lars, nor more than fifty thousand dollars, to be divid- CHAP. 339.
ed into shares of ten dollars each, to be raised by sub-
scription, and that the said company shall have the
right to purchase and hold land, not exceeding one
thousand acres, in Prince George's county.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be in force from the passage thereof.   In force

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CHAPTER 339.

An act for the relief of John B. Lawson, late Sheriff   Passed April 2,
and Collector of Charles County.   1839.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of*   Time extended
Maryland, That the time limited by law, in which
John B. Lawson, late sheriff and collector of Charles
county, should have completed his collections, be, and
the same is hereby extended to the first day of April,
eighteen hundred and forty, and that said John B.
Lawson shall, within said time, be allowed to complete
his collections as fully as if the same had been done
within the time limited by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said John B.   Accounts on oath
Lawson, before he proceeds to execute the body or
property of any person, or persons, for officers' fees,
or public dues, by the authority of this act, shall de-
liver, or cause to be delivered, to such person or per-
sons chargeable with the same, or left at his, her or
their houses, at least thirty days previous to serving,
or levying, such execution on account of the sum de-
manded of him, her, or them, with an affidavit annexed
thereto, that he hath not, nor hath any other person,
or persons acting under him, whilst sheriff and collec-
tor, nor since, received any part thereof, or satisfac-
tion for the same, to the best of his knowledge and
belief; *provided,* that if any person, or persons, against   Offsets
whom a claim shall be set up, by said John B. Lawson,
for county levy, or officers' fees, as aforesaid, shall
make affidavit before any justice of the peace, of said
county, that he, or she, believes the same to have been
paid and satisfied, it shall forever bar the claim from
being collected by execution as aforesaid.