

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
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Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Commonwealth of
M A S S A C H U S E T T S.
A
PROCLAMATION.
FOR A DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

IT being the indispenfible Duty of all Nations, not only to offer up their Supplications to Almighty GOD, the Giver of all Good, for his gracious Affiftance in a Time of Difrefs, but alfo in a folemn and public Manner to give him Praife for his Goodnefs in general, and efppecially for great and fignal Interpofitions of his Providence in their Behalf: Therefore, taking into confideration the many Inftances of Divine Goodnefs to thefe States, in the Courfe of the important Conflict, in which they have been fo long engaged—the prefent happy and promifing State of public Affairs and the Events of the War in the Courfe of the Year now drawing to a clofe, particularly the Harmony of the public Councils which is fo neceffary to the Succels of the public Caufe; the perfect Union and good Underftanding which has hitherto fubfifted between them and their Allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied Attempts of the common Enemy to divide them: The Succels of the Arms of the United States, and thofe of their Allies, and the Acknowledgment of their Independance by another European Power, whofe Friendfhip and Commerce muft be of great and lafting Advantage to thefe States: And that while it has pleafed Almighty GOD to favour us with fuch a Degree of Health in our Habitations, he hath remembered Mercy, and vifited us with refrefhing Showers from Heaven after a fevere Drought, and hath abundantly watered the dry and thirfty Earth; and crowned the Year with his Goodnefs:

I DO THEREFORE, by and with the Advice of the Council appoint, and do hereby appoint **THURSDAY** the Twenty-Eighth Day of *November* Inftant, (the Day recommended by the Congrefs to all the States) to be religiously obferved as a Day of folemn **THANKSGIVING**, hereby calling upon Minifters and People of all Denominations in their feveral Affemblies to offer up their unfeigned Thanks to our good and gracious GOD, for all his unmerited Favours, with their humble and fervent Supplications to the divine Majefty, that we may by his Judgments be taught Righteoufnefs, and by his Goodnefs be led to Repentance; and that we may testify our Gratitude to GOD for his Goodnefs by a chearful Obedience to his Laws, and by promoting each in his Station, and by his Influence the practice of true and undefiled Religion, which is the great Foundation of public profperity and national Happinefs.

G I V E N at the COUNCIL-CHAMBER in BOSTON, the Fourth Day of November, in the Year of Our LORD One Thoufand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Two, and in the Seventh Year of the Independence of the United States of AMERICA.

JOHN HANCOCK.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN AVERY, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!