

due April 1st and October, 2^d in each year respectively. Upon
 the 1st day of March 1897, the sum of forty-two thousand
 and five hundred dollars, and upon the 1st days of Sep-
 tember and March in each and every year thereafter,
 the sum of forty-two thousand five hundred dollars,
 which shall be paid to the said Air Line Company at
 its office or agency in the City of New York, for equal
 proportionate distribution among the stockholders of
 said Air Line Company. It is further agreed that when
 and as the gross annual earnings on the Atlanta &
 Charlotte Air Line Railway shall exceed fifteen hundred
 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) per annum, the amount of
 the annual payments on account of dividends on the stock of
 said Air Line Railway Company - being as heretofore
 provided the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per
 annum - shall be increased for the succeeding year
 by the sum of seventeen thousand dollars and when
 and as such gross annual earnings shall exceed
 the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars,
 the annual payment of \$85,000 on account of dividend
 on stock of said railway company shall be increased
 for the succeeding year by the sum of thirty-four thou-
 sand dollars. All said payments of dividends
 to be made semi-annually, as herein before provided.
 But it is distinctly understood that the said Air
 Line Company have now the option under certain
 limitations set forth in the mortgage, to call in the
 five hundred thousand dollars of its outstanding
 First Mortgage Preference Bonds, which now bear
 interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum,
 and it hereby agrees to proceed, upon the request of the
 Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, to exer-
 cise said option and call in the same for redemp-
 tion or payment, the said Richmond and Danville
 Railroad Company, in that event, to provide and
 arrange with the said Air Line Company for such
 redemption or payment of all said bonds when pre-
 sented, or for extension thereof, on such terms as the
 Richmond and Danville Railroad Company shall approve.
 And if either the principal or the rate of interest of
 said bonds shall be thereby reduced, then the said
 Richmond and Danville Railroad Company shall be