

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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

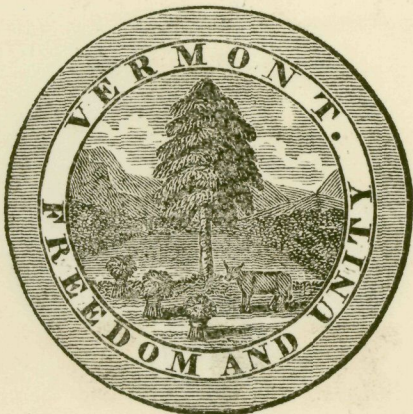
A PROCLAMATION.

THE proper acknowledgment of GOD is the highest duty of man. The various blessings of His Providence and Grace, annually bestowed upon the community, demand an annual tribute of **THANKSGIVING.**

I DO, therefore, by the advice of the General Assembly, and with the consent of the Council, appoint **THURSDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT**, to be kept and observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**, throughout this state;—recommending, that all persons, abstaining from ordinary labor and amusements, assemble, on that day, for the worship of **JEHOVAH.**

In our respective places of public worship, let us, unitedly, offer up our devout acknowledgments to the **FATHER OF MERCIES**, for all his goodness, and his wonderful works to the children of men. Particularly, let us give thanks for our civil and religious liberty, and for the various national blessings we enjoy, in common with our sister states, under the administration of a government, unequalled, for its excellence, in the annals of the world. Let us praise **GOD** for all the sources of intellectual, moral and religious improvement, which, in His good Providence, are opened to us; for the general health of the past year; for the plentiful supply of the fruits of the earth, and for all the success, which has attended the lawful pursuits of our citizens, throughout our country, on the land and on the sea. Above all, let us give thanks for the work of redemption by **JESUS CHRIST**, whose **GOSPEL** brings life and immortality to light, and gives assurance of a crown of unfading glory in **HEAVEN**, to all, who believe its doctrines, imbibe its spirit and obey its precepts.

And, together with our thanksgivings, let us humble ourselves before **GOD**, and implore the forgiveness of our numerous sins, by which we have provoked Him to deprive us and our country of the rich blessings we enjoy; and let us beseech Him to continue these blessings to us and to our posterity, to the latest time. Let us commend to His protection the General and State Governments, and all the useful institutions of our country, entreating that he would endow all men in important stations, ecclesiastical, civil and literary, with grace and wisdom, and bless their respective labors for the promotion of useful knowledge, social order and pure religion;—that the various benevolent societies, of this and other countries, may be prospered in their several undertakings, and rendered the happy instruments of removing the ignorance, alleviating the sufferings, and eradicating the vices of mankind, and of extending to all people the blessings enjoyed by ourselves;—and, finally, that He would hasten the accomplishment of the promises of His **MERCY**, by the pouring out of His **SPIRIT** on all flesh, and giving to His **SON** the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession.



Given under my hand, in Council Chamber, this twenty-ninth day of October, in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States, the fifty-third.

SAMUEL C. CRAFTS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

GEO. B. SHAW, Secretary.