

CHAPTER 205.

CHAP. 205.

An act relating to the lien of Mechanics, and others, Passed Mar. 2, 1839.
upon Buildings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every building erected within the city of Baltimore, shall be subject to a lien for the payment of all debts contracted for work done, or materials furnished for, or about the erection or construction of the same.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the lien of such debts shall extend to the ground covered by such building, 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, the quantity and boundaries whereof shall be determined as follows.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of Baltimore county court, to procure and keep a book, or docket, which shall be called the Mechanics' Lien Docket, in which he shall cause to be entered and recorded, all descriptions or designations of lots, or pieces of ground, as hereinafter mentioned, and all claims that may be filed by virtue of this act, together with the day of filing the same, and he shall cause the names, as well of the owner of the lot, or piece of ground, as of the contractor, architect, or builder, if such be named, and of the person claiming any lien under this act, to be alphabetically indexed therein.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the owner of any lot, or piece of ground, who may be desirous of erecting, or of contracting with any other person for the erection of any building, as aforesaid, to declare or define, in writing, the boundaries of the lot, or curtilage appurtenant to such building, previously to the commencement thereof, and cause the same to be entered in a book aforesaid, and such designation of boundaries so made and entered upon record, shall be obligatory upon all persons concerned.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That in default of such designation of boundaries, previously to the commencement of any building, it shall be lawful for the owner of such lot, or piece of ground, or for any person hav-