; where they found others already in attendance. Teller took the chair, then the several Deputies were called upon, but no names were mentioned; each person answering to the name of the place he represented.

Then it was proposed to

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and two Deputy's, one to Birmingham & the other to  
another to Nottingham and  
Sheffield.

It was determined that  
the Rising should be on  
Sunday 30 March, when they  
were to seize the Barracks,

Police Office & Cross Bailey: the  
latter of which was considered  
most dangerous on account  
of the two guns there. The  
Borough Police & Constables  
houses were to have a  
guard over them. The Banks  
to be attacked for the Money.  
This was agreed to. The men  
to arm themselves. Meeting  
agreed to be Rose at  
Chadderton on 23 March.

Was at the Hope & Anchor 18 March  
with the Nottingham Deputy, Hope & Anchor  
and conversed with him

as to the time fixed for the  
Rising.

The Deputy came to his  
sister, to enquire about the  
intended Meeting; when  
Sellers told him that it would  
be put off.

John Lumsdaine - The Middleton 17 March  
appointed Deputy. He was the person  
15 April, at whose house a Meeting of  
Committee of Deputies was held to concert  
under God. Lumsdaine was held to concert  
within the place of Execution.  
Want to know the manner in which  
Helmsford. they assembled at Lumsdaine,  
2. Dec<sup>2</sup> and the plan which was  
discharged there concerted, see the  
Summary relating to James  
Sellers.

Spurred the proposed  
Meeting at Chadderton about  
eight o'clock. Seventeen mustered.  
It was then proposed that  
those who had not been at Chadderton  
the Middleton Meeting  
should £265

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should leave the room

It was proposed that the  
day fixed for Bering should  
be delayed till they saw the  
fate of the Suspension Bill.  
Carried. Next Tuesday  
night or Monday morning  
was to be the time.

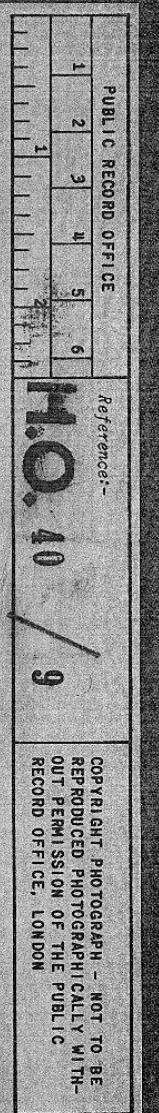
It was agreed to meet at  
the Royal Oak on Friday at  
3 o'clock to hear what news  
from Birmingham; and the  
plan of association was  
that they were to come to the  
Antislavery Office of the Town & wait  
for a pocket as a signal to  
advance to St. Peters; then  
to divide: one party to the  
Barracks, another to the  
Police Office, another to the  
Borough Recruit's & Banks.

It was determined that  
there should be no writing  
or hints; every thing by  
word of mouth.

On his return with others from the Meeting at Chadderton, suggested that notice should be given to the people of the Par. He said Middleton was divided into two or three Districts, and in each a person lived whom he could trust, who should communicate it to them.

John Roberts paid money to  
28 March Blaenau for his expenses  
apprehended to Birmingham & the Potteries.  
4 April Attended the Meeting at Llan-  
rwymedrae. Attended the Meeting at Llan-  
rwymedrae cashiers, and proposed that  
Individuals some more well acquainted  
with Sidmouth's Warrant with Manchester Meets

2<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>a</sup> should meet the men from  
discharging the neighbouring places at  
some spot to be fixed or in  
the streets of the Town and  
show them the way through  
the streets to the New Bailey  
which was to be seized & ~~the~~



the prisoners let out.

He was at Chadderton, and  
mentioned that every man  
was to provide himself with  
arms the best he could.

At the Meeting at the  
Royal Oak on 24 March, he  
brandished a Paper: said  
he wished every man who  
armed with a Weapon like  
that - Desired Somers to make  
Buckets

Nathaniel Sutton - A Delegate from  
New Mills, Derbyshire, convened  
as to striking the guns.

