

Calcutta, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1871.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> E. J. Du Pont de Nemours & Co<sup>y</sup>,  
Wilmington.

Dear Sirs,

We last addressed you on the 22<sup>d</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>, and have since received none of your favors.

We have now to advise the engagement of tonnage for your April Shipment of Saltpetre, 100 Tons, in the "Glenduror" (iron), 995 Tons for New York at \$10 p<sup>r</sup> Ton. The "Glenduror" left Bombay on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>, and may be expected to arrive here in a week or ten days.

The Saltpetre Market is again easier, altho' there has been a moderate demand for both England and America. The price of 5% refraction may be quoted at Rs. 6/14 @ Rs. 7 - p<sup>r</sup> Md, but the tendency appears to be still to lower rates, notwithstanding the very unsatisfactory condition of affairs in France.

Freights continue firm, and the "British Empire" (iron) 1499 Tons now here, has been chartered at \$14 p<sup>r</sup> Ton, whilst the "Florence" a small iron ship on her way from Bombay has obtained \$14 1/4 p<sup>r</sup> Ton, — both for New York.

Exchange on London has again declined  
and closes at  $1\frac{1}{11}\frac{1}{2}$  for first class paper.

We remain,

Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Ashburner & Co

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R. 4 May

R. 14 May