

Commonwealth



of Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**JOHN BROOKS,**

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

**A PROCLAMATION,**

FOR A DAY OF

*Public Thanksgiving and Praise.*

THE revolution of another year having brought with it a rich profusion of providential blessings, and the time being at hand, when the customary oblation of Thanksgiving has been presented, by the people of this Commonwealth, to the Supreme Benefactor, from whose goodness all our enjoyments flow:

I HAVE thought fit to appoint, and by and with the advice and consent of the Council, I do hereby appoint THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER CURRENT, to be observed throughout this Commonwealth, as a DAY OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. And the people of all religious denominations, are requested to assemble on that day, in their respective places of public worship, to offer to Almighty God, the benevolent Parent of the Universe, and the Author of all good, the devout homage of their hearts, for the numberless mercies and blessings, which He has been pleased, so liberally, though unmeritedly, to vouchsafe to us in the course of the present year: That He has eminently distinguished the past season, in prospering the interests of agriculture; in granting to the labors of the husbandman an abundant harvest; and giving success to such of our citizens as seek their subsistence among the treasures of the "great deep:" That, while our sympathy has been excited, by the prevalence of contagious and mortal sickness, among our friends and brethren, in some of the other States, we have had continued to us the blessing of health: That we are still in the enjoyment of our religion, of the rights of conscience, of just laws, and free Constitutions of Government.

AND while we unite in attempting to render our sincere Thanksgiving to God for the distinguishing marks of His providential kindness, may we be duly sensible of our ingratitude to Him, and of our guilty misuse of the parental tokens of His love and munificence, imploring the remission of all our transgressions through the redemption that there is in Jesus Christ: That we may love our Father in Heaven with more sincerity, imitate the Great Saviour of men more closely, and exercise the duties of benevolence and charity, with deeper affection and more heart felt zeal.

THAT God will be pleased to regard with His favor the interests of this State as connected with the administration of the several departments of government, and that He will lead us in all our solemn and interesting discussions of the great principles of our Constitution, to such result as shall ensure our own peace and happiness, and transmit to our children, to the latest generations, the blessings of a wise and free Constitution of Government: That He will be pleased to bless our nation in all its important interests, to guide its councils, to preserve it in peace and to exalt it by righteousness: That He will graciously smile on the means of education, on the cause of truth, on the interests of religion, and on the Ministers of the Prince of Peace: And that He will cause the light of the Gospel to illuminate, reform, and bless the whole family of man.

AND it is recommended to the people that they abstain from all labor, and recreations inconsistent with the religious devotions of the said day.

*Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this First Day of November, in the Year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Forty Fifth.*

**JOHN BROOKS.**

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice }  
and consent of the Council. }

**ALDEN BRADFORD, Secretary.**

**God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!**

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