

279. It shall be lawful for any person, and shall be the duty of the constables and police force of Baltimore county, to take up and impound any horse, mule, horned cattle, goats or swine which may be found at large and without attendants within the said described city limits; and any constable or other person so taking up and impounding shall notify a justice of the peace, resident within said limits, who shall give notice of said impounding by advertisement at one or more public places within the same limits, describing the stock so impounded, and that the same will be sold at public auction at some public place, within said limits, within ten days; provided, that if the owner of any stock impounded under this section shall prove to the satisfaction of the justice of the peace that the said stock did not go at large from negligence or want of care on his part, and that due diligence was used to prevent it, the owner shall have return of the property on paying all expenses of keeping and all costs whatever incurred, and one dollar for taking up each of said stock.

280. Said justice of the peace shall be fully authorized to make sale of such stock if not returned as aforesaid; and out of all moneys arising from such sale made in execution of the two preceding sections, he shall pay to the party taking up, if a constable or public officer, and impounding said stock, one dollar for his services therein, and also all other expenses incurred, and the remainder to the owner who may establish claim to said property; and in the event of no such claimant appearing within thirty days thereafter, then the balance shall be paid to the County Commissioners for the use of the county.

281. Every building erected, and every building repaired, rebuilt or improved in Baltimore county, to the extent of one-fourth of its value, shall be subject to a lien for the payment of all debts contracted for work done or materials furnished for or about the same; provided, that nothing in article 63 of the Public General Laws, title "Mechanics' Liens," except as provided in section 20 thereof, shall entitle any person, firm or corporation to the benefit of such lien upon any such building in Baltimore county for materials furnished for or about the same, unless the contract for furnishing such material shall have been made directly with the owner of such building or his agent.

282. The Board of County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall annually levy upon the assessable property on each one hundred dollars of the whole assessable property of the village of Mount Washington, in Baltimore county, at the time of making the county levy, a sum of money, not exceeding the sum of twenty cents, for the use and purpose of the better-