

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it becomes us humbly to approach the throne of Almighty God with gratitude and praise for the wonders which his goodness has wrought in conducting our forefathers to this western world, for his protection to them and to their posterity amid difficulties and dangers; for raising us, their children from deep distress to be numbered among the nations of the earth; And for arming the hands of just and mighty Princes in our deliverance; And especially for that he hath been pleased to grant us the enjoyment of health, and to order the revolving seasons that the earth hath produced her increase in abundance, blessing the labours of the husbandman, and spreading plenty through the land; That he hath prospered our arms and those of our Ally; been a shield to our troops in the hour of danger; pointed their swords to victory, and led them in triumph over the bulwarks of the foe; that he hath gone with those, who went out into the wilderness against the savage tribes; that he hath stayed the hand of the spoiler, and turned back his meditated destruction; That he hath prospered our commerce, and given success to those who fought the enemy on the face of the deep; and above all that he hath diffused the glorious light of the gospel, whereby through the merits of our gracious Redeemer we may become the heirs of his eternal glory; Therefore

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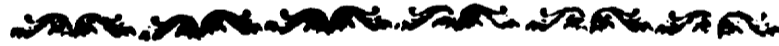
That it be recommended to the several States, to appoint **THURSDAY**, the **NINTH** of **DECEMBER** next, to be a day of public and solemn **THANKSGIVING** to Almighty God for his mercies; and of prayer for the continuance of his favour and protection to these United States; to beseech him that he would be graciously pleased to influence our public councils, and bless them with wisdom from on high, with unanimity, firmness and success; that he would go forth with our hosts, and crown our arms with success and victory: That he would grant to his church the plentiful effusions of divine grace, and pour out his holy spirit on all ministers of the gospel: That he would bless, and prosper the means of education, and spread the light of christian knowledge through the remotest corners of the earth: That he would smile upon the labours of his people, and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits in abundance, that we may with gratitude and gladness enjoy them: That he would take into his holy protection our illustrious **ALLY**, give him victory over his enemies, and render him signally great as the **FATHER** of his people, and the **PROTECTOR OF THE RIGHTS OF MANKIND**: That he would graciously be pleased to turn the hearts of our enemies, and dispense the blessings of peace to contending nations: That he would in mercy look down upon us, pardon all our sins, and receive us into his favour; and finally, that he would establish the Independence of these United States upon the basis of religion and virtue, and support and protect them in the enjoyment of peace, liberty and safety.

DONE in Congress, the Twentieth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Nine, and in the fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, PRESIDENT.

ATTEST,

CHARLES THOMSON, Sec'ry.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, ESQUIRE,

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

A PROCLAMATION for a Day of **THANKSGIVING**.

IHAVE thought fit on the foregoing recommendation, by and with the advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court Assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, **THURSDAY** the **NINTH** Day of **DECEMBER** next, to be observed as a Day of public **THANKSGIVING** throughout this State; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People, of all denominations, devoutly to offer up their Thanksgivings, Praises and Prayers to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, for the manifold blessings of his providence and grace we have enjoyed; and in hope of those we stand in need of.

And all servile Labour, and vain Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

S I V E N under my Hand, in the Council Chamber at Hartford, the first Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine, and in the fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.



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