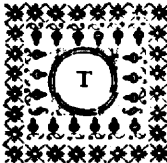


By His EXCELLENCY

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.*

 **T**HE Season of the Year now approaching, in which, according to the laudable Practice of this Province, it is usual to give Thanks to Almighty GOD for the Blessings of the Year past: We cannot without Amazement look back and contemplate how much We are indebted for His providential Care and Fatherly Protection of us, not only by affording us the ordinary Comforts of Life, but also by his extraordinary Dispensations in still supporting us against the Combination of powerful and inveterate Enemies, and removing from this Country the Horrors and Miseries of War. --- For many of these Favors we have but lately made a solemn and humble Acknowledgment: As the Sum of them is still increasing, it behoves us again to discharge the Fulness of our Hearts whilst we celebrate the annual Commemoration of the Blessings of the preceding Year.

WHEREFORE, That the People of this Province may at one Time and with one Heart and Voice return their most humble Thanks to Almighty GOD, for that He hath been graciously pleased to preserve His Most Sacred Majesty in the Enjoyment of his Health, the Exercise of his Virtues, and the Maintenance of his Glory, and to continue to make Him the Delight of his own People, and the Admiration of the Rest of Mankind; that He hath been pleased to preserve our most gracious Queen in the Perils of Child-bed, and to give unto His Majesty an Heir to his Throne, that the Blessings we enjoy under his benign Government may be perpetuated to latest Posterity; that He hath been pleased to avert from us the Danger which so long threatned us from the extraordinary Drought of last Summer, and by seasonable Rains and other Means to dispense to us the Fruits of the Earth in such Quantity as will enable us chearfully to wait his further Bounty; that He hath been pleased by Means uncommonly expeditious and effectual, to remove from our Neighbourhood an Enemy, whose Lodgement, if it had been maintained through the Winter, would probably have been very detrimental to the Trade, Fishery, and Settlements of this Coast; and that He hath been pleased to humble the Pride of our Enemies, and so dispose their Hearts to Peace, as to afford us promising Hopes, that that happy Event will soon be brought about, upon Terms honourable and advantageous to the British Empire, and more especially Beneficial to this Country.

I HAVE thought to fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Ninth Day of *December* next to be a Day of Public Thanksgiving: 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 good 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 Eleventh Day of November, 1762, in the Third 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.

G O D Save the K I N G.

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