



By the HONOURABLE  
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GOVERNOUR of His Majesty's Colony of CONNECTICUT in *New-England.*  
A PROCLAMATION  
For a day of publick Thanksgiving.

NOTWITHSTANDING Our Nation is Involved in the Calamities of War, yet it hath pleased GOD to bestow upon us in this Colony, many unmerited Favours and Blessings, both Common and Special, which deserve our highest Thankfulness and Praise, Expressed in the most Publick and Solemn Manner to the Honour of our most Gracious and Merciful BENEFACITOR.

I have 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 Eighth day of November next, to be religiously Observed as a day of publick THANKSGIVING throughout this Colony. Hereby Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several religious Congregations, with sincere Devotion to give Thanks unto the LORD for his Goodness, and Celebrate his Praises for the many inestimable Blessings bestowed upon us.

And in Particular, For the Continuation of the Life of our most gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Second: the Lives of their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESS of Wales, the DUKE, the ISSUE of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the ROYAL FAMILY. That GOD has been pleased to Bless his Majesty's Fleets and Armaments with sundry Instances of Victory and Success. And for his peculiar Favours to his people in this Colony: For the Continuation of all our Privileges both Civil and Sacred, and for the Preservation of our Civil and Ecclesiastical State and Order. That GOD has been pleased in a time of War, to protect us on every side so that we have dwelt in safety, and none of our Enemies have made any Invasion upon us, either by Sea or Land. That he has given us a plentiful Ingathering of the precious Fruits of the Earth, both in the former and latter Harvest; hath sent us Rain from Heaven and fruitful Seasons and filled our hearts with Food and Gladness.

Together, with fervent Prayers to Almighty GOD for the KING's Most Excellent Majesty, Their Royal Highnesses FREDERICK Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, the DUKE, the Princesses, the Issue of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: That all the publick Affairs of our Nation may be under the Conduct and Smiles of Heaven. That GOD would Direct and Bless his Majesty's Councils, and that the best measures may be from time to time concerted and executed for the successful carrying on of the War that our Enemies might be speedily brought to just and honourable Terms of Peace. That GOD would continue to Guard our Sea-coasts and Defend our Frontiers and Infant Plantations. It is also, That all our publick and invaluable Privileges, both Civil and Sacred may be preserved and maintained. That GOD would bless the Magistracy and Ministry, smile upon our Trade and continue it to be a great and lasting Blessing to our Land. That he would pour down his Spirit upon us, preserve the great Blessing of Peace in all our Churches where it is enjoyed and Restore it where it is wanting. That the Indian Natives may come to the knowledge of the only True GOD, and Jesus Christ the Saviour. That the general health which we have enjoyed may be continued. That he would bless our Husbandry, protect our Trade and Navigation, and prosper us in all our publick and private Interests and Concerns, both by Sea and Land. And all servile Labour is hereby strictly forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council-Chamber in *New-Haven*, this Fifteenth Day of *October*, in the Eighteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Annusque Domini, 1744.*

J. LAW.

**GOD SAVE THE KING.**