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The Cato Street Conspiracy, 1820: A Terrorist Study

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George Scharf,
Arthur Thistlewood
(1817)



ARTHUR THISTLEWOOD



1976

1820



Drawn by B. King. 1820. Lithography

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Printed by E. Mafer 4 Greenland Place Crumey St.



Then & Now



W. H. BOND... NEGAT... 25 FEB 1820


Printed by F. Meyer, 4, Greenland Place, Cromer St.

Price 1/6 plain - 2/6 colored

(No. 2.)

CATO STREET CONSPIRACY.

INTERIOR VIEW of the HAY-LOFT where Thistlewood & the Conspirators assembled to assassinate His Majesty's Ministers on the night of Wednesday the 23rd of Feby. 1820.



Home-made pike heads
In Treasury Solicitor's Papers

Fire Ball - 20

Take 2^{oz} Rosin

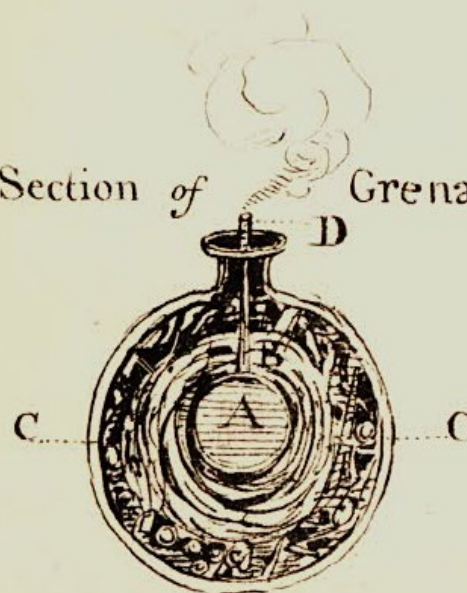
2^{oz} Mutton suet

2^{oz} Horse Turpentine

Melt together and
when beginning to cool
add 2^{oz} powdered salt
petre. make it into
a ball with a fusee
fixed in from the centre
composed of brown paper
smeared over with the
above ingredients
without the salt petre
rolled up & firmly
fixed into the ball



Section of Grenade



A. Cylindrical tin box containing 2 Oz of Gunpow^r

B. Rickd Tow.

C. Bullets. Old Nails. Spikes, Pieces of Iron,
and Broken Files.

D. Tin Tube or Fusee filled with damp powder.

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Britons to Arms!
Break open all Gun & Sword Shops
Pawnbrokers or other likely places
to find Arms. Run all Gunstables
thro' who touch a Man of us. - No
rise of Bread &c! No Eastereaght
Off with his head! No National
Debt! The whole Country waits
the signal from London to fly
to Arms. - Stand firm now
or never! N.B. Printed Bills con-
taining farther Directions will be circu-
lated as soon as possible

1 A 2 B 3 C 4 D 5 E 6 F
 BN EA JT UU SR TE

place the strips in the order of the above
 letters, which are (Be just - nature) - I
 shall send the remainder to morrow

G. E. July 29 1820



BN	EA	JT	UU	SR	TE
Brave	Soldiers,	the	Tyrants	are	no
more!	make	common	cause	with	the
people	?				
Think	of	your	fathers	mothers	and
friends	be	just	to the	miseries	they
have	long	endured!	be just	to your	selves!
Be	brave	and	be	free!	!!!
Join	the	people;	to be	the	freest
nation	on	earth	then	you	will
be the	most	prosperous	and	happy	
with	for	in	struct	ions	from
the	Provision	Governme	it is	engaged	is
projecting	al	nt			
Your	measures	forward	you &	for you	services
the	condition	will be	made	happy.	Obey
brave	provis	ional	decrees	. you	are
of man.	be just	to your	Counts	wrongs.	Fast
	Justice	demands	ies	of the	Rights
	of man.	great	protection	is your	Rig'ht



44 Grosvenor
Square in 1874



George Cruikshank
1819



George Cruikshank, published 9 March 1820



Printed March 9th 1820 by
G. Humphrey, No. 27 -
15 James Street -
London.

The CATO STREET CONSPIRATORS. on the Memorable Night of the 23^d of Feb^r 1820, at the moment when Smibblers the Police Officer was stabbed; NB The Scene faithfully represented from the Description of Mr. Ruthven, The View of the Interior correctly Sketched on the Spot

S. Cruikshank fecit

George or Robert Cruikshank, *A May Day Garland for 1820* (Fores, Piccadilly) ('May 1820')





ARTHUR THISTLEWOOD.

