



By His EXCELLENCY

FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq,
Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of
the MASSACHUSETTS-BAY in NEW-ENGLAND, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION
For a general *Thanksgiving*.

THE Mercies which we are constantly receiving at the Hands of Almighty God ought ever to remind us of our Obligations to Him ; and it becomes our especial Duty at the Close of a Year, to unite together in rendering Thanks to the divine Author of all Good, for the Bounties of his Providence conferred on us in the Course thereof ;

I Have therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint *Thursday the Twenty-ninth Day of November* Instant, to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, that we may thereon with one Voice offer our most humble Thanks to Almighty God, for the manifold Favours of his Providence which we have experienced in the Course of the Year past : More particularly, that he hath been pleased to preserve and maintain in Health and Wealth his Sacred Majesty, our most gracious King, and extend the Blessings of his Reign to his remotest Dominions : That he hath been pleased to preserve and bless our most gracious Queen, the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and the Rest of the Royal Family : That he hath continued the Blessings of Peace to the *British* Nation, and to all its Dependencies : That he hath in general favoured the Inhabitants of this Province with an uncommon Measure of Health, and particularly, hath blessed, in a Manner unknown to us before, the Means used for mitigating the Malignity of the small-Pox, and prevented its spreading throughout the Country : That he hath caused the Earth to yield its Increase in sufficient Plenty, for the Supply of all our Wants, and thereby hath given us frequent Occasion to praise his holy Name.

AND I do exhort all Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, with their several Congregations, to assemble on the said Day, and in a solemn and public Manner pay their Devotion to Almighty God, and render him unfeigned Thanks for these, and all other his Blessings conferred upon us ; humbly beseeching him to continue his favourable Providence over us, notwithstanding our great Unworthiness.

AND I command and enjoin all Magistrates and Civil Officers to see that the said Day be observed as a Day set apart for religious Worship, and that no servile Labour be permitted thereon.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON the Seventh Day of November, 1764, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

Fra. Bernard.

GOD Save the KING.