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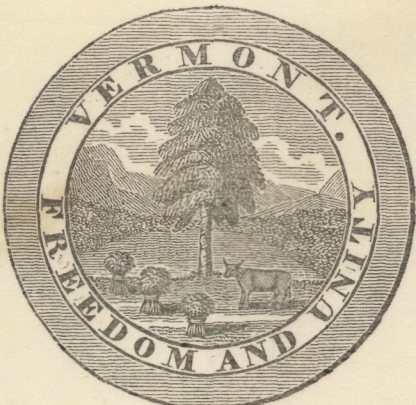
BY HIS EXCELLENCY

William A. Palmer, *Governor,* **A PROCLAMATION.**

**"IT is good to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto the name of the Most High GOD,
"for his merciful kindness is great towards us, and the truth of the LORD endureth forever:"**

I DO THEREFORE, by advice of the Council, and at the request of the House of Representatives, appoint THURSDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, to be observed as a day of THANKSGIVING, PRAYER AND PRAISE throughout this State. Suspending the usual avocations of life, let us pause and reflect on the great mercy of our Father in Heaven. Let us call to mind, that by our sins we have rendered ourselves unworthy of his favor—let us, in secret retirement in our families, and in the various places of our public solemnities, present ourselves in his presence, devoutly to praise Him for his goodness, and for his wonderful works towards the children of men. The past year has been signalized by the exuberance of his bounty. The earth has yielded an abundant increase and rewarded the laborer's toil with a better harvest than for many preceding years; health has been enjoyed throughout the State to an unusual degree; and cases of mortality comparatively few. Our liberties and privileges, religious, political, civil, social and literary, are still continued, shedding on us, and on our country, their invaluable blessings, and giving us abundant reason to exclaim, "The lines have fallen to us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage." For these and all other mercies, let us render ascriptions of praise, and honor, and glory, to Him who sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb. Especially and above all, let us give thanks for the gift of the Great Mediator, through whom is laid a foundation for the pardon of the penitent, and a well grounded hope of everlasting life beyond the grave, to all who believe and obey the gospel.

And in connexion with such services, let us penitently confess our sins, and implore forgiveness for our manifold transgressions, through the merits of our Redeemer, and seek the aid of the Divine Spirit, that in all time to come we may render obedience to our Father's will, which is the best evidence of a grateful heart. Let us also implore the continued blessing of Jehovah on our State and Nation—beseeching Him to prosper all our interests and lawful pursuits; especially that he would bless and guide, by his wise counsel, the President of the Union, and all officers of the general and state governments; that in the faithful discharge of their several official trusts, the blessings of good government may be secured to our country, and our rights and privileges be transmitted, unimpaired, to the guardianship of their successors. That He would preserve in prosperity and peace our relations with foreign nations, and all useful institutions among ourselves. That all riotous and insurrectionary movements may be repressed, and the supremacy of the laws established and maintained. That our seminaries of learning may continue to flourish and diffuse a healthful influence throughout the community. That all our youth, the hope of society, may be trained to habits of intelligence, morality, love of country, and true piety. That the ministers of religion may be clothed with the garments of salvation, faithfully declaring the whole counsel of God. That slavery in our own country and throughout the world, with all its crimes and miseries, may speedily come to an end. That the nations of the earth may be so enlightened and purified as to be qualified for the establishment and enjoyment of republican governments, founded on the pure principles of our free institutions. That success may attend the operations of the various benevolent institutions of our own and other countries, and finally that the peaceful and glorious reign of Immanuel may be speedily extended over the whole earth.



***GIVEN under my hand in Council Chamber, at Montpelier,
this 25th day of October, Anno Domini, one thousand
eight hundred and thirty-four, and of the Independence
of the United States, the Fifty-ninth.***

WM. A. PALMER.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR:

GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary.