




By the HONOURABLE

S P E N C E R P H I P S, Esq;

Lieutenant-Governour and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province
of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION

For a publick THANKSGIVING.

 **W**ORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty GOD, the Father of Mercies, (amidst the various Instances of his righteous Displeasure against us, and notwithstanding our aggravated Offences, whereby we have provoked him to bring much heavier Judgments upon us) to confer on us, in the Course of the last Year, many great and valuable Blessings; particularly, in Preserving the Person of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and continuing the Lives and Health of their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESSES of *Wales*, the DUKE, and the rest of the ROYAL FAMILY; in the Increase of the ROYAL FAMILY, by the Birth of a SON of his Royal Highness the PRINCE of *Wales*; In directing and prospering the Administration of His Majesty's Government within this Province; In crowning the Year with his Goodness, by giving us the Joy of a very plentiful Harvest; In granting us a good Measure of Health, and preventing contagious and mortal Distempers from entering and spreading among us; In the Protection of our Trade and Navigation from the Ravages of Pirates and other Disasters; and, in prolonging our invaluable Privileges, religious and civil: All which undeserved Benefits demand our thankful Acknowledgment and Praise;

I have thought fit, With the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint Thursday the First of *November* next, to be observed as a Day of Publick THANKSGIVING throughout this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, to offer up their unfeigned Thanks unto our good and gracious GOD for all his unmerited Favours, with their humble and fervent Supplications to the Divine Majesty, that we may by his Goodness be led to Repentance, and order our Conversation aright, that so we may see further of the Salvations of GOD. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Tenth Day of *October*, 1750, in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. WILLARD, Secr.

S. Phips.

G O D save the KING.

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