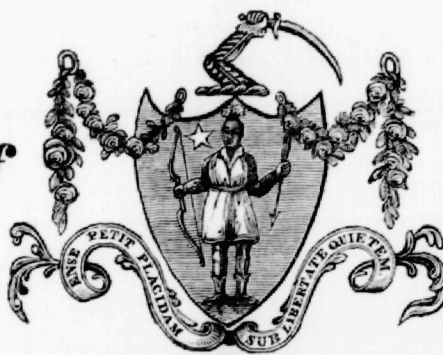


**Commonwealth of**



**Massachusetts.**

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY**

**LEVI LINCOLN,**

**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,**

**A PROCLAMATION,**

**FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.**

THROUGH the merciful Providence of Almighty God, the People of this Commonwealth, having now been brought towards the close of another year, in peace and plenty, health and happiness ;—I have thought proper, with the advice and consent of the Council, to appoint THURSDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, to be observed, by them, as a day of PRAISE, THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, in public recognition of these blessings, and in fervent acknowledgment of gratitude for their enjoyment. And I do recommend to the Ministers, and People of every Religious Denomination, to assemble, on that day, in their respective places of public worship, devoutly and gratefully to recount the favors they have received as members of the Community, and to ascribe to the Author, Preserver, and Benefactor of their lives, the honor and glory which belong to his holy Name and Attributes.—In especial, to thank him for the production of the fruits of the seasons; that notwithstanding temporary drought, and the unusual ravages of insects in some parts of our land, the seed, which was cast into the bosom of the Earth, has been matured and gathered to a competent Harvest—To praise him for the health of the People; that no pestilence has wasted their strength, or visited with sorrow their habitations—To rejoice in the prosperous state of our domestic concerns ;—in the improvement of Agriculture, the extension of Manufactures, the advancement of the Mechanic Arts; and in the advantageous prosecution of Commerce, Navigation, and the Fisheries—To acknowledge his overruling Providence in the Peace of the Nation :—that no note of strife and contention has disturbed the quiet pursuits of the Citizen ;—that the Nations of the old world are holding the relations of friendship and commerce with us, and are adopting the principles of right and equity, and of reciprocity of interest and advantage in their intercourse with each other—To bless that directing wisdom which has inspired the People with a love of Science, and created a disposition to cherish Schools and Seminaries of Learning—To confess our dependence for happiness upon the Revelation of his holy will, which is the foundation and support of our best enjoy-

ments in the concerns of this life, and the only source of instruction, hope, and confidence, in the promise and prospects of futurity.

On this Religious Festival, may the People of this Commonwealth, renewedly, and earnestly, commend to the favor and blessing of Almighty God, our beloved Country—Earnestly praying, that its peace and prosperity may be continued ;—That the President of the United States, and all in Offices of influence and authority in the National and State Governments, may be faithful and successful in their efforts to promote the public welfare ;—That the Union of the States may be preserved, and their harmony with each other, and with the General Government, may be uninterrupted—That, in health and contentment, the People may pursue with industry, enterprise and success their accustomed interests, and be prospered in all their lawful employments and undertakings—That Schools of Education may be multiplied and fostered, and all the means by which society is benefited, and human happiness promoted, may be liberally adopted, and wisely and universally enjoyed.

LAMENTING those crimes which disturb the peace of the Community, and those evil practices which degrade the moral character of Men :—the prevalence of profanity, the wide spreading desolation of intemperance, the indulgence in habits of dishonesty, fraud, and falsehood : may we humbly and penitently pray for that spirit of reformation, which will render the present generation worthy the enjoyment of the inestimable blessings of a civil, social and religious nature, which, in the beneficence of a Gracious Providence, were received as an inheritance from pious Ancestors, to be faithfully improved, and transmitted inviolate and unimpaired to a virtuous Posterity.

It is earnestly recommended to the People of the Commonwealth to refrain from labors and amusements inconsistent with the religious exercises and appropriate observance of the occasion.

*Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six, and the fifty first of the Independence of the United States of America.*

**LEVI LINCOLN.**

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice  
and consent of the Council.

**EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.**

**God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**