

of the State of Virginia, passed February 15th, 1866, entitled "An Act authorizing the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company to lease, hold and operate the Piedmont Railroad" and by an act amendatory of said act approved July 11th 1870, through President and Board of Directors thereof, or otherwise, to make a contract such as is authorized by the aforesaid act of February 15th, 1866, any and every other contract that it may deem judicious in promoting a connection with any part of its own or of the said Piedmont Railroad line, with the Richmond and York River Railroad Company, or any other railroad or transportation company, and to provide by loans or otherwise for carrying out such contracts or contracts as may be so made by virtue of said last mentioned act; and whereas, By virtue and in pursuance of said last mentioned act, the Board of Directors of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company did, on the second day of March, 1881, adopt the following preamble and resolutions: Whereas, This company is now operating the Piedmont Railroad, and the North Carolina Railroad under leases made by said corporations to this company, so that there is now under the management of the company a continuous line of railroads extending from Richmond, in Virginia, to Charlotte North Carolina; and whereas, It is deemed judicious by this company, that it should, in the exercise of the authority given it by sundry acts of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, acquire the right to operate the Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway (and its branches), which extends from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Atlanta, Georgia, so that there may be a continuous and unbroken line of railroad between Richmond, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia, under the control of this company. Be it, therefore, Resolved, That the President of this company be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed with the approval of the special committee hereinafter appointed, to enter into a contract with the said Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line Railway Company, by which this company will