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The State of New-Hampshire.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

By His Excellency, Ichabod Goodwin.

It becomes us as the disciples of Christ, at all times to confess our humble gratitude to God for his mercy and goodness, and especially should we acknowledge the beneficence which, through the past year, has continued us as a people in the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, and which has preserved us from pestilence and war. General health has prevailed to an unusual degree; industrial pursuits have prospered, and the labors of the husbandman have been crowned with abundant success.

On the ingathering of the harvest it has been our custom to set apart a day on which to return thanks for these and countless other blessings, and, in accordance therewith, I do, with advice of Executive Council, appoint Thursday, the 29th of November, for this object; and I recommend to all the people of the State, that they assemble on that day, with grateful hearts, in their usual places of public worship—and that while happy in social or family re-union, they will not forget to distribute out of their abundance to those less prosperous and favored than themselves.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Concord, this 8th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-fifth.

Ichabod Goodwin.

By His Excellency, the Governor,

With advice of the Council,

Thomas L. Tullock,

Secretary of State.