

# STATE OF VERMONT.

**BY SILAS H. JENISON,**

**GOVERNOR,**

## **A Proclamation**

**FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.**

**The goodness of GOD calls for our gratitude :—at that season of the** year when the earth hath yielded of its fulness to the labors of the husbandman, when plenty smiles and prosperity attends us, and when the blessings of health so generally prevail, it is peculiarly appropriate that we unite in a thankoffering to the Ruler of the Universe :

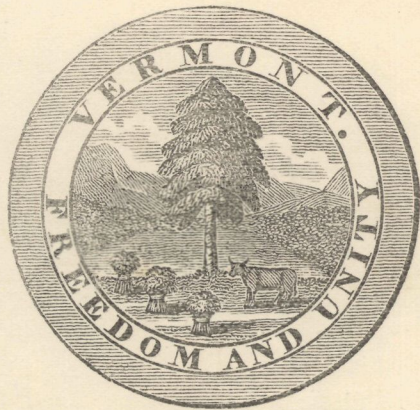
**To present such an opportunity, I do, in compliance with the re-**quest of the Senate and House of Representatives, hereby appoint THURSDAY, the FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING, PRAISE AND PRAYER. Let the people on that day, laying aside every thing inconsistent with its duties, assemble in their several places of public worship, and in a devotional manner, present their ascriptions of fervent gratitude and praise to that GOD whose kindness and mercy have ever been so signally manifested towards us. And while in this united manner, we recount his continuous favors and blessings, and remember how mercifully the inhabitants of this State have, for the year past, been preserved from disease and death, let us not be forgetful, that for all this we are indebted to that Almighty Being who spake the world into existence, and whose parental kindness enables us thus joyously, to partake of his bounties.

Let us praise God for all our social relations—for our civil institutions—for our religious liberty—and endeavor to excite in each other a friendly zeal for promoting and extending these relations; for perpetuating these institutions; and for disseminating this liberty,—until their influence shall be seen and felt by the whole family of man.

Let us pray for our rulers, that they may be men whose paramount desire shall be to establish and foster those principles of religion, virtue and high minded patriotism which constitute the foundation of our Republic. We are eminently blessed. We have reason to give thanks that while many nations are in darkness and ignorance, we have the Gospel of our REDEEMER, which saveth from sin :—that while the governments of the old world are groaning under the influence of despotism, bigotry and superstition, our institutions secure to us civil liberty and religious freedom.

Let us thank God for our literary privileges—and pray that all our schools and seminaries of learning may be fountains whence shall issue pure streams, watering and refreshing the whole land—that our children may there be early taught, that reverence to God, honor to parents, respect for religion, subordination to the laws and a due regard for those administering them, are the brightest ornaments to youth, the richest inheritance they can possess.

And finally let us thank God for the philanthropic enterprises of the age, and earnestly pray for the continuance of his beneficent smiles, till all violence and oppression shall cease, and the mild and peaceful influence of love to all shall become universally predominant, and the whole world be filled with His praise.



*Given under my hand in Executive Chamber,  
at Montpelier, this fourteenth day of Novem-  
ber, in the year of our LORD one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty-six, and of the In-  
dependence of the United States, the sixty-  
first.*

**SILAS H. JENISON.**

BY THE GOVERNOR,

GEO. B. MANSER, SECRETARY.