

BY THE
PRESIDENT
OF THE
Delaware State.

A
Proclamation.

WHEREAS the UNITED STATES in CONGRESS assembled, taking into their Consideration the many Instances of divine Goodness to these States, in the Course of the important Conflict in which they have been so long engaged; the present happy and promising State of public Affairs, and the Events of the War in the Course of the Year, now drawing to a Close, particularly the Harmony of the public Councils, which is so necessary to the Success of the public Cause; the perfect Union and good Understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their Allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied Attempts of the common Enemy to divide them; the Success of the Arms of the *United States* and those of their Allies; and the Acknowledgement of their Independence by another *European* Power, whose Friendship and Commerce must be of great and lasting Advantage to these States, have, by their Act of the eleventh Day of *October* Instant, recommended to the several States, to interpose their Authority in appointing and commanding the Observation of *Thursday* the twenty-eighth Day of *November* next as a Day of solemn Thanksgiving: I DO therefore, as well in Regard to the said Recommendation of Congress, as in pursuance of a Resolution of the General Assembly of the said State, hereby appoint and proclaim, that *Thursday* the twenty-eighth Day of *November* next, be observed throughout this State as a Day of solemn Thanksgiving to GOD for all his Mercies: And I do earnestly recommend to the Inhabitants of the said State, to abstain on that Day from servile Labour and all Recreations unsuitable to the Purpose of such Solemnity, and attend Places of public Worship; and that all Ranks testify their Gratitude to GOD for his Goodness by a cheerful Obedience to his Laws; and by promoting each in his Station and by his Influence, the Practice of true and undefiled Religion, which is the great Foundation of public Prosperity and national Happiness.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Great-Seal of the State, at New-castle, the thirty-first Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Two.

JOHN DICKINSON.

By his Excellency's Command,

JAMES BOOTH, Secretary.