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A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

THE many Favours and Blessings of Almighty GOD, conferred upon the People of this Colony in the current Year, demand of us Expressions of Gratitude, in public, devout, and solemn Praise and Thanksgiving, to the Father of Mercies, and the Giver of every good and perfect Gift.

I HAVE therefore thought fit (by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled) to appoint, and do hereby appoint *Thursday* the *Seventeenth* Day of *November* next, to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING, requiring and exhorting both Ministers and People, of every Denomination, in their religious Societies and worshipping Assemblies within this Colony, to unite in offering up sincere and devout Praise and Thanksgiving to GOD; for all and singular Expressions of his Divine Goodness and Favour. In particular for the Preservation of the Life of our most gracious Sovereign KING GEORGE the Third, and the Lives of so many of the Royal Family; for the divine Smiles on our Nation and Land; for all Instances of Favour to this Colony, especially for the Continuation of our Civil Rights and Liberties; for so great and general Health; for so much Tranquility; for such a comfortable Supply of the Fruits of the Earth: And, above all, for the inestimable Blessings of the Gospel.

Likewise, to unite in offering up fervent Prayer to Almighty GOD for the KING's most excellent Majesty; our gracious QUEEN CHARLOTTE; the PRINCE of *Wales*; the PRINCESS DOWAGER of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family: That the richest Blessings may be conferred on them; that they may be furnished for eminent Usefulness. Mercifully direct the KING and his Councils; succeed his Administrations; and make his Government prosperous and happy: That GOD would exercise a paternal Care towards the English Nation and its Dependancies; defeat the open or secret Attempts of its Enemies; preserve to this Colony all its Rights and Privileges, both Civil and Religious; grant us the favourable Notice of our KING and his Counsellors, and prosper our Agency at the Court of *Great-Britain*; direct and bless our Civil Administrations, and the Gospel Ministry; smile upon our College, and all Means of Education; succeed the Endeavours to Christianize the Heathen; favourably regard all our Interests, and cause his Blessings to descend and rest upon us; pour out his Spirit; revive pure Religion; form us by his Grace for the grateful Reception and wise Improvement of all Favours, and qualify us for the Continuance of Divine Smiles, that his Glory may dwell in our Land.

And all Servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber in *New-Haven*, the 24th Day of *October*, in the *Eighth* Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the *Third*, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. A. D. 1768.

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G O D save the KING.