

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 publick THANKSGIVING.

HEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD, of his free and undeserved Goodness, to bestow upon us, in the Course of the Year past, many necessary and valuable Blessings; *Partic-
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larly*, In granting us a great Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth; In affording us so good a Degree of Health, and preventing contagious Sickness from spreading among us; In so great a measure securing our Eastern and Western Frontiers from the Designs of our Enemies which have been formed against them; In protecting our Navigation and Fishery from the Rapine of Pirates and other Enemies; In the gracious Direction and Success it has pleased GOD to grant to the Councils and Administrations of this Government; In the Continuance of our invaluable Privileges, religious and civil, and giving us Favour in the Eyes of our gracious Sovereign; In prolonging his Majesty's most precious Life and Health, and the Lives of his Royal Offspring; In succeeding His Majesty's Councils for maintaining the Peace of *Europe*; with other important Favours, which require our publick humble and thankful Acknowledgments;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the Assembly, in their present Session, to appoint Thursday the Twenty-eighth of November Instant, to be observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving, throughout this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to solemnise the same; and with the Praises of their Lips to join the Thankfulness of their Hearts and the Obedience of their Lives; And at the same Time to offer up their fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD, That he would please to grant his gracious Protection and Blessing to our Nation and Land; and above all, make us a penitent and reformed People, even that happy People whose God is the LORD; And that all Nations may bow to the Scepter of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST; And that the whole Earth may be filled with His Glory. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Second Day of November 1754, in the Twenty-eighth 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,

J. Willard, Secy

W. Shirley.

GOD Save the KING.

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