

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

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NEW YORK.

Feb. 17th, 1893.

James J. Hill, Esq.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

I wired you yesterday in regard to the Hendryx matter.

I had a call from Dr. Ledoux, and he stated that he had seen Hendryx here in New York within a day or two, and that he (Hendryx) gave him to understand that you were about to advance a sum of \$200,000. to help Mr. Hendryx develop certain Kootenai mines.

Dr. Ledoux supposes that these are the mines which he examined last year, at your request, and that possibly you might contemplate action on the strength of his report, which merely covered the character of the mines. He states that his information leads him to believe that the title to the mines is very much mixed up, and that it might be unsafe to make any advances in the present position of affairs. He intimated that there were matters in dispute between Mr. Hendryx, Mr. Franklin Farrell and another party.

Yours very truly
Wm. C. Nichols