



By His EXCELLENCY

Jonathan Belcher, Esq;

Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New England*.

A Proclamation for a publick T H A N K S G I V I N G.

UNDER a just and affecting Sense of the infinite Goodness of Almighty G O D, and the many particular Instances of His undeserved Favour and Bounty towards this People, more especially in the Course of the Year past;

I have thought fit, With the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order & appoint that Thursday the Twenty-Sixth of October next, be solemnized throughout this Province, as a Day of publick THANKSGIVING, exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies, religiously to observe the same, by rendering their thankful Acknowledgments of the divine Goodness, in the various Blessings so liberally conferred on us, and by offering up their sincere and devout PRAISES to the Sovereign Author of all our Mercies; especially, For His preserving the precious Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, With our most gracious QUEEN, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family; for succeeding His Majesty's Wise Councils for the preservation and continuance of the Peace of Europe in this critical Conjunction; for prolonging the Ecclesiastical and Civil Privileges of this People; for granting His gracious Conduct and Assistance in the Administration of the Civil Government of this Province; for giving Us so good a measure of Health; for maintaining our Peace With the Indian Natives; for granting us so plentiful a Harvest; for making our Merchandize and Fishery to prosper, and defending them against the Rapine of merciless Pirates; With innumerable other unmerited Favours, which lay us under the deepest Obligations of Obedience and Gratitude to our most bountiful Benefactor: And all servile Labour and Recreations are prohibited on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *England* the Twenty-Sixth Day of September 1732. In the Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord G E O R G E the Second, by the Grace of G O D of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Governour, with
the Advice of the Council,
J. Willard, Secy.

J. B E L C H E R.

G O D save the KING.