

Transcript of Copy of letter from T. Smithies Taylor to the Home Office

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"I absolutely deny that I in any way assaulted the Police nor was I ever asked by the police nor by anyone else to move on. On the contrary without warning a constable in uniform seized me by the right arm and violently twisted it. I believe it was this constable who conducted me to the police station. When charged I protested to the Inspector that his charges were untrue. He remarked that I must bring this question before the magistrate"

I desire to know if the Home Office will give me the name and number of this constable with a view to an action for assault and false imprisonment? Or alternatively what the Home Office propose to do before a question is raised in the House of Commons? The prisoner is a friend of mine and as an Englishman I cannot propose to quietly tolerate such an injustice without strong protest



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