

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

IT Having pleased Almighty GOD through the Course of the present Year, to bestow great and manifold Mercies on the People of these UNITED-STATES; and it being the indispensable Duty of all Men gratefully to acknowledge their Obligations to HIM for Benefits received:

R E S O L V E D,

TH A T it be, and hereby is recommended to the Legislative or Executive Authority of each of the said STATES, to appoint WEDNESDAY the 30th Day of December next, to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAISE. That all the People may with United Hearts on that Day express a just Sense of His unmerited Favours; particularly in that it hath pleased Him by his over-ruling Providence to support us in a just and necessary War for the defence of our Rights and Liberties; by affording us seasonable Supplies for our ARMIES; by disposing the Heart of a powerful Monarch to enter into Alliance with us, and aid our Cause; by defeating the Councils, and evil Designs of our Enemies, and giving us Victory over their Troops, and by the Continuance of that Union among these STATES, which by his Blessing, will be their future Strength and Glory.

And it is further recommended, that together with devout Thanksgivings may be joined a penitent Confession of our Sins, and humble supplication for Pardon through the Merits of our *Saviour*, so that under the smiles of Heaven, our public Councils may be directed; our ARMS by Land and sea prospered; our LIBERTY and INDEPENDENCE secured; our *Schools and Seminaries* of Learning flourish; our Trade be revived; our Husbandry and Manufactures increased, and the Hearts of all impressed with undissembled Piety, with Benevolence, and Zeal for the public Good.

And it is also recommended, that Recreations unsuitable to the Purpose of such a solemnity may be omitted on that Day.

Done in CONGRESS this 17th Day of November 1778; and in the third Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the UNITED-STATES of AMERICA.

HENRY LAURENS, President.

Attest,

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

S T A T E O F N E W - H A M P S H I R E

In the House of REPRESENTATIVES, December 18th, 1778.

Voted,

TH A T the PROCLAMATION of CONGRESS of the 17th of November 1778, for observing and keeping Wednesday the 30th Day of December instant, as a day of public THANKSGIVING throughout this State, be forthwith printed, and dispersed to the several worshiping Assemblies and Congregations throughout this State; and that the said Day be kept accordingly, and all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Sent up for Concurrence,

JOHN LANGDON, *Speaker.*

In COUNCIL, December 18th, 1778. Read and Concurred,

E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*