



Home Office,
Whitehall,
S.W. 1.

16th May, 1934.

Dear Mr. Salles,

I am afraid I have bad news for you. I have seen both Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., M.P., one of the most important directors of Unilever Limited, and also Colonel Beddington, the Chairman of the United Africa Company Limited.

Unless some more attractive proposition is forthcoming from yourself I do not think there is the slightest prospect of Croft Mill being kept open. I did my best to influence both these gentlemen, but the financial situation is such as to compel them to cease manufacturing the goods which you make, and which are no longer saleable in the West African market owing to the lack of purchasing power of the native population in that part of the world.

I cannot tell you how much I regret having to write this letter, but I fear that it is quite hopeless for me to continue to make use of whatever influence I might possess.

G.R.

I return herewith the various letters which you
left with me when you came to see me in the House of
Commons on Monday.

*I am
Dyke H. Hackney*

Frank Sellers, Esq.