

P. G. L., (1860,) art 61, sec 4. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 2.

4. The said lien shall extend to the ground covered by such building, and to so much other ground immediately adjacent thereto and belonging in like manner to the owner of such building; as may be necessary for the ordinary and useful purposes of such building, the quantity and boundaries whereof shall be designated in the following manner.

Ibid. sec. 5. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 4.

5. The owner of any lot or farm who may be desirous of erecting any building, or of contracting with any person for the erection thereof, may define in writing the boundaries of the lot or land or curtilage appurtenant to such building previously to the commencement thereof, and file the same with the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or of the superior court of Baltimore city, as the case may be, for record, and such designation of boundaries shall be obligatory upon all persons concerned.

Ibid. sec. 6. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 5. 1845, ch. 287, sec 6.

6. In default of such designation of boundaries previous to the commencement of any building, it shall be lawful for the owner of such lot or piece of ground, or for any person having a lien upon the same by mortgage, judgment or otherwise, or entitled to a lien by virtue of this article, to apply by petition in writing to the judge of the circuit court for the county or the superior court of the city of Baltimore, to designate the boundaries.

Ibid. sec. 7. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 6.

7. It shall be the duty of said court to issue an order to the county or city surveyor, or some other surveyor, to examine the building or place at which such building is being erected, and to make a report to such court, in which he shall sufficiently designate and describe, by metes and bounds, with their courses and distances, and by a draft if necessary, the limits and extent of grounds necessary for the convenient use of such building for the purpose for which it was designed, and such report shall be entered at length upon the record book hereinafter mentioned, and if approved by the court, shall be conclusive upon all persons concerned.