CALLICOE, in Manufactures, a species of cotton cloth, originally imported from the East Indies, from the kingdom of Calicut, on the coast of Malabar, whence the name Callicoe is derived.

The term is now generally applied to cotton cloths of English manufacture, and comprehends many varieties of fineness and texture. English calicoes were first manufactured at Blackburn in Lancashire, about 30 years ago, and have since become one of the leading articles of national industry, affording employment in the various details of spinning, weaving, bleaching, dyeing, &c. to a considerable portion of the population of that county. See Cotton Manufactures.