
BY CHARLES PAINE,
Governor,
A PROCLAMATION.

During the year which is now approaching to its close, it has pleased the All-wise Ruler of the Universe graciously to extend to the good citizens of our beloved Commonwealth the benignant smiles of His Providence—to avert from us the grievous calamities of foreign war, the devastation of the pestilence, the horrors of famine and the dreadful curse of intestine commotion—to reward the labors of the Spring-time with the golden fruits of Autumn—to grant us health, security and tranquility—to continue to us the enjoyment of our civil and religious Liberty, and the means of intellectual and moral improvement, and to permit us to live quietly under laws framed and administered by the Representatives of the People:

I do, therefore, in compliance with a custom, commended to us alike by its antiquity and its social and moral advantages, appoint THURSDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of Public Thanksgiving, Prayer and Praise to Almighty God for these, his manifold mercies and blessings; and I do earnestly recommend that every employment, inconsistent with the duties of such an occasion, may, on that day, be abandoned—that the People may assemble in their several places of public worship, and mark the expression of their gratitude with the humility, devotion, and solemnity which become a Christian People,

Let us, on that occasion, humbly implore our Heavenly Father to continue to watch over us and preserve us—to enable us to live in peace with the Nations—to give us wisdom to devise efficient measures for the support of our Schools and Colleges, the safeguards of our Republican Institutions—to grant that we may preserve inviolate our Independence as a State and our Union as a Nation—to inspire the American People with the noble resolution speedily to number the institution of Slavery among the forsaken iniquities of the world—to bestow wisdom and grace upon all who are called to rule over us, and to incline our hearts to such an humble and faithful compliance with the requisitions of His Holy Word, as shall entitle us to the reward of the blessed.

*Given under my hand and the Seal of said State, in
Executive Chamber, at Montpelier, this
ninth day of November, in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty-one, and of the Independence of the
United States, the sixty-sixth.*



BY THE GOVERNOR,

HENRY HALE, SECRETARY.

CHARLES PAINE.