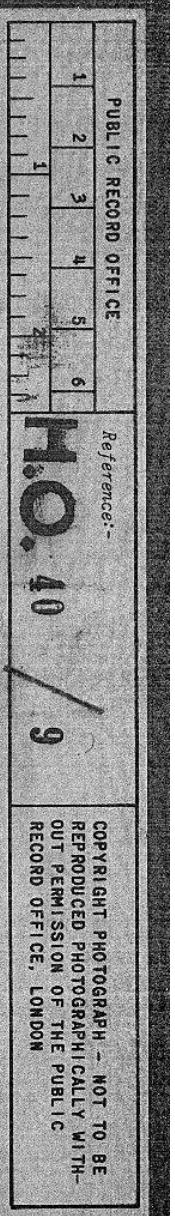
Attend the Meeting at  
Lancaster and the adjourned  
Meeting at Chadderton. Voted 23 March  
that the Rising should take  
place soon - said that he  
had made & had about 300  
Bullets; and that he would be  
one to venture to go into the  
Banks with about 200 men.

Was at the Royal Park on Friday  
28 March - moved to adjourn  
to the George and Dragon, &  
was there taken.

William Bent. The Chadderton Deputy 17 March  
18 March attended the Meeting at Sowerby,  
apprehended miners and the appointed  
15 April Meeting at the Rose. He told  
committed them that he thought they  
had twenty five hours; that  
Paul had discharged about forty.

At the Royal Ark, he 28 March  
proposed to adjourn, in consequence  
of an Alarum gittit,  
to the George and Dragon, &  
was there apprehended.

Richard Glanvill - A Deputy from  
29 April Stockport, attended the  
Committee Meeting at Lancashire;  
under Lord Sidmouth appointed to go as a Deputy to  
Warrant Birmingham & the Petition  
to Chelmsford  
prob. for



11<sup>th</sup> Feby.  
Discharged for the purpose of ascertaining  
whether the people there  
would agree to the plan, &  
to remain there to act as  
one of the Provisional govern-  
ment. He was to provide  
himself with arms, so  
well as he could.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March received of  
Roberts £2 for his expenses  
there.

Joseph Healey, of Middleton, an active  
28 March zealous partizan - Attended  
apprehended. the Meeting at Chawston,

9 April  
Committed to Court with Wm in consequence  
of a Resolution that those who  
under hand  
signed the War had not been at the Meeting

11 P.M.: at Laneshires, should  
discharged. leave the room

James Leach - The Rockdale Deputy -  
was at Lanesboro; was  
28 March also at the Rose, but  
approached. . . . withdrawn when I asked <sup>the</sup>

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committed to the others left the room - 477  
Belvoir 477  
Col. under his at the George & Dragon,  
P. Simouth 28 March.  
Warren. and apprehended there.  
W. Hoo.  
Discharged.

Robert Pitkington - Was at the Meeting 3. March  
Apprehended in St. Peter's Street, where P. Peters St.  
3 May 1819 he opposed the proposition of  
committed going to London; he was  
under Lord Sidmouth also at the Meeting in the Bingley  
Hall to the evening of the same day, &  
Count of being dissuaded them from going  
11 P.M. to London as before. But  
discharged it appears by the conversation  
which he held on the - 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
that he only disapproved of  
the mode of having Meetings  
of Delegates; for that, in his  
opinion, the Business might  
have been done without it,  
and might still be done, if  
his plan and that of his  
Yorkshire Friends were  
adopted.



adopted. His Plan was  
that one man in every Town  
should correspond with the  
Town adjacent; and that  
such man should alone be  
entrusted with the time and  
method of exerting the People's  
rights; and should call his  
friends together an hour and  
a half before the time of rising;  
and that would be sufficient  
to restrain as many as would  
be able to accomplish the  
purpose.

