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An Act to confirm decrees and orders and other proceedings of the Court of Chancery of Upper Canada, in certain cases.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of the Parliament of Preamble.

that part of this Province, heretofore constituting the Province of Upper Canada, intituled, "*An Act to establish a Court of Chancery in this Province*," it was

Act of U. C. 7 W. iv., c. 2, recited.

amongst other things enacted, That the Vice Chancellor of the said Court thereby constituted and established, should have full power and authority, from time to time, to settle and declare the form of process and to define the practice and proceedings to be observed in the said Court of Chancery in prosecuting and defending suits therein; And whereas in pursuance of the said authority, the Vice Chancellor of the said Court made and passed the several orders mentioned and set forth in the Schedule marked A. hereunto annexed: And whereas under or by virtue of the said orders, divers decrees and orders of the said Court have been made as well for the foreclosure of divers mortgages of lands as for the sale of mortgaged premises, for the rescision of contracts, for the sale and purchase of lands, and for other purposes relating to or affecting real estate in that part of this Province, heretofore constituting the Province of Upper Canada, in cases in which the defendants in the said suits, or some or one of them, have been absent from the part of this Province aforesaid and resident without the jurisdiction of the said Court; and in cases when, though the defendants have been resident within the county, and have been personally served with process, the subsequent proceedings have been conducted against them *ex parte* and without further notice; And whereas in order to obviate all doubts which have arisen or may arise as to the titles of the Lands affected by such decrees or orders of the said Court, it is expedient that the same decrees or orders should be ratified and confirmed: Be it therefore, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all and every the decrees, orders, and all other proceedings of the said Court, made for any or either of the purposes aforesaid, under or in pursuance of the said orders of the said Court of Chancery, in the said Schedule set forth, which have been respectively pronounced, enforced and perfected, shall be and the same and each and every of them is and are hereby ratified and con-

Certain decrees &c. made under the old orders as to absent Defendants, confirmed.