



By His EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq;

Captain-General and Governour in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in NEW-ENGLAND.

A PROCLAMATION
for a general THANKSGIVING.



IT having pleased Almighty GOD, on whose sovereign and gracious Providence all Events (and particularly those of War) entirely depend, to grant signal Success and Victory to His Majesty's Arms at the late Battle on the River *Mayne* in *Germany*, and to preserve His Majesty's Person when greatly indangered in the Heat of Action; also to preserve the Life of his Royal Highness the Duke, in the same Battle: Dispensation of the Divine Providence ought to be received with the utmost Gratitude in His Majesty's Dominions;

thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order that the Thirteenth Day of October next, to be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD on that Occasion: And that on that Day celebrate the Praises of GOD for such distinguished Favours. And all servile Labour is prohibited on said Day.

Given at the Twenty ninth Day of September 1743. In the Seventeenth Year of the Reign of our most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING Defender of the Faith.

W. Shirley.

by the Command of
the KING.

By His Excellency the GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL 1743.