

“nation lands to all who are entitled there-
 “to,” passed the second day of April, one
 thousand eight hundred and two, be and the
 same hereby is extended and continued in full
 force for and during the term of one year, and
 no longer.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—April the first, 1803 :

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER CLXXII.

*An ACT securing to mechanics and others
 payment for their labor and materials in
 erecting any house or other building, within
 the city of Philadelphia, the district of South-
 wark, and the township of the Northern Li-
 berties.*

Section 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and
 House of Representatives of the
 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General As-
 sembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the au-
 thority of the same, That all and every dwell-
 ing-house or other building hereafter con-
 structed and erected, within the city of Phila-
 delphia, the district of Southwark and the
 township of the Northern Liberties, shall be
 subject to the payment of the debts contract-
 ed by the owner or owners thereof, for or
 by reason of any work done, or materials
 found and provided, by any brickmaker,
 bricklayer,

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bricklayer, stone-cutter, mason; lime-merchant, carpenter, painter and glazier, ironmonger, blacksmith, plasterer and lumber merchant, or any other person or persons employed in furnishing materials for, or in the erecting and constructing such house or other building, before any other lien which originated subsequent to the commencement of the said house or other building; but if such house or other building should not sell for a sum of money sufficient to pay all the demands for work and materials, then and in such case the same shall be averaged, and the said creditors paid an equal sum or proportion in the dollar: *Provided always*, That no such debt for work and materials shall remain a lien on the said houses or other buildings, longer than two years from the commencement of the building of the same, unless an action for the recovery thereof be instituted or the claim filed within six months after performing the work or furnishing the materials aforesaid, in the office of the prothonotary of the county where such houses or other buildings lie.

where the house will not sell for sufficient to discharge all the demands they are to be averaged and paid proportionably:

Such debts not to remain a lien longer than two years from the commencement of the building, unless an action is brought &c.

Limitation of the act.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That this act shall be and continue in force for three years from the passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the next session of the general assembly, and no longer.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.
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