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A P R O C L A M A T I O N.



HE great and continued Goodness and Mercy of Almighty GOD, manifested to the British Nation, and Dominions, in the Smiles, Protections, and distinguishing Blessings of Divine Providence, which in various Respects (amidst a long, dangerous and expensive War) they have in the Course of the current Year, been favoured with; demanding our most grateful Acknowledgments and Praises, publicly and solemnly to be rendered to the Most High and gracious Disposer of all Events.

I HAVE thought fit, by, and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, and order, that a PUBLICK THANKSGIVING, be observed throughout this Colony, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *November*, next; exhorting both Ministers and People, devoutly, and with becoming Solemnity, to give Glory and Praise to GOD, by whom Kings reign, and Nations are preserved; that he hath been pleased, in so happy a Manner, to establish our most Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE the Third, upon the Throne of his illustrious Ancestors; and, to continue his Life, and the Lives of the Royal Family.

And also, to bless, magnify, and adore the Name of the LORD, for the Smiles of his Providence on the King's Counsels, and the signal Successes granted to the *British* Arms, by Sea and Land, in various Parts of the World. For His, so favourable Protection of the Protestant Cause, the British Allies, and these Colonies, amidst the Tumults and threatening Aspects of War. For the Continuation of the valuable Rights and Privileges of this Colony, civil and religious. For the general Health we have been favoured with. For the plentiful Supply, of the former Harvest; and for the great Revival of the languishing Fruits of the Earth, whereby his People may enjoy the Comforts, as well as the Necessaries of Life, greatly beyond their Fears, after a long and distressing Drought, which a righteous God had been pleased to visit us with in the Summer past; and for all other Tokens of divine Goodness and Mercy, to the Nation and this our Land.

Likewise, to offer up devout and humble Supplications, to Almighty GOD, for the King's Most Excellent Majesty, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family. That the Blessings of Heaven may be abundantly showered down upon the King's Royal Person and Government; that his Counsels may be directed from on High; his Negotiations succeeded, and his Arms, and those of his Allies, further prospered in the Defence of the just Rights of the Nation, and the Liberties of *Europe*. That the present calamitous War, by the favourable Providence of a Gracious GOD, may be speedily brought to such a happy Conclusion, that the Protestant Cause, the Interest of our Nation, and the future Peace and Security of the *American* Colonies might be effectually established. That GOD Almighty, would be pleased more and more, to bless and prosper this Colony, in all its important Interests and Concerns. And cause that the Light of the Knowledge of the glorious Gospel may be more and more made known amongst all Nations, and particularly to the Heathen in this Land; that all People may rejoice in the Goodness and Salvation of GOD, to the Praise and Honour of his own GREAT NAME.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

*GIVEN under my Hand at the Council-Chamber, in New-Haven, the
Twenty-Seventh Day of October, in the Second Year of the Reign
of our Sovereign Lord, GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD
King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the
Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1761.*

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