

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

MATTHEW GRISWOLD, Esquire,

Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in and over  
the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

# A PROCLAMATION.

**W** H E R E A S the Divine Power and Goodness have been wonderfully displayed in the Protection and Deliverance granted to the Inhabitants of this Land from the first Settlement of our Forefathers until the present Time. And marvellous have been the favourable Interpositions of Divine Providence to them and their Posterity, in Times of imminent Danger, when repeatedly threatened with Destruction from potent Enemies, until at last pleased the Most High, who reigneth over the Kingdoms of Men, to give us an equal Rank among the Sovereign Nations of the Earth, with the full Enjoyment of our Constitutional Rights, Civil and Religious Liberties and Privileges, in Peace and Tranquillity.

And from the same bounteous Hand we at present enjoy the Blessings of Health and Plenty, with innumerable other Favours and Mercies, which call for the highest Praise and Thankfulness to the great Author of all our Benefits.

**I** H A V E therefore 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 THURSDAY the second Day of December next to be observed as a Day of Public Thanksgiving throughout this State, exhorting Ministers and People of all Denominations with Reverence to present their Thank-Offerings to the Father of all our Mercies, and to praise Him for all the Bounties of his Providence, and other Blessings of his Grace: In particular to ascribe Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty GOD for the Enjoyment of the Means of Grace, the inestimable Privileges of a preached Gospel, Sabbath and Sanctuary Advantages, for the Continuation of the Blessings of Peace, the general Enjoyment of Health, and plentiful Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth the current Year, and for every Expression of his loving Kindness and tender Mercy. Also at the same Time to implore the Father of Mercies to inspire our National Council, the Congress of these United States, with Wisdom and Fidelity, equal to the Trust reposed in them, that he may be graciously pleased to confirm and perpetuate the federal Union, that civil Discord and internal Dissentions, or whatever tends to disturb the Happiness, Peace and Prosperity of the Nation may be prevented, that our civil Administrations may be directed, owned and blessed; that the Most High would pour out his Spirit in plentiful Effusions upon the Churches and Ministers in this Land, that Seminaries of Learning and other Schools of Instruction may be happily succeeded; that the People of this State may be smited upon in their Husbandry, Fishery and Commerce, that the Redeemer's Kingdom may be advanced abundantly every where, and the World be filled with the Glorious Displays of the Divine Perfections, in and through JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOUR.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in New-Haven,  
the first Day of November, Annoque Domini 1784.

MATTHEW GRISWOLD.

By His Excellency's Command,  
GEORGE WYLLIS, Secy.