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BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM,  
Governor of the State of Connecticut,  
A PROCLAMATION.

THE Most High, "who doeth according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth," has, in the fullness of His love and the constancy of His care, abundantly rewarded our industry and continued to bless us with healthful seasons and fruitful fields.

He has given us opportunities to sympathize with the sorrowing, to defend the weak, and to show kindness to the friendless.

He has preserved us from those outbursts of passion which, in other communities, have disregarded lawful restraints and violated the public peace.

He has guided our National armies and navies and given them victory in the day of battle.

He has inspired us with increased faith in His designs to overcome every obstacle to the ultimate triumph of justice and equity, and to subordinate every sentiment to the advancement of truth and righteousness.

In the development of our resources, in the diffusion of knowledge, in the means of education, in the freedom of speech and of conscience, and in all which tends to make a people great and free, He has given us evidence of His favor.

As "He has not dealt so with any nation," the citizens of this State are recommended to observe THURSDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, as a day of THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE to Almighty God, and to publicly recognize Him as the fountain of all good and the benevolent disposer of all events.

Let our gratitude be increased by the consciousness that in accordance with the invitation of the President of the United States, extended to the whole American people, there are great numbers in all parts of our country, on the sea, and sojourning in foreign lands, with whom we can unite in offering unto God the acceptable sacrifice of penitent, grateful and loving hearts.

Let us praise Him that notwithstanding the calamities and heavy burdens of a protracted civil war, there is increasing evidence of the fidelity of the people to the Government, and of their determination to preserve the unity of the Nation.

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed, at the City of Hartford, this, the twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America, the eighty-eighth.*

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM.

By His Excellency's command,

J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, *Secretary of State.*