

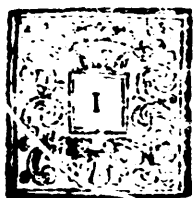


By His EXCELLENCY

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 THANKSGIVING.



I having pleased Almighty GOD (amidst the various Instances of His righteous Displeasure against Us for Our Sins) to grant Us, within the Course of the Year past, many great and undeserved Favours, both of a publick and private Nature, which require Our humble and thankful Acknowledgements ;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order & appoint Thursday the Thirteenth Day of November next to be observed as a Day of publick **THANKSGIVING** throughout this Province ; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People to solemnize the same, by offering up their sincere and devout PRAISE to Almighty GOD, the Author of all our Mercies, for the innumerable Blessings bestowed upon an unworthy & sinful People ; more especially, In preserving the Person of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and directing His Majesty's Councils, and in prospering His Majesty's Arms in the present War, which he has undertaken for vindicating the Honour of His Crown, and asserting the Rights of his Subjects ; In continuing the Lives of their Royal highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Issue ; In prolonging our invaluable Privileges religious and civil ; In giving his gracious Direction and Assistance to the Administrations of the Government of this Province ; In crowning the Year with his Goodness and granting to us the Joy of harvest ; In the good measure of health enjoyed in most Places within this Province ; In defending our Sea-Coasts, and securing our Trade and Navigation from the Insults and Depredations of our Enemies ; And in preserving and prospering our Infant Plantations ; With numberless other Mercies, which lay us under indispenfible Obligations to Gratitude and Obedience, and to Fear the LORD and His Goodness, and to walk worthy of Him, to all well-pleasing. And all Servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Twentieth Day of *October* 1740. In the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the second, by the Grace of GOD of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c

By Order of His Excellency the Governour, with the Advice of the Council,
J. Willard, Secr.

J. Belcher.

G O D save the KING.