

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 P R O C L A M A T I O N
for a publick **T H A N K S G I V I N G.**

UPON due Consideration of the undeserved Favours (intermixed with the righteous and corrective Dispensations of Divine Providence) confer'd on this People in the Year past;

I have thought fit, With the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the Assembly in their present Session, to appoint Thursday the Fourth Day of December next, to be observed as a Day of publick THANKSGIVING thro'out this Province, hereby calling upon Ministers and People to celebrate the same, by a devout and thankful Commemoration of the great Goodness of Almighty GOD to a very sinful and apostatizing People, particularly manifested in the Preservation of the precious Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, with the Lives of their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, and the other Branches of the Royal Family, and in returning his Majesty in health and Safety to his British Dominions; in directing his Majesty's Councils and prospering his Administrations for the general Good of the People under his happy Government; and in granting, in divers Instances, Success to his Majesty's Forces both by Sea and Land, in their Enterprizes for the securing his Majesty's Dominions and Subjects from the unjust Invasions of their French Neighbours; In continuing to this Province the Enjoyment of their invaluable Privileges, religious and civil; In giving us so great a Measure of Health, and in keeping off malignant and epidemical Diseases from spreading among us; In affording us so plentiful a harvest as to most of the Fruits of the Earth, and in remarkably preserving our Navigation in this Time of Danger; With many other unmerited Blessings which require our sincere and thankful Acknowledgements, and our earnest Endeavours that we may thereby be led to an universal Repentance and Reformation: And with our Praises, to join our united fervent Supplications to the Divine Majesty, who executeth Righteousness and Judgment for the Oppressed, That he would graciously appear for Us, to direct and succeed the Consultations and Resolutions of the Government, in relation to the important Enterprizes engaged in for the Protection and Safety of his Majesty's Subjects, and over-rule all our military Operations for the accomplishing of this desirable End: And that it would please GOD to hasten the happy Times when the Nations shall learn War no more; but shall universally submit themselves to the righteous Scepter of our blessed Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, the Prince of Peace, of the Increase of whose Government and Peace there shall be no End.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Fourth Day of *November* 1755, and in the Twenty-ninth 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 K I N G.