

LABORERS, COLLECTION OF WAGES
Act of Jun. 12, 1879, P.L. 176, No. 191
AN ACT

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To enable laborers to secure and collect their pay for work done in and about the stocking of saw-logs.

Section 1. Priority of wages of laborers engaged in lumbering

All moneys that may be due from any person or persons to any and every laborer, for work done in and about the cutting, peeling, skidding, hauling and driving of saw-logs, the hewing, making, skidding and hauling of square timber, and the peeling, skidding and hauling of bark for a period not exceeding six months prior to the death or assignment for the benefit of creditors of the employer or employers, or to a sale of said saw-logs, square timber or bark upon execution process against said employer or employers, shall be preferred and first paid out of the proceeds of any executor's, administrator's, assignee's, sheriff's or other officer's sale of saw-logs, square timber or bark as the property of the employer or employers: Provided, That when work as aforesaid shall have been done for a contractor or contractors and not for the owner or owners of said saw-logs, square timber or bark, all moneys due as aforesaid shall be preferred and paid to laborers as aforesaid, and any payment or payments so made shall be a good charge against the contractor or contractors in favor of the owner or owners in settlement of their account: And provided further, that not more than two hundred dollars to any one laborer shall be preferred under this act. 1879, June 12, P.L. 176, Sec. 1; 1891, May 7, P.L. 44, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Notice of claim in lumbering operations, before sale

It shall be the duty of every laborer claiming a preference under this act, by himself, his agent or attorney, to give notice in writing of the amount of his claim, before the sale, to the executors, administrators, assignee, sheriff or other officer whose duty it shall be to sell said saw-logs, otherwise his claim shall not be preferred under this act. 1879, June 12, P.L. 176, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Court to hear and determine disputes

When there shall be any dispute concerning the right of any laborer to be preferred as aforesaid, or as to the amount he shall be entitled to receive, the court having jurisdiction of the accounts of the officer making the sale, or of the process under which the sale is made, shall have power, after reasonable notice, given either personally or by advertisement, to hear and determine the same according to law and equity. 1879, June 12, P.L. 176, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Owners may pay laborers employed by contractors

When work as aforesaid shall have been done for a contractor or contractors, and not for the owner or owners of saw logs, it shall be lawful for the owner or owners to make payment of any

moneys, due to any laborer or laborers for such work, directly to such laborer or laborers and any payment or payments so made, shall be a good charge against the contractor or contractors in favor of the owner or owners in the settlement of their accounts. 1879, June 12, P.L. 176, Sec. 4.