

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
T H A N K S G I V I N G.**

UPON due Consideration of the gracious Dispensations of divine Providence towards us in the Year past; particularly, In preserving us from devouring Insects, and granting us a Competency of the Fruits of the Earth, notwithstanding the Drought and early Frost, by which the latter Harvest hath been considerably diminished; In bestowing so good a Measure of Health, in many Parts of the Province; In preserving so many of our Towns from the Contagion of the *Small-Pox*; and in remarkably abating the Malignity and Mortality of that Disorder in those Places which have been visited therewith, especially in the Towns of *Boston* and *Charlstown*, and giving us so fair a Prospect of being soon delivered from that Calamity; In protecting our Sea-Coasts and Inland-Borders from the Invasions of Enemies; In restoring divers of our Captives to Liberty; and in continuing our invaluable Privileges religious and civil; In prolonging the Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, their Royal Highnesses the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family; In blessing his Majesty's Counsels and Negotiations for preserving the Peace of *Europe*; and the many other Instances of divine Goodness towards a sinful and unthankful People;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Sixteenth of November next to be observed as a Day of publick THANKSGIVING throughout this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to solemnize the same, not only by offering unto GOD the Praises of their Lips, but by rendering Him the sincere Thankfulness of their Hearts, and the unfeigned Obedience of their Lives; and with their Praises to join their fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD, that he would be pleased to confer all necessary Blessings, spiritual and temporal, upon our Nation and Land; and cause the Light of the Gospel to shine upon all Nations, that so the Whole Earth may be filled with his Glory.
And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at *Cambridge*, the Thirteenth Day of *October*, 1752, in the *Twenty-sixth* 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, Sec'y.

S. Phips.

G O D Save the KING.