

BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

THOMAS CHITTENDEN, Esquire,

Captain-General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State

of VERMONT,

# A PROCLAMATION.

*IT having pleased the supreme Governor of the Universe, in the Course of his holy and righteous Providence, to give us, his People, Reason to rejoice and give Thanks in the Midst of his heavy Judgments with which we are justly afflicted; we are under the strongest Obligations to devote our Lives to his Glory, and with due Acknowledgments to render Praise to his Name.*

**I** HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Request of the General Assembly of this State, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint *Thursday the Sixth Day of December next*, to be observed and kept as a Day of public *Thanksgiving and Praise* to Almighty GOD: And I do hereby call upon, and strictly require all Persons residing within this State, of every Denomination, carefully to observe and keep said Day; that we may, with united Hearts and Voices gratefully acknowledge the Benevolence and Goodness of JEHOVAH, in the repeated Tokens of his Mercy towards us, and for which we have graciously pleaded to his singular a Manner of Providence.—That the Government in this State has been so many of us with his Blessings, we are yet favored unto us:—That he has blessed our Labours of our Hands, and gave us so fruitful a Season, with plentiful Harvests:—That he has filled our Hearts with Joy and Gladness, and crowned the Year, with his loving Kindness and tender Mercies.

AT the same Time humbly implore the Divine Favor, that GOD, in his Mercy, would continue those Blessings we enjoy, and in his own due Time avert his heavy Judgments, and grant Peace to this Land:—That he would turn us from our evil Ways, and cause pure and undefiled Religion to revive and flourish throughout this Land—the Gospel run and be glorified:—That He would raise up and send forth faithful Labourers into his Harvest, that the many destitute Congregations may be supplied with faithful Ministers of JESUS CHRIST:—That in due Time the just Cause of this State may be fully acknowledged, when our Enemies shall be confounded, when Iniquity shall hide its Head, and all Nations be at Peace, and the whole Earth filled with his Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, in Council, at CHARTERTOWN, this 27th Day of October, in the fifth Year of our Independence, A. D. 1781.

THOS. CHITTENDEN.

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