



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 General Thanksgiving.

THE Business of the Year being now drawing towards a Conclusion, we are reminded, according to the laudable Usage of this Province, to join together in a grateful Acknowledgment of the manifold Mercies of the Divine Providence conferred upon us in the Course of the passing Year :

WHETHERFORE I have thought fit to appoint, and I do, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint *Thursday* the *Twenty-seventh* Day of *November* to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, that we may thereupon, with one Heart and Voice, return our most humble Thanks to Almighty GOD for the many gracious Dispensations of his Providence, since the last Anniversary religious Exercise of this Kind ; and particularly for---that He hath been pleased to preserve and maintain our Most Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE in Health and Wealth, in Peace and Honor, and to extend the Blessings of his Government to the remotest Parts of his Dominions ;--that he hath been pleased to bless and preserve our gracious QUEEN CHARLOTTE, the Prince of Wales, and the Princess Dowager of Wales ; and by the Increase of the Royal Issue to assure to us the Confirmation of the Blessings which we derive from that illustrious House ;--that he hath been pleased to prosper the whole *British* Empire, in the Enjoyment of Peace, by the Increase of Trade and by the opening of new Sources of National Wealth ;--and especially that he hath been pleased to favour the People of this Province with healthy and fruitful Seasons, and to bless the Labour of their Hands with an uncommon Abundance of the Produce of the Earth. And I do exhort all Ministers of the Gospel with their several Congregations within this Province, to assemble on the said Day, and in a solemn Manner to return their most humble Thanks unto Almighty GOD for these and all other his Mercies vouchsafed unto us, and to beseech Him, notwithstanding our Unworthiness, to continue his gracious 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 thereon.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON, the Sixth Day of November, 1766, in the Seventh 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.

Fra. Bernard.

GOD Save the KING.