



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

FORASMUCH as it is our indispensable Duty in a religious Manner to acknowledge the preserving and governing Providence of almighty GOD, and more especially to celebrate the divine Goodness manifested in the various publick Blessings confer'd upon us in the Course of the Year past;

I have therefore 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 general THANKSGIVING throughout this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People to unite in the sincere and thankful Praises to our gracious and merciful GOD, who amidst all the Tokens of his righteous Displeasure against us for our manifold provoking Sins, has granted us many necessary and remarkable Favours: Particularly, That it has pleased GOD in our greatest Extremity and Distress, when the Aspects of his Providence in the dreadful Drought, and in the general Increase of devouring Insects, threatened a total Destruction of the Fruits of the Earth, then most remarkably to send down the gentle and plentiful Showers of heaven, to follow them with the divine Blessing, and thereby to grant us a great Plenty of most of the Necessaries of Life; That it has pleas'd GOD to grant us a good Measure of Health in most Parts of this Province, and to prevent contagious and epidemical Sickneses from spreading among us, That he has protected our Trade and Navigation from the Rapine of Pirates; and so far deliver'd our Frontiers from the Miseries of War, and at length restored Peace to them; That he has graciously continued to us the Enjoyment of our religious and civil Privileges; That he has mercifully prolonged the Life and health of our Sovereign Lord the KING, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, and the other Branches of the Royal Family; and maintained the Protestant Succession to the Crown of Great-Britain in that illustrious House; With innumerable other Mercies not to be forgotten: And with our thankful Praises to join our humble Requests to almighty GOD, that the Memory of his Goodness may never be lost; but that our hearts that have hitherto been so unaffected under Judgments may relent under Mercies, that so the Riches of the Goodness and Long-Suffering of GOD may lead us to an universal Repentance and Reformation. And that the peaceful Reign of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST over the Whole Earth may be hastened. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Boston, upon Friday the Twentieth Day of October 1749, in the Twenty-third 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 Lieut. Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,*

J. WILLARD, *Secr.*

S. Phips.

G O D save the KING.