



BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
JAMES ROBERTSON, Esquire,

*Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over  
the Province of New-York, and the Territories  
depending thereon in America, Chancellor and Vice-  
Admiral of the same, and Lieutenant-General of  
His Majesty's Forces.*

## A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS it hath graciously pleased Almighty God, to bestow signal Victories on his Majesty's Arms, and to defeat the united Efforts of combined Nations, whose Powers, even when separate, have been formidable to all Europe; it becomes us with grateful Hearts to adore the gracious God, to whom *alone* our Successes are to be attributed: I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to ordain and appoint, and I do ordain and appoint, that THURSDAY the Twenty-third Day of this Month, be set apart and observed, as a Day of

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to Almighty God, for these great and unmerited Mercies: And his Majesty's Subjects are strictly commanded to observe the said Day with the utmost Decency and Reverence, abstaining from all servile Labour, and devoutly attending Divine Service; which is hereby directed to be solemnly performed in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of public Worship; of which, previous Notice is to be given, by publishing this Proclamation in the several Congregations.

AND I DO recommend to all Ministers of the Gospel, that they offer up devout and fervent Prayers to Almighty God, that these Events may not only prove advantageous to our Nation, but conducive to the PEACE and HAPPINESS of Mankind. Yet if *His Divine Providence* should permit the Ambition of Hostile Powers, to set this desirable Object at a Distance, and foreign Nations continue their Attempts to *destroy* the British Empire, that He would be pleased to dispose the Minds of all the Sons of Britain to unite their Efforts for the common Safety.

THAT He would open the Eyes and cure the Prejudices of the Mised---revive in their Breasts the Love of their Country---teach their kindred Hearts to glow at his Triumphs, animated with an ardent Wish, again to share the Blessings of a Government which all Men admire, but Providence has been kindly pleased to reserve for the Subject of Britain.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in the City of New-York, the Fourteenth  
Day of January, 1783.*

JAMES ROBERTSON.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
SAM. BAYARD, jun. Sec'ry.