

Draft Letter.

to Mr. Phillips.

Dear Sir.

May I introduce myself as the Weaving and Preparatory Manager of Messrs Rice & Co. Ltd Croft Mills CHORLEY.

You will probably remember me as the man chosen to reorganise Messrs Joseph Holt & Sons, Farnworth, some five or six years ago.

On thursday ~~April~~ Mch 29 1934 we received intimation that the Mill was to close on June 30 1934, also formal notice was given to staff as to termination of service.

Since that time, I have been endeavouring, along with the Staff and Workpeople to organise a Scheme for acquiring the Mills.

Indication seems to point that these Mills will suffer a similar fate to those of Helts & Middleton.

We at CHORLEY, knowing our ability, as producers of cotton cloths are leathe to accept such an ignominious ending to the business we have helped to make. I, on my part have numerous inventions attached to the looms and machinery in general, you will appreciate my feelings if same are to pass out of my control.

Further it would be a great catastrophe to scatter to the four winds such as excellent combination of Workpeople.

I should be glad if your goodself could arrange an interview for me with Lt. Col. Beddington at an early date, either in London or Manchester, the object being purely conditions of sale of Mills.

Believe me..

*Yours sincerely Frank Sellers.*