

Calcutta 1<sup>st</sup> September 1862

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

Dear Sirs,

Since writing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> we have received your letter of 12<sup>th</sup> July and its contents have our attention.

The Saltpetre, the purchase of which we advised in our last letter, has turned out a little lower than we expected, and refracts fully 6 1/2 Cent. As there is none of better quality in the market at present, we have taken delivery of our purchases, with a deduction in the price to cover the difference in quality. We may mention that moisture forms a large portion of the refraction, which is owing to the very damp weather prevailing at this season; the Saltpetre therefore is nearly as good as the best parcels we have shipped recently. -

We remain,

Dear Sirs

Your Obedient Serv<sup>ts</sup>

Ashburner





*2 Via Bombay  
Marseilles -*

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Wilmington  
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*PAID  
16 CENTS*

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Cuthbertson & Co  
No 13  
Bachelors*