

Province of the
Massachusetts-
Bay.



By His *EXCELLENCY*,
Joseph Dudley Esq.

Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her
Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, in *America*.

A Proclamation for a Publick THANKSGIVING.

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty GOD in his Great Good-
ness to preserve her Majesties Sacred Person, and to prosper
her Armes in the Just War, wherein her Majesty and her
Allies are Engaged for the preservation of the Liberties of
Europe. Having also been Graciously pleased, In the Summer past, to
restrain the Insults and Outrage of our barbarous Enemies, and to grant
us great Quiet and Tranquillity; To bless the Fruits of the Earth, and
to give us the hopeful prospect of a plentiful Harvest; To grant us general
Health, and to smile upon us in other our publick Interests, and Enjoy-
ments.

Wherefore humbly Adoring the Divine Goodness, and duly considering
That such great and publick Blessings do call for publick and Solemn Ac-
knowledgements.

I have thought fit, by the Advice of her Majesties Council, and at the
Desire of the Representatives in their late Session, hereby to Order
and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING to Almighty
GOD, for these his Mercies be observed throughout this Province,
within the severall Towns and Districts thereof, on Thursday the
Eighteenth Day of October next: And do strictly forbid all Servile
Labour thereupon; exhorting both Ministers and People to Solemnize the
said Day after a Religious manner, and to offer up sincere and hearty
Praises to GOD.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the 20th. Day of *September*, 1705. In the Fourth 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 the Go-
vernour & Council,
Isaac Adlington, Secr.

J. DUDLEY.

G O D Save the Queen.