

CHAPTER 294.

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AN ACT entitled an act to secure the payment of debts contracted for materials furnished or work done in the building, repairing, or equipping of canal boats, or vessels of any kind, used or intended as carriers of coal or other freight, or passengers, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal by subjecting the boat or vessel to which the debt appertains to a lien for such debt.

Subject to lien.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all canal boats, or vessels of any kind, used or intended to be used as carriers of coal, other freight or passengers, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, shall be subject to a lien for all debts (and bound for their payment as preferred debts,) which shall have accrued or may be due to boat-builders, mechanics, merchants, farmers or other persons, from the owners, masters, captains or other agents of the owners of such boats or vessels, for materials furnished or work done in the building, repairing or the equipping of the same; *Provided, however,* that within twenty days after said debt shall have accrued, an account or statement setting forth the names of the claimant and debtor, and if the debt was not contracted by the owner but his agent, the name of such agent, also the name or other certain description of the boat or vessel, and the place where built, repaired or equipped, and lastly the particulars or items of the claim or debt, (such account or statement to be verified by the oath of the claimant taken and subscribed before some officer authorized to administer an oath,) be delivered to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where the building, repairing or refitting was done and the debt accrued, to be filed in his office; and that the clerk of such court shall procure a docket or blank book to be called "Boats Lien Docket," wherein, immediately after receiving and filing the said account or statement, he shall docket a case between the parties to the claim, entering the claimant as plaintiff, and the boat and its owner, and the owner's agent when the debt was contracted by an agent, as defendants, and the day when such claim was filed, and the amount thereof; and for so doing the clerk shall be entitled

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