

FENNER, ESQUIRE,

COMMANDER IN CHIEF, OF THE STATE OF RHODE-ISLAND
PROVIDENCE-PLANTATIONS.

PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, of the State aforesaid, at the Session held on the last Monday in *October* last, passed the following Act, to wit:

“IT is VOTED and RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the *Inhabitants* of this State to observe *Thursday*, the *Fifteenth* Day of *December* next, as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER; that, abstaining on that Day from servile *Labour*, they assemble at their respective Houses of public Worship to offer up their unfeigned Thanksgiving and Praises to ALMIGHTY GOD, for his manifest Goodness to us and to all Men, and, in an especial Manner, for that it hath pleased him to favour the People of the *United States* with the Blessings of Health, Peace and Plenty, and of a good civil Government; and to beseech his *Divine Majesty* still to watch over and protect us as a *People*, and to bless and reform us as *Individuals*; and so to order and govern Events in the Course of his divine Providence, that all the Nations and People of the Earth may enjoy Peace, Liberty and Safety: And that his Excellency the Governor, be requested to issue his Proclamation accordingly.”

IN CONFORMITY to the foregoing Act, I have thought fit to issue this Proclamation, and do hereby recommend it to the good *People* of this State to observe the said Day as a Day of public *Thanksgiving* and *Prayer* to *Almighty God*, agreeably to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the said State, at Providence, this *Seventh* Day of *November*, A. D. 1796, and in the *Twenty-first* Year of Independence.

ARTHUR FENNER.