

## THE SHEFFIELD IRIS 1794-1796.

8. 'Lines on the Transportation of Mr. Palmer & Mr Muir to Botany Bay', *The Iris*, Issue 43, 24/04/1795

Said Thomas, who in social chat,  
 With other politicians sat,  
 'Since by all parties 'tis agreed,  
 That of reform we're much in need,  
 Nay, that the nation falls without,  
 Why do our statesmen keep a rout?  
 'Gainst those who strive to gain the *prize*,  
 Which all men view with longing eyes?  
 To me, who've heard it much discuss'd,  
 The matter really seems unjust,  
 That those who toil for reformation,  
 As coupled with the state's salvation,  
 Should from their relatives and home  
 Be sent o'er distant seas to roam;  
 I rather think that pension'd knaves,  
 Placemen, and all the venal slaves,  
 That throng the purlieus of a court,  
 Of boist'rous winds and waves the sport,  
 Far from the land on which they prey,  
 Should seek a fitter in *Thieve bay*.'

    'Why Tom what whim has seiz'd thy brain,  
 That cause, my friend, is very plain,  
 Many will preach reform, 'tis true,  
 But yet us real friends are few;  
 Of such we wisely rid the notion,  
 By ordering them for transportation;  
 And this effect makes no greater pother,  
 The vessel's small, expence not heavy,  
 But if we wish'd to send the other,  
*Gadzooks where shall we find a navy?*'

Anon.

