

time, designate the amount which he claims to be due to him, on each of such buildings, otherwise, such claim shall be postponed to other lien creditors, and the lien of such claimant shall not extend beyond the amount so designated, as against other creditors having liens by judgment, mortgage, or otherwise.

The debt a  
lien for 6  
months  
without  
claims filed.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That every such debt shall be a lien as aforesaid, until the expiration of six months after the work shall have been finished, or materials furnished, although no claim shall have been filed therefor, but such lien shall not continue longer than the said period of six months, unless a claim be filed as aforesaid, at or before the expiration of the same period.

Proceedings  
to recover  
scire facias.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the proceedings to recover the amount of any claim as aforesaid, shall be by writ of scire facias, in the following form, viz: Baltimore county, s. s. the state of Maryland, to the sheriff of said county greeting; whereas, — — hath filed a claim in our court, for the county of Baltimore, against — — for the sum of — —, for (work done, or materials furnished, as the case may be,) to or for a certain building, to wit; (describing it as in the claim;) *And whereas*, it is alleged that the said sum still remains due and unpaid to the said — — now we command you, that we make known to the said — — and to all such persons as may hold, or occupy the said building, that they be and appear, before the judges of our said court, at a court to be held at Baltimore city, on the — — day of — — next, to shew if any thing they know or have to say, why the said sum of — — should not be levied of the said building, to the use of the said — —, according to the form and effect of the act of assembly, in such case made and provided, if to them it shall seem expedient, and have you then and there this writ: witness.

Fifteen  
days pre-  
vious to  
return day.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, [That] *Provided*, that no such scire facias shall in any case be issued, within fifteen days previous to the return day of the next term.

Method of  
serving the  
writ.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the writ of scire facias aforesaid, shall be served in the same manner as a summons, upon the defendant therein named, if he can be found within the city, and a copy thereof shall also be left with some person residing in the building, if occupied as a place of residence, but if not so occupied, it shall be the duty of the sheriff to affix a copy of such writ upon the door, or other front part of such building.

Advertise-  
ment  
thereof.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the sheriff, to whom any such writ of scire facias may be directed, to give notice thereof to all other claimants and persons interested, by advertisements in two daily newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, at least ten days before the return day of the writ.