

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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in AMERICA,

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

A M I D the many private and public Distresses of a temporal Nature Arguments for Praise and Thanksgiving multiply and arise from almost every Quarter;—as it is of the LORD'S Mercies that we are not consumed, and because his Compassions fail not:—But the many Favors and Blessings, in particular, with which we, as a People, have been indulged in the Course of the past Year, lay us under renewed Obligations to ascribe a Tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty G O D, the beneficent Author of all Good.

I H A V E therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives of the Freemen of this State, in General Assembly met,—to appoint, and do hereby appoint THURSDAY the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER next, to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING throughout this State;—exhorting all Denominations and Orders of People, to present their Thank-Offering at the Throne of Grace, and pay their Vows to the LORD;—to praise his holy Name for all the Bounties of his Providence, and the far richer Blessings of his Grace, in which we share:—Especially to ascribe Honor, Praise, and Thanksgiving to our God for the Enjoyment of the inestimable Privileges of the Gospel:—For that Unanimity, which subsists in the public Councils of the United States:—For the Readiness of the People to stand forth in the Defence of their invaluable Rights and Liberties:—For divine Interposition in raising up a powerful Ally in Favor of the United States:—For every Instance of Protection and Success granted us and our Allies, both by Sea and Land, against our potent and inveterate Foes:—For that Measure of Health enjoyed in the Country and Army:—For a competent Supply of the former and latter Harvest:—And for every Expression of his loving Kindness and tender Mercy.——And at the same Time, to implore God's gracious Presence with the GENERAL CONGRESS of the United States of America;—That he would give them Wisdom, Ability and Fidelity equal to their important Trust;—That all our Assemblies and Councils may be owned and blessed:—That he would continue the Life of our Commander in Chief, and afford him divine Guidance and Direction:—That he would form our Generals, Officers and Soldiery for their respective Departments, and, yet further, honor them as Instruments of our Deliverance:—That he would pour out his Spirit, in plentiful Effusions, on Ministers and People of all Denominations, in this and all the States:—That Seminaries of Learning and Schools of Instruction may be, every where among us, promoted and succeeded:—That the People of this State, in particular, may be blessed in all their spiritual and temporal Concerns:—That they may be enabled to adopt such Measures, and pursue such Plans, as may most effectually tend to Peace, Unanimity and good Order:—That God would yet make us glad, according to the Days wherein we have been afflicted, and the Time in which we have seen Evil:—That he would look down in Pity and tender Compassion on this State, in its Infancy; delight to own and bless it; and grant it may find Favor in the Sight of the grand Council of AMERICA:—That this once howling Wilderness may, in a spiritual Sense, bud and blossom like the Rose:—That he will be pleased to bless and prosper the Work of our Hands;—Establish his Covenant with us and our Children to the latest Posterity:—And fill the Universe with a Display of his glorious Perfections, through our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in Council, at Windsor, this 28th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1778.

THOS. CHITTENDEN.

By His Excellency's Command,

Matthew Lyon, Sec'ry Pro. Tem.