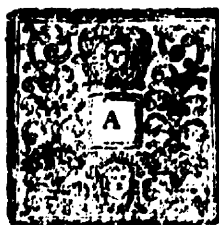


By His EXCELLENCY

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 general *THANKSGIVING*.



As the Season is now approaching when by the ceasing of the Labours of the Year the People will be more at Leisure to take into their most serious Consideration the manifold Blessings which they have received from the Divine Providence, not only in it's ordinary Dispensations, but also in the extraordinary Blessings that are even now flowing upon us: To the end that all the good People of this Province may at one Time and with one Voice return their most humble Thanks to Almighty GOD for his having given Us the Fruits of the Earth in due Season, and filled the Land with Plenteousness beyond our Expectation, and more especially for the signal and distinguishing Favour with which He hath regarded the whole BRITISH Nation. by giving us a King whose conspicuous Virtues afford Us (under GOD) the most positive Assurance of our being an happy People; by disposing his Majesty's Heart by the Choice of an amiable Princess for his Consort, to perpetuate the Blessings of His Reign to latest Posterity; by removing all Parties and Distinctions from his Government, and uniting all his Subjects as one Man, in the Defence and Support of his Person and Empire; and by continuing to assist his Councils and Arms, so as to give great Hopes that his Enemies must submit to a Peace upon honourable, safe and durable Terms:

I HAVE thought fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council appoint, Thursday the Third Day of *December* next, to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, in order according to the laudable Practice of this Province, to solemnize a grateful Commemoration of the Mercies of the preceding Year. And I exhort all Ministers of the Gospel within this Province with their several Congregations, 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 beforementioned; and humbly beseech Him that notwithstanding our Unworthiness, He would graciously be pleased to continue his 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.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Seventh Day of November 1761, 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, Secr.

Fra. Bernard.

G O D Save the KING.