

THE NATIONAL PRINTING HERITAGE TRUST OF ENGLAND

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Extracts from Dr Nuttall's letter of 31 July 2002

".....I am sure (the Trustees) would be unanimous in supporting your appeal for storage of your collection.

"Both I and the Trust's former Chairman, Mr Michael Passmore, have had the privilege of visiting your museum.....It was obvious that this valuable collection, especially of machines and other artifacts which are now almost impossible to find...should be properly housed and displayed.

"(The NPHT are) aware that there is an international problem regarding the way in which printing is regarded by museum authorities.

"Yet, when Liverpool had a working museum of printing.....it was probably the most popular exhibit, with both young and old members of the public watching the printing processes with fascination.

"Your intention of reconstructing a large newspaper office is to be commended."

And in a separate, private letter, Dr Nuttall continues :

"Having seen this collection four years ago, I was amazed at the extent of your collection and the fact that you had preserved many items which cannot be found elsewhere....It really is a valuable collection - **of international importance** - which ought not just be put in storage, but should be housed and displayed."