

## CHAP. 183.

Right of Legislature reserved.

Issues forbid.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That this act of incorporation shall enure for thirty years from its passage, and that the legislature reserves to itself the right to alter or annul this act of incorporation at pleasure.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act be construed so as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip or other evidence of debt to be used as currency.

## CHAPTER 183.

Passed Feb. 17, 1843.

*An act for the protection of Mechanics and others in Washington and Cecil Counties.*

Buildings erected in Washington and Cecil subject to lien, except in case of contract.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every building erected in Washington or Cecil county 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 attack 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 a part for a specified sum.

Lien to extend to the lot on which house stands. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said lien shall extend to the lot on which said building is erected, and connected with it at the time of the erection; *provided*, said lot shall not contain more than three acres.

Accounts and contracts to be proven.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all accounts or contracts for work done or materials furnished, shall before being recorded in the county records of the county, where such building may be erected, be proven before some justice of the peace, in the usual form for the probate of accounts, and such account or contract with the probate shall be sent to the clerk of the county, who shall enter the amount of such lien upon the record to be kept for that purpose.

Lien to be filed within sixty days.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the lien hereby given shall not attack and take effect, unless the person or persons entitled to such lien shall file his claim with said clerks of county courts, in sixty days after the furnishing of such building, and that no lien shall take place under the provisions of this act where an express contract exists, between the owner of a building and the builder thereof in whole or in part, unless such contract shall be fulfilled on the part of