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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM,

Governor of the State of Connecticut,

A PROCLAMATION.

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THE goodness of God made signally evident during the past year, demands public and grateful recognition. Therefore, THURSDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, is hereby set apart throughout this State as a day of public Thanksgiving, Prayer and Praise to Almighty God.

"Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord." They are manifest in healthful seasons, in rich harvests, in compensated industry, in greater means of usefulness, and in increased national prosperity and greatness.

The painful uncertainties of civil war have given place to peace, and military power is rapidly yielding to civil rule.

God has caused questions which were pressed to the arbitrament of arms, to be determined in favor of national unity and authority. He has caused our armies to be disbanded, and our homes to be made joyful by the return of sons from the field of conflict.

He has manifested his appreciation of oblations voluntarily piled upon the altar of liberty, by giving freedom to the enslaved.

In days of greatest darkness and peril, when the wisdom and power of man failed to relieve an agitated and distressed people; God's Providence commanded a reverential recognition of His guiding hand in the affairs of the nation, and inspired new hopes of future good.

In the exercise of his love, He has also given his Holy Spirit to impress truth upon the hearts of men, to convince them of sin, to lead them to repentance, to inspire them with faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only ground of hope for salvation, and to light their pathway to eternal life.

"Who can show forth all His praise."

In dealing bread to the hungry, in clothing the naked, and in festive and religious ceremonies, let all the people offer unto God Thanksgiving and Praise.

*Given under my hand, and the Seal of the State, at the City of Hartford, this the*  
L. S. *twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and*  
*sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.*

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM.

By His Excellency's command,

J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, *Secretary of State.*