



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

**I**T having pleased Almighty GOD of his Great Goodness and Mercy,  
to Afford his Protection and Assistance to her Sacred Majesty in the  
Just War, In which, for the common Safety of her Majesties  
Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of France,  
her Majesty is now Engaged; And hath given to her Majesties Arms,  
in conjunction with her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke  
of Marlborough, Captain General of her Majesties Land Forces, after  
their having forced the French lines in the Spanish Netherlands, a  
Signal and Glorious Victory over the Forces of her Majesties Enemies  
within those Lines.

And such Great and Publick Blessings calling for Publick and Solemn  
Acknowledgements.

**I** Do, by her Majesties Especial Command, and with the Advice of her  
Majesties Council, Order and Appoint, That a General THANKS-  
GIVING to Almighty GOD, for these his Mercies, be Religiously  
Observed throughout these Provinces, upon Thursday the Twenty-  
fourth of January next: Exhorting both Ministers and People in their  
Publick Assemblies on the said Day, most devoutly to Celebrate the Praises  
of Almighty GOD, for his so Great Favours and Blessings bestowed;  
And all Servile Labour is hereby forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the *27th* Day of *December* 1705. In the Fourth Year of Her  
Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Excellency  
the Governour & Council,  
Isaac Addington, Secr.

**J. DUDLEY**

## G O D Save the Queen.