

CHAP. 181. ly to the extent of the interest of the said lessee or tenant for life or years, and that where a building is erected upon a lot or parcel of ground belonging to a married woman, by the husband of such married woman, or person employed by such husband, the said lien for work and materials shall not attach unless notice thereof be given to such married woman, in writing, within sixty days after such work done or materials furnished, or both, as the case may be, and that the said lien for work and materials shall be preferred to all mortgages, judgments, liens and incumbrances which attached upon the said building or ground covered thereby, or ground necessary for the use thereof, as by the second section of the original act to which this is a supplement is provided subsequently to the commencement thereof: *provided always*, that mortgages, incumbrances and liens, other than leases, which have attached thereto prior to the commencement of the said building, and which by existing laws of this State are required to be recorded, shall not be preferred, but be postponed, unless the same are recorded prior to the commencement of said building.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases in which a contractor or builder of a house shall have purchased materials or contracted for work, and the party from whom such purchase or with whom such contract has been made shall give notice to the owner of such building in writing, stating the nature of materials furnished or work to be done under such contract, the amount due or to become due for the same, and the name of the contractor or builder to whom furnished, or with whom the contract was made; it shall and may be lawful for such owner to retain from the cost of such building the amount which he may ascertain to be due or to become due to the party giving such notice, and that in case a lien be laid by the party giving such notice, and be also laid by the contractor or builder, the said contractor or builder shall receive only the difference between the amount due him and that due to the person giving such notice.

Where there are two buildings owned by same person, claimant to specify the amount due on each building. Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That in every case in which one claim for materials furnished or work done, shall be filed by the persons preferring the same against two or more buildings owned by the same person, the person or persons filing such joint claim shall at the same time designate the amount which he claims to be due to him on each of said buildings, otherwise such claim shall be postponed to all other lien creditors of what kind soever; but it shall and may be lawful to is-

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