

liens which have attached thereto prior to the commencement of the said building, and which by the laws of this State are required to be recorded, shall be postponed to said lien, unless recorded prior to the commencement of said building.

Carson v. White, 6 Gill, 17 Jones v Hancock, 1 Md. Ch. 187 McKim v. Mason, 3 Md. Ch. 186. Wells v Canton Co, 3 Md. 234. Mills v. Matthews, 7 Md. 315. Denmead v Bank of Balto, 9 Md. 179 Brooks v. Lester, 36 Md. 65. Jean v. Wilson, 38 Md 238. Kelly v. Rosenstock, 45 Md. 389. McLaughlin v. Reinhart, 54 Md 77. Rosenthal v Md. Brick Co, 61 Md. 594.

P. G L., (1860,) art 61, sec. 16. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 8.

16. If the building against which any claim shall be filed under this article, or any of the ground adjacent thereto, shall be sold under judgment or decree on mortgage, or any other decree or process of any court of law or equity, or by a trustee of an insolvent debtor, before the extent of the lien of the claimant shall be ascertained as before directed, the court from which execution issued, or which passed such decree, or by which such trustee was appointed, may determine the respective rights of the parties, and the apportionment and appropriation of all liens, and for that purpose may appoint an auditor to inquire into and report the facts; or, upon application of any of the parties, may direct an issue to try the facts, and may decree distribution accordingly.

McKim v Mason, 3 Md. Ch. 186 Wells v. Canton Co, 3 Md. 234. Denmead v. Bank of Balto, 9 Md. 179.

Ibid. sec. 17. 1838, ch. 205, sec. 10.

17. Each person entitled to such lien shall file a claim or statement of his demand in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county, or the superior court of Baltimore city, as the case may be.

Miller v. Barroll, 14 Md. 183.

Ibid. sec. 18. 1838, ch. 205, sec 3.

18. The clerks of the circuit courts for the several counties, and the superior court of Baltimore city, shall each procure and keep a docket or book, to be called "The mechanics' lien docket," in which he shall record all designations or descriptions of lots or pieces of ground, and all claims which may be filed by virtue of this article, together with the day of filing the same, and shall