These friends, when  
assembled, were to be sent  
by detachments to seize houses,  
farms, &c, Provisions &c<sup>rd</sup> and  
immediately to set to work  
different Advisers to make  
others and to force them to  
make certain guarantees per  
house, or pain of death; And  
in answer to an objection  
that this would not be feasible  
at

at such places where there  
were Military, after enquiring  
whether the Soldiers have their  
Arms with them on quarters,  
or their Arms were stored,  
he said that whether they were  
stored or not, they might easily  
be seized; for if eight or ten  
men were to go to each  
Soldier's Quarter, the Soldiers  
would easily be secured,  
altho' they had Arms; and if  
the Arms were in Store, they  
might be taken by attacking  
the Guard House.

His further plan was that after each Town had effected its purpose, it should be concentrated against New-  
haven and such places, & he thought the men would  
soon be ~~as well~~ disciplined as the  
soldiers; for their exposure  
to leisure would soon teach

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from the majority of Standard  
nation. He said that he  
should see some of his  
Yorkshire Friends soon; and  
their plans might then be  
improved upon; and that  
these plans might be effected  
in spite of all the restrictive  
measures of government;  
for what could such measures  
avail where the people  
were determined to be free.

He spoke of those having been a meeting of Delegates  
at Oldham, where the Standard  
had caused them to leave  
the house.

He sometimes preached at  
Oldham, and he has been  
with Joseph Mitchell twice.

He said that there were  
Annes based about Oldham  
Middleton, Ogston and  
Saddlersworth

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Saddlersworth since the  
Luddites Risen off, & that  
they had examined them  
closely and cleaned them up  
for the purpose of attacking  
Manchester if that plot had  
succeeded.

He gave written Recommen-  
dations signed by him  
and addressed to different  
friends at Ogston, Middle-  
ton &c.

The written Recommendation  
was in the following form.

"I believe that A. B. is an  
honest trader; and if you  
can, by your position and  
influence further his interest  
among your friends, you  
will much oblige"

Yrs.  
Robert Wilkinson

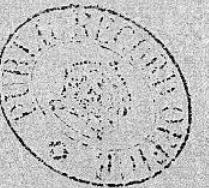
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"Mr John Hay - Bagstow  
 "John Hunt - Shadsworth  
 "John Ogden - Middleton  
 "Amos Do Do  
 "John Whitaker - Oldham  
 Joseph Bamson - Addleworth  
 Robert Neworth - Do  
 "Mr J Boyle - Oldenfield  
 "Mr Wadsworth - Birkenhead"

He also appears to have  
 been a delegate for Birkenhead.

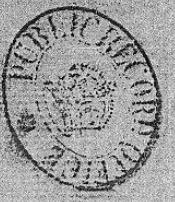


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Plan for  
Society for  
the Repeal  
of Slavery



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A summary of the proceedings which led to the meeting of the Black Peters at St. Peter's Manchester, holder on Friday the 10th of March 1777 for the alleged purpose of marching in a Body to London, to petition His Royal Highness the Prince Regent. —

As early as the month of December 1768. meetings were held at various places in the Town and neighbourhood of Manchester, for the ostensible purpose of forming a radical Reform in Parliament. — These meetings were numerously attended, and were held sometimes in the day time, but more often at night, and were in some instances

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called Hampden Clubs. The places at which they were held were generally Public Houses, and the people assembled themselves in the largest Room of the House, and nominated a person to take the chair - the chairman frequently proposed some political question for Debate, which was spoken to by the several masters who attended. Other more numerous meetings were held in the open air. The principal places of meeting were the Wellington at New Islington in the vicinity of Manchester, Bibby's Rooms, and St. Peter's Church yard in

Manchester

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Manchester. The principal masters of these meetings were John Baggsley, John Thurtell, William Brabon, Joseph Mitchell, Samuel Drummond, John Knight, Elijah Pinn, and William Redow, with some others who absconded. —

These meetings terminated in the meeting at St. Peters on Monday the 10th Day of March, where the people assembled from all quarters to the number of Six Thousand, and brought with them knapsacks and blankets, with a view of setting off for London, but were dispersed by the civil and military powers, and several of the Ring-leaders were apprehended. —

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Prisoner

John Baggaley - Pointed out the Treasury  
at Ranch and Oppression used by the  
overhanded corrupt Body of Brough-  
15<sup>th</sup> March - committed to New Manger, Macomber, and  
after fool and Bishop and said the King  
had Sidmouth's warrant. - or Prince right to be brought  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb. discharged to the Bar for the Crimes  
he had done". -

Date and  
Place of  
Meeting.