*Engraved by M^r Cooper, from a Drawing taken by M^r Wivell,
in the Sessions House, on the Day Sentence of Death was passed.*

By Abraham Wivell

'on the day sentence
of death was passed'.



A. Arthur Thistlewood
 E. James Ings
 C. John Thomas Brunt
 D. William Davidson

THE EXECUTION OF THISTLEWOOD, INGS, BRUNT, DAVIDSON, AND TIDD for High TREASON
 in Forming of a Plot to assassinate his Majesty's Ministers whilst at a cabinet Dinner they were Executed on Monday May 4 1790
 in Front of Newgate and after hanging half an hour they were cut down and their heads sever'd from their Bodies and held up and proclaimed the head of a bullock

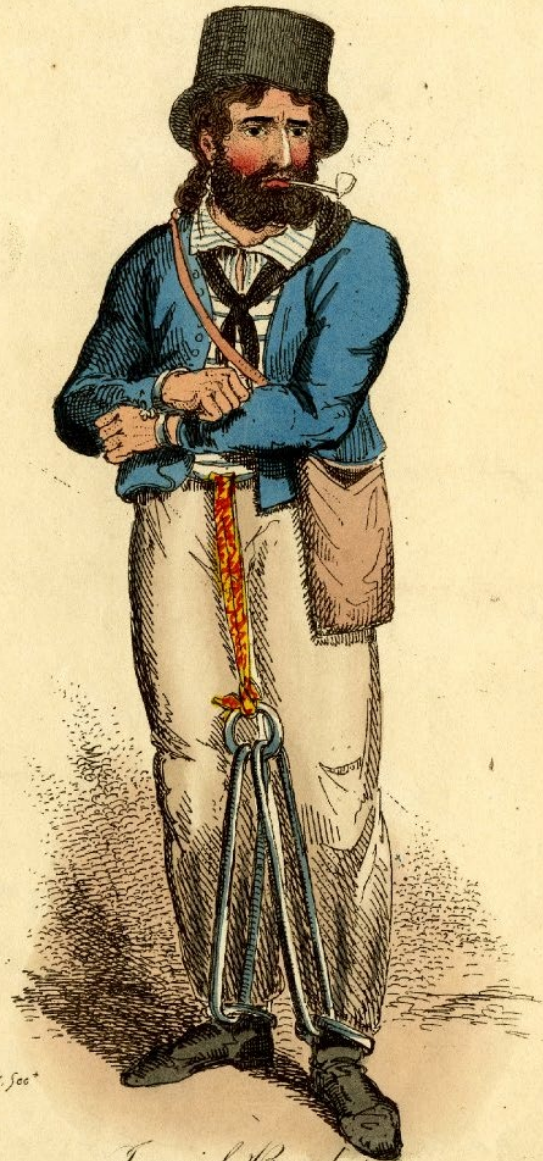
E. Richard Todd
 F. the Executioner
 G. the Man Cutting of the heads
 H. the Horse Soldiers

Published May 6 1790 by G. Thompson N^o 22 Long Lane West. Smithfield.

This is the Head of Arthur Thistlewood the Traitor.



Awful Execution of the Conspirators.



Jeremiah Brandreth
THE NOTTINGHAM CAPTAIN
a correct likeness C Ward
Derby, Published Dec 21, 1847.

By my Brother Robert & self
Ed Crickshank



JEREMIAH BRANDRETH.

Beheaded for High Treason at Derby.

