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Enemy trade in Cotton goods

Send further letter to Calico Printers Assocn
inquiring as to Dutch tradit methods of
Calico printing. Also whether info desired can
be given.

W. J. Thompson W. Bottomley

I think you can only say that
our info as to roller printing was
obtained from a report by a Customs
Officer in E. Africa, who appears to
have got his info from various
merchants with the trade. [3276].

- It was probably from Houston & Clarke,
but as we carried Houston then so
much about the Dutch trade before
I don't whether we should volunteer their
name.

W.C.S. 24.3.17

I think we might
send copy of this letter
from the Association &

Copy for Prof. C. G. Mason
to Mr. Tugwell privately. 3 April 17
Examiner's copy (as 31 Aug 17) &c

Next subsequent Paper.

Prof. C. G. Mason
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of my two letters to Mr
Nugent to the gov for
sons.

It is quite likely that the
local people may be able to
give us some help. Meanwhile
if you agree I will tell
Mr Nugent what we are doing.

6. 26/3/17.

W. 26. 3. 17 at home

Remaind^{by} Egg: at camp

W. 30. 8. 17 at home

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FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

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REGENT 2040.
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INDUSTRY, ST. JAMES, LONDON.

R. T. NUGENT
DIRECTOR

39 ST JAMES'S STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1

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22nd. March, 1917.

Dear Tennyson,

I send you herewith copy of further letter from the Calico Printers' Association. Do you think you can give them the information they want? I am also asking the Foreign Trade Department if they have anything, or would be willing to get a report from Holland. The Calico Printers seem to be inclined to sit up and take notice, so it would be well to encourage them I think. I am afraid we shall find, however, that the trouble, as in so many cases, is the cheap Dutch labour.

It has been suggested to me that it is possible that the Dutch use a double process, printing some of their colours off a roller and filling in the rest of the patterns by one or more block printings; this is done, I know, in a certain number of so called hand-printed wall papers, and it is, I believe, technically possible to apply the same process to calico.

Yours faithfully,

Director.

Encl: Copy of letter from the Calico Printers' Association of 6/3/17.
Chas. B.L. Tennyson, Esq., C.M.G.,
Colonial Office,
Downing Street, S.W. 1.

Copy.

THE CALICO PRINTERS' ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

St. James's Buildings,
Oxford Street,
MANCHESTER.

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WH/MAP.

6th. March, 1917.

R. T. Nugent, Esq.,
Federation of British Industries,
39, St. James's Street,
London, S.W.

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23 MAR 17

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your favour of 27th. February enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. Tennyson re trade in British East Africa, we agree with the statements in that letter, all of which are perfectly true.

We have heard of the Dutch using wooden rollers for printing but not in the styles sent to East Africa. Our information, however has mostly been to the effect that they print with wooden blocks, that is to say, hand printing. We believe that the rate of wages for this work in Holland has been extremely low, and this has made it impossible for us to compete to any large extent in the Block trade.

We are anxious to increase our trade in Block Printing and at the present time we are doing all we can to get hold of all the trade that is put before us. We do not sell directly in the market and so depend entirely on the orders brought to us by the Export Houses in Manchester, London and Liverpool.

If you are able to give us any fuller information as to the Dutch trade, and particularly as to whether this printing is actually done on wooden rollers, we shall esteem it a favour.

Yours faithfully,
F. HEWIT, Director.

(3. 94.)

20th. March, 1917.

Since writing the above letter and before sending it on we made a number of enquiries in the hope of ascertaining what is referred to but we have been unable to get any information at all about wooden roller printing in Holland.

We have sent, under separate cover, samples of Dutch Printing and shall be glad if you will kindly return same when you have finished with them.

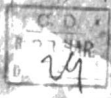
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To 29 March 1917

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Sir,

I have the honour to

transmit to you the acc. copies of
corres ~~with~~ between the Director of
the Federation of British Industries
and Mr. ~~W. H.~~ Tansy ~~of~~
of the Colonial Office, regarding
trade with East Africa in
calico prints.

2 I shall be glad to

receive your observations on this
correspondence. In best wishes
I am, Sir, very truly,
Yours faithfully,
The Secretary

DRAFT

EAP
to Capt
Gen Belfield
MINUTE.

Mr. Jowell 28/3/17
Mr. Bottomley 28/3/17

- Mr. Grindle
- Mr. Lambert
- Mr. Read
- Sir G. Fildes
- Mr. Steel-Maitland
- Mr. Long

26 Jan (327/1/17)
 Mr. Nugent 26 Jan 1917 (327/1/17)
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