



By His EXCELLENCY,
Joseph Dudley Esq.

Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in & over Her Majesties
Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, & *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a General THANKSGIVING.

UPON due Consideration of the late very Extraordinary and Eminent appearances of Divine Providence, demanding Publick Acknowledgements, with Solemn Praise and Thanksgiving unto Almighty GOD; In Special, For his Gracious Protection and Assistance of her Sacred Majesty, in the *Just War*, in which her Majesty is ~~now~~ Engaged; and for the Good Conduct and Courage wherewith her Majesty's Armes, in Conjunction with her Allies, have been Inspired, to the obtaining of so many Wonderful and Glorious Victories over their Proud Insulting Enemies; thereby disappointing their boundless Ambition. As also, for the Defence Cloudfaked to these her Majesties Plantations, against the Attacks of the French, who, this present Summer, have made their Impressions upon some of her Majesties Islands; For defeating the Designs and Attempts of the barbarous Indian Enemy and Rebels, and so far preventing of their Outrages; For the plentiful Harvest, after the immoderate Rain's and excessive floods, in the beginning of the Summer; For the great Measure of Health; The Return of many of our Prisoners from the French & Indian hands; And for other Great & Publick Blessings.

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of her Majesties Council, to Order and Appoint Thursday the Seventeenth of October next, to be Religiously Observed as a Day for General THANKSGIVING throughout both the Provinces, Exhorting both Ministers and People in their Publick Assembly's, thereon, to Offer up most Sincere and hearty PRAISES to Almighty GOD, for his so Great and Admirable Favours and Benefits. Hereby forbidding all Servile Labour upon the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the *Nineteenth* Day of *September*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency,
The Governour & Council.
Blanc Ardington, Secr.

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G O D Save the Queen.