

of Newark Rail Road Company, the said last mentioned tract containing by estimation fifty acres more or less. In tract to be given to the said James Johnson, David S. Walcott A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete (the said Johnson, Walcott, A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete forming and constituting the firm of Johnson, Walcott & Co) and doing business under the firm and style of Johnson, Walcott & Co. the payment of a certain negotiable and promissory note for two thousand dollars dated the 11th day of December, 1856, drawn by the said H. L. Brantly, payable to Sophia L. Smith or or her ninety days after the date thereof at the office of the court and deposite of Bank of Cape Fear at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, indorsed by the said Sophia L. Smith and by Charles C. Roberts and being so indorsed and delivered to the said Johnson, Walcott, A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete as the firm of Johnson, Walcott & Co: also to be given to the said Johnson, Walcott, A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete doing business under the firm and style of Johnson, Walcott & Co: as aforesaid the payment of two bonds for three thousand dollars each said bonds bearing date the 11th day of December, 1856, being executed by the said H. L. Brantly & payable to the said James Johnson, David S. Walcott A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete, under the firm and style of Johnson, Walcott & Co: as follows; one of the said bonds payable to the said Johnson, Walcott & Co twelve months after date with interest thereon from date and the other of the said two bonds payable to the said Johnson, Walcott & Co: two years after date with interest thereon from date. The said note & the said two bonds having been executed and delivered by the said H. L. Brantly to the said Johnson, Walcott & Co: as a part of the purchase money for the lands and appurtenances conveyed by the said Johnson & wife, A. B. Merritt & wife, William H. C. Merritt and wife and George W. Peete & wife by deed of even date with these presents heretofore referred to under a written contract under seal for the sale and purchase of the said lands & appurtenances entered into on the 11th day of December 1856 by and between the said James Johnson, David S. Walcott, A. B. Merritt, William H. C. Merritt and George W. Peete of the one part and the said H. L. Brantly of the other part.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

H. L. Brantly
 S. L. Brantly
 Arthur Commins
 Justice

Witness

Signs in the presence of S. L. Brantly questioned by me if she signed this deed of her own will & accord & without persuasion of her Husband H. L. Brantly. this 2^d July 1857.



W. G. Matthews
 Notary Public

Witness as to H. L. Brantly -
 R. H. Mount
 John Whitehead
 J. H. Seaman
 John A. Person