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Company by J. Whitehead the Clerk of the Court of Chancery by deed dated October 4th 1834 Recorded in the County Court of Norfolk and which piece of Land the said Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company afterwards to wit by deed dated 20th 1837 duly Recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County sold and conveyed as for simple to the trustees of Portsmouth, as will more fully and at large appear by the Records of the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County aforesaid. And Whereas the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company did by deed dated the 14th day of October 1837 make pursuant to the said act of April 8 1837 and Recorded in the County Court of Halifax in the State of North Carolina grant bargain sell and convey by way of Mortgage upon the terms stipulations and conditions therein mentioned to the President and Directors of the Board of public Works as trustees of the Wilson toll bridge in the State of North Carolina belonging to the said Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company as will more fully and at large appear by reference to the said deed. And Whereas by an act passed by the General Assembly of Virginia on the 21st day of February 1846 entitled an act directing the Board of public Works to sell the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road and incorporating the purchasers thereof by the name of the said Board and Portsmouth Rail Road and it was by the first section provided that so soon as the stockholders of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company or a majority thereof in any general meeting or special meeting convened for that purpose shall give their assent to a sale of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road under the Mortgage and on the terms and conditions thereof set forth the President and Directors of the Board of public Works shall sell all the estate property and effects of every nature and kind whatsoever and wherever situated or being embraced by the Mortgage executed by the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company to the President and Directors of the Board of public Works aforesaid the first dated the 4th day of May 1838 Recorded in the Clerk's Office of Norfolk County Court and the second dated the 14th day of October 1837 Recorded in the County Court of Halifax in the State of North Carolina together with all the franchises rights privileges and emoluments belonging or appertaining to the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company as well in Virginia as in North Carolina upon the following terms to wit public auction before the Court house of Norfolk County in the County of Portsmouth aforesaid thirty days notice of the time and place by advertisement in such newspaper as the President and Directors of the Board of public Works might select the purchasers to give bond with approved security to the President and Directors of the Board of public Works for the proceeds payable in six equal annual instalments the purchasers to take by the purchase should become a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company and should hold use enjoy and occupy the Road and all the other property and effects of every nature and kind as aforesaid of the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company with all the franchises rights privileges and emoluments to and conferred upon it at any time thereafter by the State and the State of North Carolina in as ample a manner as the Legislature of this State can transfer them subject in all respects and in every thing to all the duties regulations and provisions required required prescribed and imposed by any Law or Laws then in force respecting the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company and subject to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly entitled an act prescribing certain general regulations for the incorporation of the said Rail Road Company passed March 11th 1837 the sale to be subject to all Mortgage and debts of trust now due by the Portsmouth and Roanoke Rail Road Company and the