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Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief,
and over the State of *Vermont*.

A PROCLAMATION.

AS by the Praise and Gratitude ever become public Bodies, on the Receipt of the diffusive Beneficence of GOD—I have thought fit, by the Advice of Council, and at the Request of the General Assembly, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint *Thursday, the second Day of December* next, as a Day of public THANKSGIVING, to be observed throughout this State: And I do hereby earnestly recommend to all Persons, residing within the same, carefully to observe said Day—that we may, with united Hearts, tender Thanksgiving and Praise to our divinely bountiful Benefactor, for all his Mercies, both of a public and private Nature, exercised towards us in the Course of the Year past; particularly, that he has been pleased to continue to us our religious Privileges and Enjoyments, and to exalt and sweeten them by so plentiful and extensive an Effusion of his holy Spirit, in his convincing and sanctifying Influences within this State, as well as in other Places—that he has been pleased to turn the Hearts of the Nations to Peace—that he has established it, and by so doing changed the Condition of the *American* States from Anxiety and Distress, to Confidence and Tranquillity; and that we, in this State, so sensibly experience the Greatness of the Change—that the humane Considerations of the *Indians* are so happily quieted—that civil Government is so permanently established—its Strength so richly enjoyed—and the Blessings of it so greatly increased by the plentiful Productions of the Earth.

At the same Time, in a humble Sense of our ill Deserts, to implore his Forgiveness of our multiplied Transgressions—of Continuation and Increase of his Blessings on us, both as Individuals, and as a People—the Establishment of Righteousness throughout the States of *America*—his Blessing on their Interests and Allies—the universal Spread of his holy Religion in its Purity—and Tranquillity and Joy to the World.

And all servile Labour is hereby strictly forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand, in the Council Chamber, at Rutland, this 18th Day of October, Annoque Domini 1774.—And in the Eighth Year of our Independence.

Thomas Chittenden.

By his Excellency's Command,
JNO. TIDLMAN, Sec'y.