

**Radical Banners, flags and objects displayed at a reform meeting at Halifax, 4 October 1819, compiled by Matthew Roberts**

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No.	Ownership/displayed by	Inscription, icons, symbols	Physical properties
1	Halifax Union Flag	'Hold to the Laws'; reverse 'Liberty and Justice' and a cap of liberty	flag
2	Ovenden	Cap of liberty	flags
3		'The Constitution, the whole Constitution, and nothing but the Constitution'	
4		'The immortal Memory of the Murdered Reformers at Manchester'	
5		'Thou shalt do no Murder'	
6		'We only want our Rights'	
7		'Corruption is falling'	
8		'Sick with cruel wounds'	
9		'Oh, my Poor Country'	
10	King Cross	Cap of liberty	
11		'Go call thy sons: instruct them what a debt they owe their ancestors'; reverse, a figure of Britannia, prostrate and weeping, motto 'Forget not St Peter's Field'	flag
12	Elland	Cap of liberty	
13		Man knows no Master save creating Heaven, and such as chance or common good obtain'	flag

14		Figure of a Yeomanryman, motto 'You have condemned and kill'd the just and they did not resist you'	
15		Female mourning under the Cyprus tree, motto 'Thou shalt do no murder'	
16		Full-length portrait of Mr Hunt, motto 'Hunt, the champion of liberty'; reverse, a figure of Justice, motto 'England expects every Man will do his duty'	
17	Luddenden	Cap of liberty	
18		'Liberty or Death'	Large black flag, edged with scarlet
19		'When he maketh inquisition for blood, at whose hands will he require it? Reverse 'Will not the Judge of all the earth do right'	A large Roman standard of black cloth
20		'From cruelty and oppression good Lord deliver us'	
21	Rastrick	A figure of Justice, motto 'Annual Parliaments, Universal Suffrage and Election by Ballot	
22		The character of a Freeborn Englishman, with a padlock on his mouth, his hands manacled, and a gallows in perspective; reverse 'Remember Peter-loo'	
23		'Oh, my poor Country'	
24		'Sick with cruel Wounds'	
25	Gauckliffe [?] Female Union Flag	A parent with her Child, which she holds affectionately by the hand, directing it to a scroll upon which is written 'The Rights of Women'; reverse 'a painting of a Cap of Liberty, surmounted with laurel, motto 'We are Women, but will not be trampled on'	flag
26	Greenland [sic. Greetland?]	Union Jack, motto 'People and the King'	
27	Sowerby	Cap of Liberty	

28		Real bundle of sticks, motto 'The more the cruel tyrants bind us,/The more united they shall find us./England expects every Man to do his Duty'	
29	Sowerby Bridge	A view of St. Peter's Field. Figure of one of the savage Manchester Yeomanry, sabreing a beautiful female with child in her arms, and trampling a bleeding man under the horses feet; reverse, a figure of justice, motto 'Universal Suffrage, Annual Parliaments and Election by Ballot	Flag
30		A real cabbage, appearantly [sic.] eat to the stalks by Caterpillars; meaning the Caterpillars of the state, surmounted by the words 'English Constitution; on the bare stalk the word 'Peace'.	
31		'Mourn for the Murdered'	Mottoes encircled in black crape
32		'Bring the Murderers to Justice'	
33		Bundle of sticks, motto 'Unite and bind fast'	
34	Lockwood	'From long Parliaments, and Placemen and unmerited Pensions; from bribery and corruption; from all prostitution of conscience; from tyranny and oppression – Good Lord deliver us'	Large flag
35	Stansfield	figure of Justice, motto 'Annual parliaments, universal suffrage, vote by ballot'	Flag
36	Brighouse	Cap of Liberty	
37		'Truth is fallen into the streets – equity cannot enter'; reverse 'Buy the truth and sell it not'	Flag
38		'Unite and be free'	Banner
39	North Ourum [Northowram]	'The voice of thy Brother's blood cryeth unto me from the ground'; reverse 'He that sheddeth man's blood, by Man shall his blood be shed'	Flag
40	Huddersfield	Surmounted by Cap of Liberty – motto 'Universal, civil and religious Liberty'; reverse 'Cursed be he that sheddeth innocent blood'	Large flag
41		Large bundle of sticks, motto 'Unity'	

42		Large bough of weeping willow, interspersed with black crape	
43		'Sleep no more – Manchester hath murdered sleep'	Black flag
44	Stainland	'No Corn or Wools Bills'; reverse 'Justice'	
45		Lion rampant, motto 'The Lion is roused to a sense of his danger'; reverse 'Rise, Britons, and assert your Rights'	
46	South Arm?	Delver's Flag – a large leather apron, upon which is painted the figure of a man weighed to the ground by a heavy stone; motto 'We groan beneath our burthen'; reverse 'We hope for Justice'	Flag
47	Dalton	'Hunt, the Champion of Liberty'; reverse 'Taxation without representation is tyranny'	Flag
48	Warley	'Liberty, the Englishman's birthright', encircled in a star; reverse 'Truth conquers,/Tax upon tax we cannot endure,/A Radical Reform is the only cure'	Flag
49	Lindley	'With heartfelt grief we mourn for those/Who fell as Martyrs in our cause'; reverse 'While we with execration view,/The bloody fiends of Peterloo'	Large yellow flag
50		Figure of Justice resting upon a sword, motto 'What mean ye that ye beat my people, and grind the face of the Poor, saith the Lord God of Hosts'; reverse 'Hunt and Liberty'	White flag, edged with black fringe
51		Among the six things that the Lord hateth, the hands that shed innocent blood is one;	Black banner
52	Promiscuous flags(!)	'Resurgam, August 16 <sup>th</sup> 1819'; reverse "Heaven grant us Liberty'	Black flag
53		'Put not thy trust in Princes'; reverse 'Hunt, the Honest friend of the People'	Scarlet flag
54		Caricature of Geo. Canning dressed as an Harlequin, turning a summerset, motto 'Geo. Canning, Representative of the Merchants and Bankers of Liverpool'; reverse 'No Slave Trade, nor Mock Representation'	Banner
55		'Liberty of the press'	Banner

56		'Remember Poor Ireland'; reverse 'Catholic Emancipation'	Flag
57		'All in a mind', 'Radical Reform'; reverse 'A long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull together'	Flag
58		'Attend the County Meeting', 'Remember the Manchester Murders'	Banner
59		The head of a very large mop, underneath was written 'A Receipt in full for the Boroughmongers Debt, commonly called "National"'	