



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.



IN Consideration of our indispensible Duty, thankfully to acknowledge the many undeserved Blessings we receive from the Bounty of a gracious GOD, and in a publick manner to manifest our Gratitude for the Divine Favours confer'd upon our Nation and Land, and the whole Church and People of GOD, and more especially, to review the many and signal Mercies of the Year past;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Twelfth of November next, to be observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving throughout this Province, hereby exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies, to celebrate the Praises of Almighty GOD for his great Goodness, and Wonderful Works of Grace and Favour towards us; particularly, In the preservation of the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord the KING, of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their Issue, and the rest of the Royal Family; In the Protection of His Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions; In the Conduct vouchsafed to his Councils, and the Success given to his Arms in the just and necessary War his Majesty is engaged in; In prolonging the invaluable Priviledges of this Province, both religious and civil; In graciously conducting the Administrations of this Government; In protecting our Sea-Coasts from Foreign Invasions, and in preserving and prospering our Trade and Navigation, and so far exempting us from the Calamities of War; In the good measure of health enjoyed in most of our Towns and Plantations; In granting us so plentiful a Harvest, and giving so remarkable a Blessing on some of the Fruits of the Earth, contrary to our Fears and even beyond our Hopes; And above all, In preserving and securing the true Protestant Interest, and in continuing to us the Enjoyment of the Gospel in it's Purity, and (in so good a Degree) in it's power and Success: All which, and many other great and undeserved Blessings, both publick and private, lay us under the strongest Obligations to Thankfulness and Obedience. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Fourteenth Day of *October*, 1741. And in the Fiftenth 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,
with the Advice of the Council,

W. SHIRLEY.

J. Willard, Secr.

G O D save the KING.