



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 public Thanksgiving.

ALTHOUGH we have very lately in a solemn Manner returned our Thanks to Almighty GOD, for his great Mercies in conducting us through a long and expensive War to a safe and honorable Peace; yet as his Providence is continually exerting itself in our favour; and the present Season of the Year particularly admonishes us to be thankful for the numerous Blessings, which we from Time to Time receive from his Bounty; from which only we can expect to reap the Benefit of that Peace which He hath been graciously pleased to grant unto us:

IHAVE thought fit to appoint, and I do, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Eighth Day of *December* next ensuing, to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, that the People of this Province may, at one Time and with one Heart and Voice, return Thanks to Almighty GOD: for that He hath been pleased to preserve his most sacred Majesty in the Enjoyment of his Health, and in the Exercise of his Virtues, for the Good of the People committed to his Charge; for that He hath been pleased to support our most gracious Queen in the Perils of Child bed, and to give unto his Majesty another Son, for the further Security of the Perpetuation of the Blessings we enjoy under his benign Government; and for that He hath been pleased by his Dispensation of seasonable Weather, to remove from us the late Dread of Scarcity, and to give us the Fruits of the Earth in sufficient Plenty.

And I exhort all Ministers of the Gospel with their several Congregations, within this Province, that they meet on the said Day, and in a public and solemn Manner return Thanks to Almighty GOD for all his Blessings conferred upon us, and especially for the Mercies before-mentioned; and humbly beseech Him, that notwithstanding our Unworthiness, He would graciously be pleased to continue his kind Providence over us.

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 on the same.

G I V E N at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Third Day of November 1763, in the Fourth 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, Secr'y.

Fra. Bernard.

GOD Save the KING.