

State of Vermont.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

CHARLES PAINE,

GOVERNOR,

A PROCLAMATION.

IN conformity to a commendable usage of our Fathers, I do hereby appoint THURSDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, to be set apart, throughout this State, as a day for the customary annual offerings of public THANKSGIVING, PRAYER AND PRAISE to Almighty God, that during the past year He has been graciously pleased to watch over all the interests of our Commonwealth and guard them with paternal kindness and fostering care—to shield our country from the desolation of foreign war, and our state from the grievous curse of internal sedition—to dispose the hearts of our rulers to the preservation of harmony and peace and the cultivation of good fellowship with the nations of the earth—to preserve our lives and bestow upon us the enjoyment of health, security and repose,—to crown the closing year with an abundant harvest, and reward the laborer for his toil—to secure us in the possession of our Liberties, the means of intellectual improvement, and religious consolation and instruction,—and to continue to us the rich blessings of good Laws, Republican Institutions and free Representative Government. And I do respectfully recommend that every employment, inappropriate to the proper observance of such a festival, may, on that occasion, be suspended, and that the people, forgetful of all dissensions and animosities, may assemble in their respective places of public worship, and, with reverence, humility, and gratitude, consecrate the day to the rites of Public Thanksgiving and Praise to our bountiful Creator and Preserver. And while, with grateful hearts, we thank Him for the favors and privileges of the past, let us invoke a continuance of them through the coming year; and as we praise him for His kindness and partiality to us, let us implore Him to extend the same inestimable blessings, which we enjoy, to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, until the whole earth shall acknowledge his sway, and rejoice in His fatherly protection and care.



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

CHARLES PAINE.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR,

HENRY HALE, SECRETARY.