

# State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations.



## Thanksgiving Proclamation,

By His Excellency:

**SETH PADELFOORD,**

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

In accordance with an ancient and much venerated custom, and in conformity with the recent Proclamation of the President of the United States, I hereby appoint THURSDAY, THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER, next, as a day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE; and do earnestly request the good people, one and all, throughout the State, to lay aside their customary avocations and meet together in their usual places of worship, and there return thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD, who rules and governs the universe, for the bountiful mercies he has bestowed upon us, and entreat him to grant us a continuance of these blessings.

Let us praise Him, that both in our domestic and foreign relations we have been permitted to live in peace, and in the enjoyment of social order. Let us praise Him for the abundant harvest and fruitful fields that have gladdened the hearts of the husbandmen. For the general good health that has prevailed throughout the land. For the harmony and good will that exists among the States of the Union, after the long and destructive war. For the prosperous condition of the various industries of the country. For the completion of great pub-

lic improvements which will increase our commerce and extend civilization.

That under wise legislation, our national finances are in such a condition that our integrity and credit remain unimpaired. That freedom has been secured to the down-trodden and oppressed. That learning has been promoted among all classes; and for the encouragement and support that has been given to our charitable institutions. For these, and the unnumbered blessings that we have received, let praises be returned to Almighty God, and let us entreat him to so direct the hearts of our people that brotherly love and christian charity may everywhere prevail. And while we gather at the family circle and the table of plenty, which has been spread by a loving Father, let us not as a people forget the needy and the poor, and those that have no helpers. And above all, let us praise our Heavenly Father for the means of grace and redemption which he has provided for his children, of every nation, kindred, clime and tongue, through the mediation of his Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**In Testimony Whereof,** I have hereto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State, at Providence, this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine; of the founding of the State the two hundred and thirty-fourth, and of Independence the ninety-fourth.

**SETH PADELFOORD.**

By His Excellency, the Governor,

**JOHN R. BARTLETT,**

Secretary of State.