17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1816

Willington



Prisoner

Date & place

Loyalists were in Spilling it.  
Meeting.

John Baggaley - Said they have taken

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from you what you have  
laboured hard for, but it is 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1817  
is for you to stick close new Willington  
together and stretch forth  
your hands to fetch it back  
again". -

"Suggests the King is a 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Robber, and tells story of Lord Wellington  
a Bandit in Germany to  
prove it". -

"mentioned the Duke of Charles  
1<sup>st</sup> and said that they would 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
serve the Prince Regent the  
same way". -

"Requested them to be firm  
and resolute in the cause - 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1817.  
reminded them of the Blood Willington  
that had been spilt in  
Ireland, and how ready the  
Loyalists

stated that the law say  
... that if the King did  
not give an answer to the  
Petition within forty days  
he was liable to be seized  
and all his Family, and  
confined in a Prison till  
he gave an answer". -

John Baggaley - "Asked what Right a King  
has with 25,000, or a Prince 29<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
with 10,000 per week, who 10.  
could not write his Name till  
he got a Slip of Money". -

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Answers

Said, I suppose if they  
but listen to no petition  
we must kneel down and  
pray. —

"Indeavoured to prove from  
Magus Charta what he stated  
before respecting the figure 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb: 5  
of the King." blington. —

"Said you see petitions  
are vain, that rather than  
sit down with the insults W: Feb.  
we have received, I would  
lose the last drop of blood  
in my Body". Talked at  
a Book and said he  
held the Constitution in one  
hand and Death in the  
other. —

"Spoke of the Prince giving  
up to 50,000 a year, had  
had Camden with his Successor,  
but

Date & Place  
of Meeting. —

Answers

but we will not be satisfied  
with it, we want the Constitution  
and the whole of it. Now  
is the moment to come forward  
and it might be embraced,  
or they would be enslaved  
for ever &c. told them to  
come determined to save their  
rights at the risk of their  
lives. That men should be  
sent ten or twelve miles  
round Manchester, and if  
they could get from 3 to 400,  
000 men together they would  
be who dared oppose them.  
agreed that a Committee  
should sit that night, and  
a Meeting be held as a  
farewell Meeting on 25: —

John Baguley said the People were tools  
in the hands of those wicked  
and diabolical Robbers

and

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Peters

and Murderers of Minster,  
Luttrell and Lanning -

Referred to the Masses of  
Waterloo and said that  
they were still thirsting for  
more Blood. If the Police  
took them the People must  
demand them, and if they  
refused them the People must  
then take them by force -

Proposed a Public Meeting  
for Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at  
St. Peters at 12 o'clock, and  
that Deputies should be sent  
to Nottingham, Sheffield, and  
Birmingham, to inform them  
of it, and that it was deter-  
mined to send Deputies  
from the Towns from ten to  
fifteen Miles round Manchester  
to call Public Meetings, and  
then

Peter & Peter  
Meeting.

25. Feb. 1819  
Wellingtton -

Winnipeg

Peter and Peter  
Meeting.  
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then to march the People  
in a Body to Manchester &  
and if we get a Body  
of three thousand if we get  
a Body of 3 or 400,000  
together, who dare oppose  
us" Committee ordered to fit  
to appoint Delegates. -

John Daggally Report Plan for going to  
London - One man has each  
ten, another over each fifty,  
another over each hundred -  
to come on Monday with  
Knapbacks and as much  
provision as they could get -

John Daggally - Mounted a Cart - 10000  
People assembled, pointed at  
different Plans for conducting  
the March to London - Great  
Numbers had Knapbacks and  
Muskets - called on them not to  
be dismayed -

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Minutes

John Thustone  
9<sup>th</sup> March  
Apprehended  
15<sup>th</sup> 1808.

