



PENNSYLVANIA, *ff.*

By the PRESIDENT *and the* SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL *of the* Commonwealth
of PENNSYLVANIA,

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

W H E R E A S the United States in Congress Assembled by their proclamation, dated the eighteenth day of October instant, have set forth and recommended, that "Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events to dispose the hearts of the late belligerent powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood, by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land; and these United States are not only happily rescued from the dangers and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and independence ultimately acknowledged: AND WHEREAS, in the progress of a contest, on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favour, hath been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every reason for praise and gratitude to the God of their salvation. IMPRESSED, THEREFORE, with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded, and of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being, from whose goodness and bounty they are derived: The United States in Congress Assembled do recommend to the several states to set apart the SECOND THURSDAY IN DECEMBER next, as a day of Public Thanksgiving; that all the people may then assemble to celebrate, with grateful hearts and united voices, the praises of their Supreme and all Bountiful Benefactor, for his numberless favours and mercies: that he hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war: that he hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights: that he hath raised up a powerful Ally to assist us in supporting them, and hath so far crowned our united efforts with success, that in the course of the present year hostilities have ceased, and we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberties and independence, and of the fruits of our own lands, and in the free participation of the treasures of the sea: that he hath prospered the labour of our husbandmen with plentiful harvests: and above all, that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed gospel, and secured to us in the fullest extent, the rights of conscience, in faith and worship. And while our hearts overflow with gratitude, and our lips set forth the praises of our great Creator, that we also offer up fervent applications, that it may please him to pardon all our offences, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection and to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honour and interest, to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work, and to be lovers of peace and tranquility: that he may be pleased to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and navigation, to smile on our seminaries and means of education, to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish, to give peace to all nations, and to fill the world with his glory."

Therefore, we do hereby recommend to the people of this state, that they set apart the said SECOND THURSDAY IN DECEMBER next, as a day of Public Thanksgiving to Almighty God; agreeably to the recommendation of the above recited proclamation.

G I V E N in Council, under the hand of the President, and the seal of the state, at Philadelphia, this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

J O H N D I C K I N S O N .

ATTEST.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Jun. SECRETARY.

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