

Calcutta, 8th Nov^r, 1841.

Messrs E. I. Du Pont de Nemours & Co;

Wilmington.

Dear Sirs,

We last addressed you on the 1st Inst^d, and have since received your letter of 18th Sept^r informing us, that in view of the greatly reduced consumption of Saltpetre, you found it necessary to curtail your orders, and instructing us to discontinue shipments after receipt of your letter, and not to recommence again until February, when we are to ship 100 Tons every alternate month, i.e. in February, April, June &c. —

As we had not actually secured tonnage for your November shipment, we at once broke off our negotiations, and shall send you nothing until February next, unless you should meantime modify your above instructions.

Saltpetre has been in active demand

for England, and prices have advanced further.
The price of 5% refraction is now quoted $\text{R}^{\circ} 8/5$.
@ $\text{R}^{\circ} 8/6$ $\text{P}^{\circ} \text{M}^{\circ}$. —

Freights are also again higher. The "Naturalist"
(iron) 1165 Tons has been chartered for New York at
 $\$13\frac{1}{4}$ $\text{P}^{\circ} \text{Ton}$, and iron ships are now demanding
higher rates. —

Exchange on London has advanced to
 $2\frac{8}{16}$ $\text{P}^{\circ} \text{R}^{\circ}$ and is still tending upwards. —

We remain, Dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Ashburner