

shall be lawful to issue one writ of *scire facias* to recover the same, which writ shall specify the amount claimed on each; and any party in interest upon the return of said writ may apply for and have as many cases docketed as there are houses proceeded against, and separate judgments shall be entered against each house and the same proceedings shall be had as if separate liens had been filed.

Where a claim is filed for separate amounts against two different buildings, the two sums should not be blended in the writ and a lien for the whole claimed on each building. *Plummer v. Eckenrode*, 50 Md. 234.

Application under the latter portion of this section must be made "on the return of the writ," otherwise it will be too late. *Wilson v. Merryman*, 48 Md. 340.

This section applied. *McLaughlin v. Reinhart*, 54 Md. 81.
See sec. 21.

1904, art. 63, sec. 31. 1888, art. 63, sec. 31. 1860, art. 61, sec. 31.
1845, ch. 287, sec. 12.

31. Upon the return of the writ any person having or claiming to have any interest in any building proceeded against may, upon petition, be authorized to appear and be made a party defendant, and upon so doing he shall become liable for costs.

Ibid. sec. 32. 1888, art. 63, sec. 32. 1860, art. 61, sec. 32.
1838, ch. 205, sec. 18.

32. Upon the return of the writ any other person having filed a claim as aforesaid may cause to be entered upon the record of the same suit a suggestion setting forth the amount and nature of his demand and may have a rule upon the defendant to appear and plead thereto as in other actions.

Ibid. sec. 33. 1888, art. 63, sec. 33. 1860, art. 61, sec. 33.
1838, ch. 205, sec. 19.

33. If the defendant shall appear and plead to such suggestion and issue either in law or fact be joined upon any plea, such particular issue shall be tried and determined as in other cases.

If section 19 is complied with, no bill of particulars can be demanded. If it is not complied with and proceedings are taken by *scire facias*, the proper practice is to move to quash the writ. *Wilson v. Merryman*, 48 Md. 337. See also, *Baker v. Winter*, 15 Md. 7.

Section 41 does not dispense with the forms of pleading. Pleas should notify the plaintiff of the grounds of defense. *Kees v. Kerney*, 5 Md. 422.

For a defective plea of set-off to a *sci. fa.* to enforce a mechanics' lien, see *Dilley v. Roman*, 17 Md. 341.

Ibid. sec. 34. 1888, art. 63, sec. 34. 1860, art. 61, sec. 34.
1838, ch. 205, sec. 19.

34. If the defendant shall not, after due notice, appear and plead to the suggestion, judgment shall be entered for the claimant filing the petition and the amount of the claim shall be ascertained as in other cases.

How judgment for the claimant should be entered. *Plummer v. Eckenrode*, 50 Md. 234.