A Sailor formerly in Maidstone  
captured in London & later in my service.  
Opened the Meeting for  
radical Reform in Parliament

9 Dec. 1808

said if the people could unite  
in their cause  
and had  
in Christendom would not be able  
to disperse them - that he had  
been in company with an Officer  
who had been employed  
in dispersing the mob in London  
who said he was worn in the  
cause and would never hurt  
one of them.

said "apart your rights by  
Armadas and Beams training  
and if that will not do, insist 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1808  
upon having them declare you - in -  
will attain your object or die  
in the cause!"

said "They must pray, but  
their Prayers must be of  
that nature we will have 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
"it so."

said he must attend a  
Meeting at Middletown, where 31<sup>st</sup> Dec.  
now Sir J. B. Jefford  
was

Date & Place  
of  
Meeting

Persons

one but Deputies from the  
different counties were to  
attend. -

John Thustone

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said that the Monks will  
not hearken to our Petition  
but we will punish him  
by taking his head off as  
was done formerly by Charles 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 1607.

1<sup>st</sup> but why are away you at Hastings  
Meeting of  
himself from an odious and  
tyrannical Government hold up  
his head" -

said that Charles 1<sup>st</sup> lost his  
head for not doing as the People  
wished - that those times were 13<sup>th</sup> January  
like the present and that the  
same Event it was positively  
determined should happen again  
if the Petition which the People  
intended to present was not  
granted. -

said the success of his 17 Feb. news  
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that

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*Prairie*

that in Boston he had formed  
three Hampden Clubs, besides one  
at Hanley Green and another  
at Lanes End - that they were  
composed of some of the best  
Fellows in the Country. —

was appointed a Delegate to  
the County Meeting at Boston 20. Feb. 1774  
on 24<sup>th</sup> February. &  
Contracted with America with this,  
He was for a Republic  
and waited them to come  
forward to themselves  
Englishmen. -



The Johnston exhorted the people to be  
firm and determined, and  
if the speakers were taken <sup>3</sup>: March  
which is all probability they  
would be, not to be disengaged,  
but to come forward like  
men! —

pointed out the difficulty of  
marching to London, but that

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Pate & Hale

Prestons

Pete & Hale

if they could reach Birmingham  
they had nothing to fear, nothing  
but an enemy not from any thing  
else that night distract them. -  
apologized for not going to London  
as useful men would be wanted  
to give information at home -      C. March  
Told them he had some friends      Mr Highton.  
in the cause in his House for  
Yorkshire, and that they informed  
him there were 10,000 men  
ready in one Town, and that  
the whole Country was ripe  
and ready for any thing! -

Said his friends might come  
to consult him not more than 6 March  
two at a time - that if you & H. W.  
set off from Manchester in the following the  
way proposed, you will be pursued Garrett,  
by the Police and soldiers, and  
be an easy prey if you have  
nothing but your open hands. -  
If we could get as far as

Birmingham 0278

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Visitors

Date & Place  
Meeting

Birmingham the whole would  
be done - for I have no doubt  
you will be 100,000 strong  
and then it would be impo-  
sible to bring any thing to  
visit you". -

Date & Place  
of  
Glasgow were from that meeting.

had been tried for a

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Conspiracy about 4 years ago.

when in London attended a  
Spurious Meeting at the Cock in Foster St.

he the Chair, produced

lots of Evidence as to

Right to petition and have

arms to protect themselves

said I don't pretend to say 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 1819

what you want do with them New Houghton

Correction under

had committed to the gagging system

Warrant. - would be put in force, but

if I see rather than submit to the

ordered to be Tyrants' John let me die."

discharged,

but refused

to go to a forenoon meeting

to enter into 26 Feb. New

the Recognition to be held on 25. February. Houghton.

said the only thing that he agreed

to was going to London by

Guns, he would pay 20,000.

and I am ready to go

with you, and will lose

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every

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