

Executive Department, Colorado Territory:

Secretary's Office,

Denver, September 25th 1861

Hon Salmon P. Chase

Secretary of The Treasury

Washington D.C.

Sir:

Permit me to encroach sufficiently upon your time, to bring before you certain facts which gravely affect the proper administration of Government here and upon which I conceive it to be highly important that your personal opinion should be had, that by it all difficulty may be quelled in the present and avoided in the future.

On the 8th day of July last, I addressed an official communication to the First Comptroller of the Treasury Department, in which I requested to be furnished with any information, thought best, relative to the disposition of the Public Printing in this Territory, adding that I made the request in consequence of the well known difficulties which had herebefore arisen in the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, mainly upon the question in whose hands the disposition of the Public Printing lay; whether in the hands of the Territorial Secretary, who as the Agent and officer of the Federal Government

and some members of his cabinet, that I would not be sustained in my course but that the public printing would by special instructions to me, be either wholly given to him or divided between the two parties. Either of these courses would, at any rate, & especially since the matter has assumed its present complexion be in my opinion very detrimental to the public interests. I earnestly beg your attention to this subject and if consistent with your views, a statement of your concurrence in and approbation of my course.

I entreat your pardon for having thus forced upon your notice a matter which may appear trivial, but I assure you sir it is a question vital to the importance and effectiveness of the Federal rule in this Territory.

I have the honor to be

With profound respect

Your Obt. Servt.

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Secretary Colorado Territory