

consolidated cause that on the 13th day of April, 1894, a decree of foreclosure and sale was entered in said consolidated cause by the said Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia;

And, Whereas, Similar decrees foreclosing such consolidated mortgage were subsequently entered in similar suits brought by the said Central Trust Company, Complainants, against the said Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, as Defendant, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the several districts herein after mentioned, on the days following, that is to say: The Western District of Virginia, on April 25, 1894; the Eastern District of North Carolina, on April 26, 1894; the Northern District of Georgia, on April 28, 1894; and the Western District of North Carolina, on April 25, 1894; and in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, on April 24, 1894;

And, Whereas, In and by the said decrees the said Matthew S. Pleasant, Thomas S. Atkins and Charles Price were appointed Special Masters to execute the decrees and to make the sale therein provided for and directed;

And, Whereas, In pursuance of such appointment the said Special Masters afterwards, to wit, on the 15th day of June, 1894, after due advertisement and notice as prescribed in the said decrees, at public auction at the principal passenger station of the said Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, in the City of Richmond and State of Virginia, on the day and at the hour fixed by the Special Masters in the advertisement of sale, in accordance with the request of the Solicitors for the complainant, and in the manner specified and directed in the said decrees, did sell all and singular the railroad, equipments, bonds, property, premises, rights, privileges and franchises which the said Special Masters were directed by the said decrees fully and at large set forth, to which decrees reference is hereby specially and expressly made;

And, Whereas, At such sale Charles H. Coster and Anthony J. Thomas, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common, styling themselves a Purchasing Committee for themselves and others, became the purchasers of such railroad property and franchises sold as a single parcel for the sum of Two Millions & Thirty Thousand dollars (\$2,030,000);

And, Whereas, The said Charles H. Coster and Anthony J. Thomas in part discharge of their said bid have paid