the said George Baltzell, and he is hereby authorised and em- OHAP. 123 powered to collect, by distress, in his own name, the monies so paid and settled for, from the several persons liable for the same, on giving the usual notice in cases of distress for rent; and the said monies so paid by the said George Baltzell, from the time the said taxes became due, shall be a lien on Lien on property. the real estate of the persons liable for the same; and also, on their personal estate, so long as the said personal estate shall remain in the possession of the persons liable for the said taxes, and the claims of the said George Baltzell, arising as aforesaid, shall have priority of all other claims and incumbrances whatever, with legal interest from the time of settlement as aforesaid.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all sums paid and settled Priority of claims on estates. for as aforesaid, shall have priority of any claim against the estates, real or personal, of deceased persons after the payment of funeral expenses, whether the same be in the hands of trustees, executors or administrators: Provided, That this act shall not extend to any taxes due and payable subsequent to the year one thousand eight hundred and thirtyone.

## CHAPTER 122.

A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to provide for the Passed Feb. 16,1838 purchase of the office papers belonging to the Surveyor's Office of Frederick county, and to repeal an act therein mentioned

WHEREAS, by an act passed at December session, eigh- Preamble. teen hundred and thirty, chapter one hundred and seventysix, the levy court of Frederick county were authorised to appoint three commissioners to inspect, value and purchase the certificates of surveys, resurveys, plots, and other papers belonging to the surveyor's office of said county, then in the possession of David Bowlus, if, in their discretion, they should think the same right and proper: And whereas, the levy court of said county were directed by said act, to deliver the same, when purchased, to the surveyor of the county, to be placed in his office, and be kept as public papers by him and his successors in office-Therefore,

Place for and

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland; That the levy court of Frederick county, are here-charge by authorised and directed to provide a suitable room in the city of Frederick, for the safe keeping of said papers,