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Virginia Richmond April 1, 1785.

The Commissioners appointed agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed last Session, directing the sale of certain Public Lands, known by the name of Gosport, hereby give notice that the same will be disposed at Public Sale to the highest bidders, in lots not exceeding One Quarter of an Acre each, on the premises, on the third Thursday in June next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, & will be continued from day to day, untill the sale shall be completed. — Twelve Months Credit will be allowed the purchasers, on giving Bond with two approved Securitys, if prompt payment is made Six p^{ct} Cent will be discounted. — The Money arising from this Sale, being appropriated to the payment of Debts due by this State to Persons who are not Citizens thereof; certain Warrants granted to those Creditors for their Claims against the Public, directing their Receipt in payment of the Gosport Lands, and countersigned by the Governour will be accepted at the Sale, or in discharge of the Bonds, granted by the purchasers, provided such payment is made, on or before the day such Bonds become due. —

Gosport is situated on the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River, near to Norfolk and contiguous to the thriving Town of Portsmouth, to which it is annexed by Law as part of the said Town. It will be laid off in lots, with convenient Streets, as nearly parallel to the Streets heretofore laid off in Portsmouth, as circumstances will admit. — The goodness of the Harbour, and the depth of Water close to the Shore, which will admit the largest Merchant Ships to load, and where Ships of the Line have frequently hove down, renders this place superior to any in the State, for building large Ships, and erecting Wharffs, and is deemed equal in situation with any in Virginia for commercial purposes, it is more
convenient

— convenient than Norfolk to the North Carolina Trade & has an
easy communication with the waters of Chesapeake Bay, with
the advantage of a safer Harbour and deeper Water, and the
Canal prepared to unite the Waters of North Carolina with the
Chesapeake will greatly enhance the Value of these Lands —
About 300 Lots will be laid off, thirty of which will be
prime Water lots, the whole forming an agreeable and
convenient situation for a considerable Commercial Town.

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