

**CALLICO**, in commerce, a sort of cloth resembling linens made of cotton. The name is taken from that of **CALICUT**, the first place at which the Portuguese landed when they discovered the India trade. The Spaniards still call it *callicu*. Callicoes are of different kinds, plain, printed, painted, stained, dyed, chintz, muslins, and the like, all included under the general denomination of *callicoes*. Some of them are painted with various flowers of different colours: others are not stained, but have a stripe of gold and silver quite through the piece, and at each end is fixed a tiffue of gold, silver, and silk, intermixed with flowers. The printing of callicoes was first set on foot in London about 1676, and have long been a most important article of commerce.