

COINING AT MIRFIELD.

WM. JONES (42), baker, and SARAH DRISCOLL (39), hawker, were indicted for having in their possession a machine for the purpose of making counterfeit coin.—Mr. WEST appeared on behalf of the Mint; the prisoners were not defended.—On the 30th of August the male prisoner put off a bad shilling in payment for a glass of ale to Mrs. Crossley, of the Victoria Inn, Mirfield Moor. Her husband discovering the fraud, pursued and overtook the prisoner and took him into custody. He was placed in a cart and on his way to the inn, he attempted, in a spirit of cowardice, to throw the blame upon the woman with whom he had cohabited. A policeman, who had come to the assistance of Crossley, saw the prisoner fumbling with something, which turned out to be a ticket for goods left at the Leeds Railway station; and on the officer going to the parcels office, he found a hawker's basket, which had been left by both the prisoners, on the 24th of August, and contained two galvanic batteries, and the whole apparatus of coining. The prisoner also on the 30th August paid three bad shillings to different parties, one at the Three Nuns Inn, Mirfield Moor, another at the White Cross Inn, Bradley, and the third at a shop in the same locality. When he found himself in custody, Jones offered Crossley 5s. 11d. if he would forgive him, and he subsequently produced good coins, in all £1, except one penny, which he said he would give the policeman to let him go. There was also an indictment for uttering counterfeit coin, to which the prisoner pleaded *guilty*. Driscoll was *acquitted*. Jones was sentenced to *seven years' penal servitude*.