

24. The proceedings to recover the amount of any lien under this article, whether upon a house, machine, wharf, bridge, boat or vessel, shall be by bill in equity and the same proceedings shall be had as used by the courts of equity to enforce other liens and the court shall decree a sale and appoint a trustee to make sale thereof and shall apportion the proceeds of such sale among the persons entitled to liens according to their respective rights.

38. The lien of every such debt for which a claim may have been filed according to the provisions of this article shall expire at the end of two years from the day on which it was filed, during which time the claimant may bring proceedings in equity to enforce the lien, and the owner of the property subject to the lien, or any other person interested therein, may bring proceedings in equity to compel the claimant to prove the validity of the lien or have it declared void; and in case the lien claimant or his assigns may be non-residents of the State of Maryland or may be persons who may be proceeded against as such non-residents, notice may be given to him, it or them by publication as in other equity cases.

38A. Whenever a lien has been filed under this Article on any property, the owner of the property or any other person interested therein may file with the Court a bond in an amount fifty per centum (50%) greater than the sum for which the lien has been filed and conditioned on payment of said sum plus the cost of recovering the same. If said bond shall be approved by the Circuit Court, or Clerk thereof, the property shall be released from the lien, but the bond shall remain subject to the final disposition of the claim. No such bond shall be approved by the court or the clerk thereof until the claimant shall have had at least ten days' notice of the intention to apply to the court for such release of the property from the lien, which notice shall give the names and addresses of the surety or sureties on the bond to be offered and the time when the proffer of the bond shall be made. The claimant may appear and object to such approval, but solely on the ground of insufficiency of the bond. The above notice shall be by personal service upon the lien claimant if a resident, and by registered mail to the last known address of said claimant if a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

39. In every case in which the amount of such lien shall be paid or otherwise satisfied, the claimant or his legal representative, at the request of the owner of the building or of any other person interested therein, and on