



By His EXCELLENCY

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Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the  
*Massachusetts-Bay in New England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

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

## For a general THANKSGIVING.

**I** T H O U G H we ought at all Times to render Thanks to Almighty GOD for the Benefits we constantly receive at His Hands, yet ought we more especially so to do upon the Receipt of distinguishing Favours; and when such Favours more immediately affect us as a Community, it becomes our Duty to manifest our Gratitude to Heaven by uniting in more solemn and public Acts of Praise:

AS therefore it hath pleased Almighty GOD in the Course of the Year past to confer many and very great Mercies upon this People,

**I** H A V E thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to issue this Proclamation, appointing *Thursday the Twenty-ninth Day of November* Instant to be observed as a Day of general THANKSGIVING throughout this Province, gratefully to commemorate (agreeable to the laudable Practice of this Government) the Mercies of the preceding Year.

**A** N D I do hereby recommend to All among us to observe said Day in a religious Manner, and publickly to meet and join together in the most sincere and devout Thanksgivings to GOD for the many undeserved Mercies and Favours which it hath pleased Him to bestow upon us: Rendering Praise to His Name more particularly --- That He hath been pleased to lengthen out the KING's most important Life, and to preserve the Life of his Royal Highness the PRINCE of *Wales* 'till he hath happily arrived to mature Age --- That He hath been pleased, under His Majesty's gentle Administration, to continue to us the Enjoyment of our civil and religious Rights and Priviledges --- That He hath prospered his Majesty's Arms in *Europe*, preserved his Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions, and supported the Protestant Interest amidst the most powerful Enemies --- That He hath changed the Face of the War in *America*, by turning His Hand upon our Enemies, breaking their Measures, and disconcerting their Alliances with the Indian Natives; while He hath succeeded his Majesty's Counsels and Arms in a most remarkable Manner, and delivered into our Hands divers important Posts and Passes, and even the Capital it self of the Enemy's Country --- That He hath again blessed our Land with an abundant Increase, thereby making Provision for us answerable to the extraordinary Demand for the Produce of the Field --- That He hath caused us to enjoy so much Health in the Province; and that when an infectious Distemper hath prevailed in so many of our Towns, the Visitation hath been so gentle, and that Health is again restored in them.

I do further recommend it as a Part of the religious Service of the Day, to present our humble Supplications to Almighty GOD That He would be graciously pleased to continue His Favours to us; But above all, That He would bestow the Blessings of His Kingdom upon us, and advance the Interests thereof throughout the World.

**A** N D I do require all Magistrates and others, according to the Duties of their respective Offices, to see that the said Day be religiously observed.

*G I V E N at the Council-Chamber in Boston the Tenth Day of November, 1759, in the Thirty-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 His Excellency's Command,*  
A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

*T. Pownall.*

### G O D Save the KING.