

By the HONOURABLE
SPENCER PHIPS, Esq;

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

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Publick Thanksgiving.

UPON due Consideration of the many undeserved Favours confer'd upon Us in the Course of the Year past, and our indispensable Obligations to celebrate the Divine Goodness & Mercy manifested to Us therein ;

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 Seventh Day of November next to be observed as a Day of Publick THANKSGIVING thro'out this Province ; hereby calling upon Ministers & People religiously to solemnize the same, by offering up their thankful Praises to Almighty GOD for his manifold Blessings vouchsafed to our Nations and Land ; Particularly, In his prolonging the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord the KING (of so great Importance, especially in this critical Conjunction, to the Happiness of his People,) -as also of so many of the Branches of the Royal Family yet surviving, and in the Addition made thereunto by the Birth of a Prince the posthumous Issue of his Royal Highness the late Prince of Wales ; In continuing the Peace among the Nations of Europe, and in granting so much Quietness and Safety on the Frontiers of this Province, and in redeeming so many of our People out of Captivity ; In preserving Health in our several Towns and Plantations, and keeping off contagious and epidemical Sickness ; In the great Increase of the Fruits of the Earth in all Parts of the Harvest of this present Year ; In the merciful Continuance of our invaluable Privileges, religious and civil, and graciously directing and succeeding the Administrations of this Government ; With other merciful Dispensations of Divine Providence which require our grateful Acknowledgement : And that together with these Thank-Offerings they present their earnest Supplications to Almighty GOD that his Goodness may lead us to Repentance ; and that by ordering our Conversation aright, We may further see of the Salvation of GOD : And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Tenth Day of *October* 1751, and in the Twenty-fifth 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 His Honour the Lieutenant-Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,

J. Willard, Secr.

S. Phips.

G O D Save the KING.