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"DEVELOPMENTS." HELENA, May 9th, 1867. EDITOR POST—Sir: I have just seen your notice of me in the Post, of May 7th, as Auditor of the Territory, and am satisfied that you must have been misinformed, or you have never read the law, as you would have seen that the Auditor can issue "no warrants without express provisions of the law." When Mr. Snider called upon me to issue warrants for keeping Territorial prisoners, I told him I believed it to be a debt justly due him from the Territory, and would give him a certificate to that effect, as the law provides, and if he could show me any law authorizing it, I would take pleasure in issuing a warrant for the amount. Mr. Snider himself admitted that there was no law authorizing it. "It is utterly absurd and passing strange" upon what ground he can "insist," yet he does so.

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posed to make an endeavor to have it paid out of the money appropriated for erecting a picket line. Though for what purpose I could not conceive, he asked me to say nothing about it. The ensuing paper he came out in a twelve line local vapoery as a Russian bath, supposed to be on that subject. I assure Mr. Ming I have no desire to obtain a dollar from him except that to which I am legally entitled, but that I will have, and have but little doubt the Territorial Auditor will soon "take pleasure in issuing the warrants for it." Thanking you for permission to make this statement, I am Respectfully yours, A. J. SNIDER. VIRGINIA, May 13, 1867.

Having a desire to see the facts in the above case presented, we have given each of the gentlemen the space they required. In the first *billet doux*, Mr. Ming, probably unintentionally, substituted "insist" for "refuse" and "debt" for "expense." He is mistaken in thinking there was any purpose on our part to do him injustice. As to waiting until our remarks are "solicited" on matters of public interest, it is a new theory, the propriety of which is very questionable, and which is not generally adopted by the press. We took the view which Mr. Ming avows, that "it was a debt justly due from the Territory." The bogus legislatures did pass an act containing a clause somewhat similar to that which he quotes. We were informed that warrants had been issued to other parties, and supposing it was under the provisions of the Bannack Statutes, therefore could not see on what grounds this could be refused. Our allusions to the "financial dodge" are explained by Mr. Snider. We had not previously been informed who the party was to whom reference was made. If it is proposed to continue this correspondence we must insist that the facts do not require the use of such words as "base liar" etc., for these columns, but the parties are at equal liberty to publish another Book of Revelations. We still "await with interest the developments."

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that he finds a pass from Fort Elizabeth Meagher north to the Bridger road, by which the latter can be reached over a good road in perhaps less than ten miles. However, no greater work on that pass will be necessary than a strong picket fort. I accompanied Colonel De Lacy in this examination, and most heartily concur in his view that a picket fort will afford entire security. In fact, with the small force I have, any other disposition of them would be to render the whole useless. To-morrow, Colonel De Lacy and myself go to Flat Head pass to see what we can best do to prevent invasion from that quarter. I have the honor to be your obedient servant, THOS. THOROUGHMAN, Major-General Commanding.

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