

firmed, and shall be, and be deemed and taken to be as valid and effectual in all respects and to all intents and purposes, as if the defendants in the several suits wherein such decrees or orders have been respectively pronounced or made, had been resident in the part of this Province aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the said Court of Chancery and had respectively appeared in the said Court of Chancery in the said suits, and the proceedings in the same had been prosecuted to judgment or decree, and all other proceedings had been had and taken therein, and the defendants had been respectively served therewith, according to the usual course and practice of the said Court of Chancery, in suits wherein the defendants have appeared.

Certain suits commenced but not ended may be completed as if no doubts existed as to such old orders.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Court of Chancery, in all suits commenced in the said Court under the orders in the said Schedule mentioned, or any or either of them, and in which suits before the passing of this Act, an order for a defendant's appearance was made or process was served, under or by virtue of the said orders in the said Schedule set forth, as well to make all necessary orders and decrees for the purpose of enabling the parties to prosecute the same suits, as for enforcing, perfecting and carrying out all such decrees and orders of the said Court, and for confirming all such reports as have at any time or times, on or before the first day of January last, been made or pronounced under the said orders in the said Schedule mentioned, and as have not hitherto respectively been enforced or perfected or confirmed, in such and the same manner as the same would have been respectively prosecuted, enforced or perfected or confirmed by any order or orders of the said Court of Chancery, in case no doubts had arisen or could arise touching the validity of the said orders in the said Schedule mentioned, or touching the necessity of serving the defendants with, or with notice of the proceedings, or any or either of the proceedings subsequent to the first process in any such suits; and such decrees, orders and reports respectively shall, when the same respectively shall be so pronounced, enforced, perfected, or confirmed, be as valid and effectual in all respects and to all intents and purposes, as if the defendants in the several suits, had been respectively resident in the part of this Province aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the said Court of Chancery, and had respectively appeared therein, and the proceedings in the same suits had been prosecuted, and all proceedings had and taken therein, and the defendants had respectively been served therewith, according to the usual course and practice of the said Court in suits wherein the defendants have appeared.