



By the **HONOURABLE,**
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Lieutenant **GOVERNOUR** & Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a General THANKSGIVING.



HEREAS it hath pleased Almighty **GOD** of His Great Goodness, to Favour us with many Undeserved Blessings in the Course of this Year, Respecting as well our Nation, as our Land; **More especially**, For that He hath preserved the Persons of our Sovereign Lord the **KING**, and Their Royal Highnesses the **PRINCE** and **PRINCESS** of **Wales**, with the Rest of the Royal Family, and has graciously Directed & Succeeded His Majesty's Wife Councils for Preserving the Tranquillity of **Europe**; That He hath granted us a good Measure of **Health**, and, in many Instances, a plentiful **Harvest**, Notwithstanding the Scorching Drought in the Summer past; That He hath so far protected our Sea-Coasts from the Merciless **Pirates**, (some of whom it hath pleased **GOD**) in a remarkable

Manner to deliver into our Hands,) and Defended our In-Land Frontiers from the Rage and Violence of the bloody **Salvages**, and Granted us a very Signal Victory over the **Eastern Indians** at **Norrigewock**; And that He is pleased hitherto to Continue to us our invaluable Privileges Civil and Ecclesiastical; All which, with innumerable other Instances of the Divine Favour and Goodness, demand our grateful and publick Acknowledgements:

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to Order and Appoint, That Thursday the Fifth of November next, be Observed as a Day of General **THANKSGIVING** throughout this Province; Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies, Religiously to Celebrate the same by Offering up their Cheerful **PRAISES** and unfeigned **THANKS** to Almighty **GOD** the Author and Bestower of all our Mercies: And all Servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at Boston the Seventeenth of October, 1724. In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE**, by the Grace of **GOD** of Great Britain, France and Ireland, **KING**, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Honourable
 the Lieut. Governour, with
 the Advice of the Council,

Josiah Willard, Secr.

W. DUMMER,

G O D Save the King.