

This Indenture, made this 26 day September 1896
 by and between
 Samuel Thomas, and Ann A. Thomas his wife and
 Thomas F. Ryan, and Ida M. Ryan his wife
 As Parties of the first part -

And
 The Charleston and Western Carolina Railway
 Company, a Corporation duly organized and existing
 under the laws of the State of South Carolina
 As Party of the second part -

Witnesseth that:

Whereas, On September 12, 1896 Theodore G.
 Barker, of Charleston South Carolina as Special
 Master, acting under the decrees of foreclosure
 and orders of the Circuit Court of the United
 States for the District of South Carolina
 executed, sealed, acknowledged and delivered,
 unto the above named Samuel Thomas and
 Thomas F. Ryan, purchasers under the decrees
 of such last named Court, a certain deed in
 writing wherein, and whereby such Special
 Master, as the officer of such Court, conveyed
 to and vested in the said Samuel Thomas
 and Thomas F. Ryan all and singular the
 railroads, properties, equipment, appurtenances,
 material and franchises theretofore belonging
 to the Augusta & Knoxville Railroad Company
 and the Port Royal and Western Carolina Rail-
 way Company, and situate in the States of South
 Carolina and Georgia, and more particularly
 described in the deed of such Special Master,
 and in said decrees of foreclosure of record
 in said Court, and being the same railroads,
 properties, equipment, appurtenances, material
 and franchises, hereinafter more partic-
 ularly described in and conveyed by this
 deed, and, Whereas, The said Samuel
 Thomas and Thomas F. Ryan have agreed
 and bound themselves to and with the ^{said} party
 of the second part, in consideration of the
 payment and delivery to them by the party of
 the second part of eight hundred thousand
 dollars in the full paid non-assessable