

By his Excellency

WILLIAM A. PALMER,

Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Vermont.

A PROCLAMATION.

THERE is one God, and without him there is no Saviour. To Him are we indebted for all our supports, comforts, privileges and hopes; and to Him ought we at all times to render our grateful acknowledgments and entire devotion. As the organ of this State, I have thought fit, agreeably to an established and laudable usage, to appoint, and by advice of the Council and request of the House of Representatives, I do hereby appoint **THURSDAY THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT**, to be observed by the people of this State as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING, PRAISE AND PRAYER**. On that day let the people assemble in all the temples of Jehovah for public worship. Let us all withdraw from the ordinary business and amusements of life, and with one accord, offer to the Father of mercies ascriptions of praise and honor and glory and blessing. Let us render him thanks for the bounties of the closing year, affording of the produce of our fields, a plentiful supply,—for the health so generally prevalent,—for the maintenance of law, order, peace and security,—for the flourishing condition of our institutions of learning, and for the progress of useful knowledge. Let us praise Him for the general prosperity of our common country,—for the continuance of our free institutions,—for the success of our agricultural, manufacturing and commercial interests, and for all lawful enterprizes of our citizens, on the land and on the sea. That in the midst of convulsions which are shaking the kingdoms of the old world, we continue in happiness perhaps unequalled on earth besides.

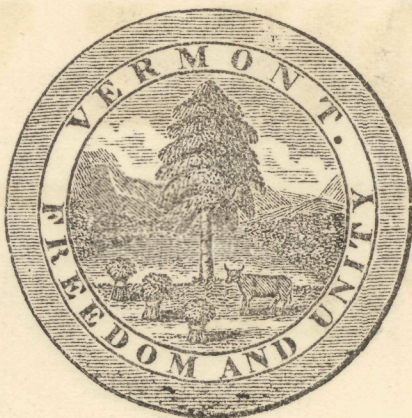
Above all, let us give thanks for the manifestations of divine love in the work of Redemption by **JESUS CHRIST**, and for the wonderful success which has attended the administration of his Gospel the present year, affording cheering indications of the approach of the period, when the holy principles of that Gospel shall universally prevail, uniting all in the bonds of love.

Together with our praises, let us mingle confession of our sins, imploring forgiveness of Him who delighteth in mercy.

Let us also supplicate the *continuance* of his blessing on our country,—on its Chief Magistrate,—on all officers of its government,—on all its inhabitants and on all their lawful pursuits. Let us all beseech Him to mitigate, and in his own way and time remove existing evils, especially the enormous evil of slavery, so deeply deplored by every section of the Union, and from which have arisen those recent insurrections which have filled so many hearts with terror, and so many habitations with consternation, mourning and woe. Let us ask the continuance of his smiles on this Commonwealth,—that he would endue all in authority with the spirit of their stations, and prosper their endeavours to promote the publick good,—that he would graciously continue to bless our colleges, academies and schools, and cause that the rising generation may be qualified to take the place of their fathers, and sustain the institutions of our country with minds enlightened, patriotic and benevolent; and that all our privileges may be continued and transmitted, without diminution, to the latest posterity.

With a compassionate regard for our brethren of the human family, and recognizing the truth, that of one blood God hath made all nations of the earth, let us pray that all may be put in possession of those privileges which are their native right,—that the long contest between right and prerogative may soon terminate in favour of the former, and all nations being prepared to enjoy so rich a boon, be blessed with freedom and governed by rulers of their own election.

Finally, let us pray that the pure religion of the Prince of Peace may supersede all forms of idolatry and superstition, and that its purifying influence and glorious hopes may be extended to every nation and every individual of the human race.



*Given under my hand, in Council Chamber, at Montpelier,
this first day of November, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-sixth.*

WILLIAM A. PALMER.

By his Excellency the Governor.

EDWARD D. BARBER, Secretary.