

By the HONOURABLE

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Lieutenant-Governour and Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of His Majesty
Province of the *Massachusetts Bay in New-England.*

A PROCLAMATION for a general
THANKSGIVING.



UPON Consideration of the manifold and remarkable Instances of the Divine Favour towards our Nation and Land in the Course of the Year past, which (tho' mixed with various Rebukes of Providence manifesting the righteous Displeasure of GOD towards us for our Sins, yet) demand our publick and thankful Acknowledgments;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Fifth Day of December next, to be observed as a Day of general THANKSGIVING throughout this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to attend upon the Duties of the said Day, by offering up their devout and cheerful Praises to Almighty GOD for his great Goodness and wonderful Works of Mercy towards us; In particular, For his gracious preservation of the Person of our Sovereign Lord the KING in this Time of Danger, and returning Him to his British Dominions in Safety in so critical a Conjuncture when his Royal Presence is so necessary for suppressing a Rebellion raised against Him by the Enemies of his Crown; For the Continuance of the Life and Health of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and the rest of the Royal Offspring; For the remarkable Success granted to his Majesty's Arms by Sea, by which much of the Wealth of our Enemies is delivered into our hands; For the evident Appearance of the divine Wisdom and Goodness in governing the Election of an Emperor of Germany so favourably for the Peace and Tranquility of Europe; For the signal and eminent Success granted to his Majesty's Arms in the Reduction of Cape-Breton and its Dependencies to the Obedience of the Crown of Great-Britain; For the great Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth, in which Respect especially he has eminently crowned the Year with His Goodness; For the gracious Influences vouchsafed to the Administration of the Government of this Province, and the remarkable Protection granted to our Sea-Coasts and Inland-Frontiers from the Annoyance of our Enemies; For the Success of our Negotiations with the Six Nations of Indians; For the Mitigation of the Sicknels which has lately prevailed in divers Parts of this Province; For directing and succeeding the Measures used by his Excellency our Governour for settling the Affairs at Louisbourg, and for his gracious Preservation of him in his Absence; And for the merciful Continuance of our civil and religious Privileges: And that to the outward Professions of our Thankfulness to Almighty GOD for these and innumerable other Favours, publick and personal, may be joined the most affectionate Impressions of Gratitude upon our Hearts, and our most earnest Endeavours for the ordering of our future Conversation aright, that we may see the further Salvations of GOD: And that our Praises may be accompanied with our humble and importunate Supplications to Almighty GOD for granting all necessary Blessings to our Sovereign Lord the KING, our Nation and our Land: And above all, That the Spirit and Power of Godliness may be revived amongst us, and the spiritual Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST may be advanced among the Nations; and the whole Earth be filled with His Glory. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Boston the Twenty-fifth Day of November 1745. In the Nineteenth 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 His Honour's Command,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. Willard, Secr.

S. Phips.

GOD save the KING.