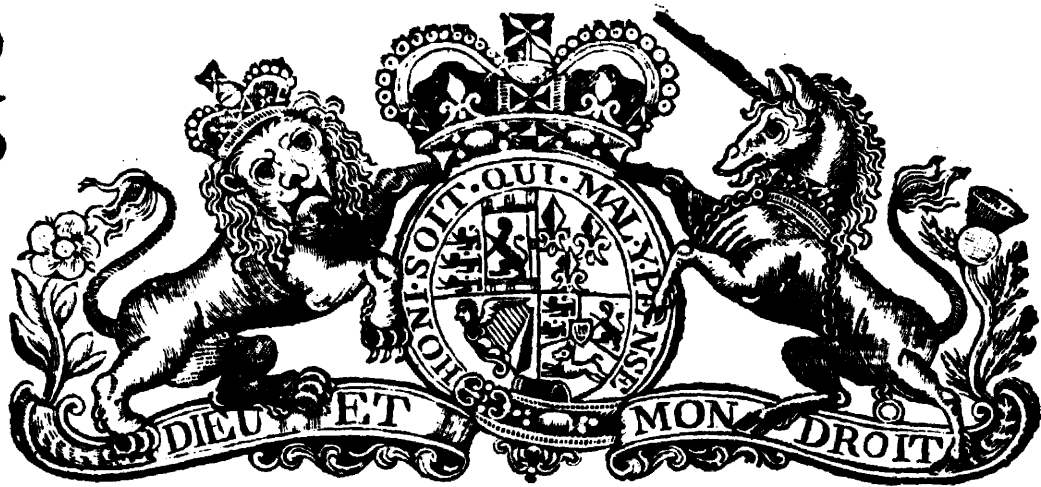


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By the Governor.

# A PROCLAMATION

*For a Public Thanksgiving.*

**A**S we are now approaching to the close of another Year in which it has pleased God to favour the People of this Province with many great and signal Mercies which require their devout and religious Acknowledgment :

**I**HAVE thought fit to appoint, and I do with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Third Day of *December* next, to be a Day of Publick THANKSGIVING throughout the Province. Recommending to Ministers and People of every Denomination of Christians in their respective Assemblies for Religious Worship, to offer up solemn Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD for preserving the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and of so many of the Branches of his illustrious Family ;—for continuing Peace throughout His Majesty's Dominions ;—for granting to the People of this Province a plentiful Supply of most Kinds of the Fruits of the Earth ;—for protecting and prospering their Trade, Navigation and Fishery ;—for granting so good a Measure of Health as they have generally enjoyed ;—for rendering mild and gentle an infectious Distemper which has sometimes proved very mortal and grievously distressing :—And for all publick and private Blessings which, notwithstanding their past Ingratitude, have been continued to them, or in the Course of the Year conferred upon them.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

*G I V E N* at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the *Twenty-ninth* Day of *October*, 1772, in the *Thirteenth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the *Third*, by the Grace of *GOD*, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, *KING*, *Defender of the Faith*, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,  
THO'S FLUCKER, Sec'y.

*T. Hutchinson.*

**G O D** Save the **K I N G**.