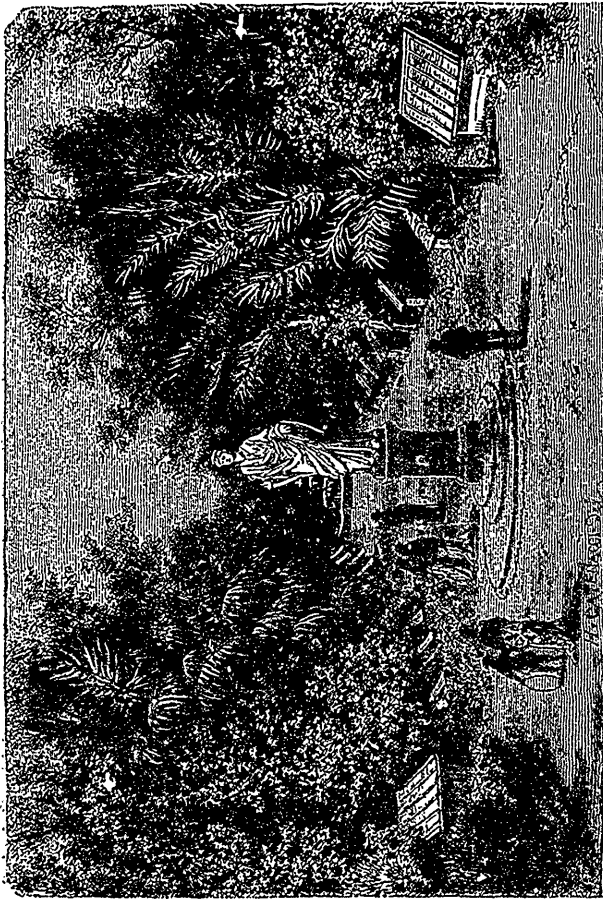


Botany Bay was once esteemed the most promising port and the chief settlement of the Southern World. So when it was proposed to send convicts across the seas, Botany Bay was their supposed port of destination; and to be "sent to Botany Bay," soon came to be synonymous with the severest punishment



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short of death. Thus with the fragrant title, suggestive of varied flowers and healing herbs, came to be associated the idea of all that was basest and most hopeless in European crime. Yet Botany Bay never was a convict station: for, though the first detachment landed there, the place was soon found to be unsuitable, and almost immediately the whole expedition shifted its quarters to Sydney Cove—now honourably known as the "Circular Quay"—in the wonderful harbour.