

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter three hundred and two, entitled an act taxing certain officers, and the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-six, chapter two hundred and fifty-three, entitled, a supplement to the act entitled, an act taxing certain officers, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter three hundred and two, which acts impose taxes on the clerks and registers therein mentioned, be and the same are hereby repealed. Act of 1844, ch. 302, repealed.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That this act, so far as it relates to the register of the Court of Chancery, shall take effect from the first day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-two. In force.

CHAPTER 445.

AN ACT for the protection of Mechanics and others in Dorchester and Talbot counties. Passed May 30, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every building erected in Dorchester and Talbot counties shall be subject to a lien for payment of all debts contracted for work done, or materials furnished for, or about the erection or construction of the same; *Provided*, that no lien shall attach or take effect in any case whatever, where materials or supplies shall be furnished to any contractor, who may have contracted with the owner of said building for erecting the same in whole or in part for a specified sum. Buildings subject to a lien. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the lien of such debts shall extend to the ground covered by such buildings, 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 buildings. Lien to extend to ground

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That every person entitled to such lien shall file a claim or statement of his demand in the office of the clerk of said circuit court, whose duty it shall be to keep a book or docket which shall be called the mechanics lien docket, in which he Claim to be filed.