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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM,

Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of Connecticut,

A PROCLAMATION.

IN the midst of civil strife, and a rebellion which has arrayed the enemies of our Government in hostile and deadly conflict against the friends of National supremacy, it is wise and proper for us, as a people, to allow our minds to dwell upon the blessings by which we are still surrounded, and rest upon well-grounded hopes of future good: in view of which, we should lift up our hearts and voices in Thanksgiving and Praise unto Him who healeth all our diseases, who redeemeth our lives from destruction, who crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercies, and "executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

I therefore recommend the people of this State to observe THURSDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise, and would urge them to such acts of benevolence and religious worship as will manifest their heart-felt gratitude to Almighty God.

Let us praise him for healthful seasons, for abundant harvests, for the means of knowledge, for social blessings, for religious liberty.

Let us be grateful for the labors unostentatiously performed, and the pecuniary offerings spontaneously bestowed to relieve the necessities, to bind up the wounds, and to cheer the hearts of those who with loyal devotion to their country's weal, are battling for National unity.

Let us also be grateful for the blessed memory of the honored dead, who in the camp and on the battle-field have cheerfully, heroically and religiously offered their lives upon the altar of patriotism.

Let us rejoice and praise God that He holds the destinies of this Nation in His hands, that He confirms or changes the purposes of man at His pleasure, and overrules all human designs to establish righteousness, truth and justice in the Earth.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at the City of Hartford, this, the thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America, the eighty-seventh.

WILLIAM A. BUCKINGHAM.

By His Excellency's command,

J. HAMMOND TRUMBULL, *Secretary of State.*