G. Cruikshank

Loyal
Addresses
&
Radical
Petitions

4 Dec. 1819

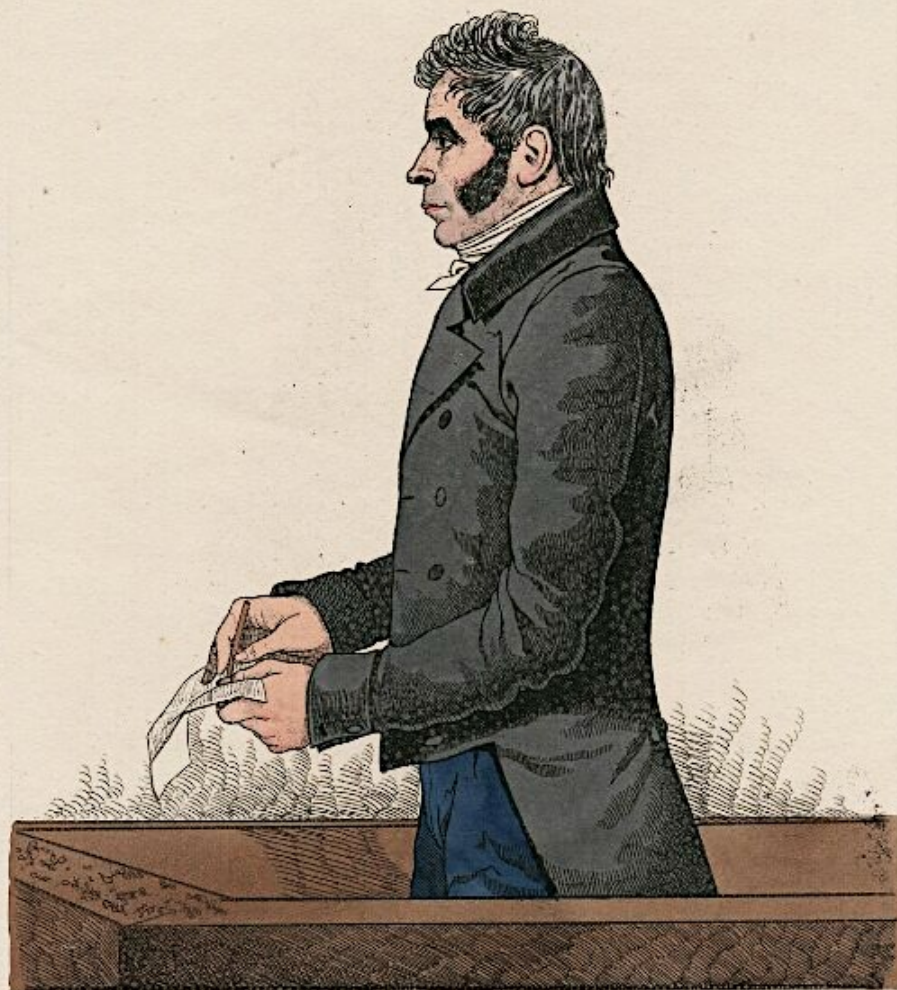


Loyal Addresses & Radical Petitions, or the R—ts most gracious answer to both sides of the question at once

Richard
Dighton

*Arthur
Thistlewood*

1820



Drawn Etch Pub'd by Rich Dighton 1820.

ARTHUR THISTLEWOOD
taken at the **OLD BAILEY**
Monday April 17 1820.



William Davidson.

Cabinet Maker.

Drawn from the life by A. Wivell.

Published by Sherwood, Neeley & Jones, Paternoster Row, 1820.



RICHARD TIDD.



THOMAS BRUNT.

London, Published by Tho^o Kelly, 17, Paternoster Row, May 2 1820.



James Ings.

Butcher.

Author of the Conspiracy

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Drawn from the Life & Pub. by A. Wivell, 105, G. Finchfield Str. London, April 25. 1820.



ARTHUR THISTLEWOOD.

London Published by T. Kelly, Paternoster-Row, April 20. 1820.

if my life is destroyed in this conspiracy I shall
consider I have a Murdered man the reason
I was not the Inventor of the conspiracy I
should never know the party of Mr Edward
had come to my house & I got a quarrel
with me & it was thrown at him I was drawn
a one side in my distress I am fortunate
situation because I could not keep my
Wife & children

James G. [Signature]

tho in Newgate Close Confined
No fears Alarm the noble mind
tho Death itself Appears in View
Vaunts not the soul Sincerely true

Let I And his Base Colleague
Cajole And Plot their Dark intrigues
Still Each Bitter Last words Shall be

But I Have a very Bad Hand at Righting. Richard Tidd

Thou shalt not Oppress a Stranger in a
Strange Land
Thou shalt not Pervert the Judgement
of a Stranger. W Davidson

Oh! what a mine of mischief is a statesman!
ye friars, whistlers and ye teachious rooks,
ye ministers of death, devouring fire,
Convulsive earthquake, and plague tainted air,
all you are merciful and mild to him.

Arthur Shuttlewood
Newgate 27th April 1
1820.

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RICHARD TIDD.



GÉRICAULT

Le supplice, 1820-1824'

(the 'torment' or 'agony')

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Goya, *The Third of May 1808* (1814)





Le Supplice

Yriault (Ch.)
N. 140. du Catalogue de M. Clement.