

By His EXCELLENCY

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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 P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Public Thanksgiving.



ALTHO' Almighty GOD hath in his Wisdom with-held from us the Blessings of Peace; yet he is graciously pleas'd still to favour our Cause, and to lay good Foundations for that happy Event, by humbling the Pride of our Enemies and defeating, their Endeavours to rob us of the Fruits of our Victories. We have seen these his Mercies extended to us, not only by turning the Hearts of Princes and Sates heretofore inimical to us, but by an uncommon Series of Successes of his Majesty's Arms: Among these we cannot forget the important Conquest of *Martinico*, which, tho' not a late Event, hath not yet been included in our Religious Thanksgivings; We must with Thankfulness reflect upon the flourishing State of our Affairs in *Germany*, and particularly the late Repulse of the *French* Forces by Prince *Ferdinand*, which reflects so great Honor on the Arms of *Great-Britain*. But above all, with Hearts full of Gratitude and Amazement, we must contemplate the glorious and important Conquest of the HAVANNAH; which, considering the strength of the Place, the Resolution of the Defendants, and the Unhealthiness of the Climate, seems to have the visible Hand of GOD in it; and to be design'd by his Providence, to punish the Pride and Injustice of that Prince, who has unnecessarily made himself a Party in this War.

WHEREFORE, I have thought fit to appoint, and by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Request of the House of Representatives, I do appoint Thursday the Seventh Day of *October*, to be a Day of Public Thanksgiving, to return Thanks to Almighty GOD, for these and all other his manifold Mercies; and humbly to implore his further Favour, that He would be graciously pleas'd, at his own Time, and by his own Means, to conduct us safely to an honourable and permanent Peace.

AND I do order the said Day to be observed as a Day set apart for Religious Worship, and that no servile Labour be permitted on the same.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-Third Day of September, 1762, in the Second 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, &c.

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

Fra. Bernard.

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