



By His EXCELLENCY

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A PROCLAMATION

For a Public THANKSGIVING.

ALL Events among Mankind being under the Controll of the Divine Providence ; it becomes Us, not only in our private and more stated Devotions, to own our Dependance on Almighty GOD, and our Obligations to Him---but We are also bound upon experiencing His kind Dispensations to Us as a People, in a more special, public and solemn Manner, to acknowledge HIM whose Kingdom ruleth over All.

It hath pleased the Father of Mercies to continue Us in the Enjoyment of many invaluable Blessings, and in the Course of the Year past to renew to Us many signal Instances of His Divine Favour---to prolong the important Life of our most gracious SOVEREIGN, and to continue to Us the Prospect of that invaluable Blessing, the Protestant Succession, in His Royal House ; to support Us in our Civil and Religious Rights and Liberties---to give remarkable Spirit to His Majesty's Counsels and Resolutions, and in divers Instances to crown His wise and vigorous Measures with Success ; and to prosper the Arms of His Majesty's Ally the King of PRUSSIA, in support of the Protestant Cause---Our Enemies, instead of attempting an Invasion of His Majesty's Kingdoms, as they have heretofore threatned, have felt the Effects of a Descent upon their own Coasts more than once in the Course of the Year---They have suffered greatly in their Trade and Navigation, while ours has been in a good Measure secured and protected---Many of their Ships of War have been taken and destroyed, and some of their Fortresses and Settlements in AFRICA and AMERICA have submitted to His Majesty's Arms, whilst the Enemy have not been permitted to make any important Captures or Conquests upon Us---*Louisbourg* and Fort *Frontenac*, both in the Neighbourhood of this Province, have been delivered into our Hands, whilst our own Sea-Ports have remained in Safety, our Frontiers been preserved, and the Enemy defeated in their Attempts upon them---The Summer past hath been remarkably fruitful, and the Productions of the Country have been so greatly encreased, that not only our own Wants have been supplied, but we have been enabled to furnish His Majesty's Forces, both by Sea and Land, with necessary Provisions and Refreshments---And in most Parts We have been blessed with Health.

These, and innumerable other undeserved Mercies, call for our united and devout Acknowledgments ;

IHAVE therefore thought fit to appoint a Day of Public Thanksgiving ; and I do, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Twenty-third Day of *November* Instant, to be observed as such throughout this Province :--- Hereby requiring both Ministers and People to assemble and meet together, to render Thanks to Almighty GOD, for the great Benefits that We have received at His Hands : And together with our Praises, to offer up our humble Supplications to the Throne of Grace, That GOD would continue to Us those Mercies we enjoy, and prepare Us for such further Blessings as in His own due Time it shall please Him to bestow on Us ; that His Will be done, and that His Kingdom in *CHRIST JESUS*, to whom is given Dominion and Power, be established in Peace and Righteousness among all People.

AND I do hereby require all Magistrates and others, according to the Duty of their respective Offices, to see that the said Day be duly observed, according to the laudable and uninterrupted Practice of this Government, from the first settling of the Colony.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston the Fourth Day of November, Anno Domini 1758, and in the Thirty-second Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. OLIVER, Sec^y.

T. Pownall.

G O D Save the KING.