



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

# A Proclamation for a general THANKSGIVING.

I Having been the Good Pleasure of Almighty GOD, who is Righteous in all his Ways and Holy in all his Works, under a long Process of Various Judgments upon this Sinful Unreformed People; in the midst of Judgment to Remember Mercy, and to shew himself Gracious to us, Particularly in the Summer past; In the great Measure of health Vouchsafed; In Granting us a much more plentiful Harvest, than we could reasonably hope for, by reason of the sore Scorching Drought on several parts of the Province; In Restraint of the Out-rage of our Enemies, and Protecting our Open Towns and Villages from their Insults, where-with they have some time Infel'd us; In yet favouring us with Gospel Enjoyments and Privileges, and the Addition of Innumerable other Blessings: All which Demand our most Gratefull Acknowledgments.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of her Majesties Council, and the Assembly in their present Session, to Order and Appoint Thursday the Twenty-fourth of November currant, a Day for Publick and general THANKSGIVING, throughout this Province, to Celebrate the high Praises of GOD, for his many and great Mercies, to our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN, our Nation, and our selves. hereby strictly Commanding a Religious Observance of the said Day; forbidding all Servile Labour and Recreations thereon, And Exhorting both Ministers and People in their publick Assemblies, with a becoming Devotion, to Offer up sincere and hearty Praises to the GOD of all our Mercies; That We may not forget all his Benefits, but may through Grace have the Continuance of his Favours.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* upon Saturday the Fifth of *November*, 1709. In the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of GOD of GREAT BRITAIN, France and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency  
the Governour, with the Ad-  
vice of the Council & Assembly.  
Isaac Addington Secr.

J. DUDLEY.

## G O D Save the Queen.