

PROCLAMATION.

By His Majesty's Forces, under the Command of His Majesty's Lieutenant-General, and Viscount Howe, a most signal Victory was obtained over the Rebels on the 26th of September 1781, and His Majesty's Arms and Troops are now in Possession of the City of Philadelphia, and the adjacent Parts of the Province of Pennsylvania, and the State of Delaware, and the Rebels are driven to the utmost Extremity of both.

It is the Duty, to return our most unfeigned Thanks to the Goodness of his Majesty's Providence towards us: And that this may be rendered in the most publick and solemn Manner, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, His Majesty has commanded and directed, that Thursday the 27th Instant, be set apart and observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for this happy Deliverance from the Violence of the Rebels, and the Restoration of Peace and Tranquillity at home: And that all his Majesty's Subjects, and all other his Majesty's Subjects, do tender the divine Praise, and have a due Acknowledgment of his great Mercies conferred upon us, and would not be guilty of Neglect, for neglecting to necessarily and religiously assemble and be present at Divine Service on the said Day, in the most publick and solemn Manner, with Decency and Reverence; and that they do so themselves accordingly: And I do hereby command that Day

at New-York, in the City of New-York, the 27th Day of October 1781, by His Majesty's Lieutenant-General, and Viscount Howe.

C. CLINTON.