



By His EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq;

Captain-General & Governour in Chief, in & over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for a publick *THANKSGIVING*.

HEREAS (amidst the various Rebukes of Divine Providence upon our Nation and Land) it has pleased GOD, in his undeserved Mercy, to bestow upon us many great and distinguishing Blessings in the Course of the Year past, which require our humble and thankful Acknowledgements to our gracious and merciful Benefactor ;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint Thursday the Twenty-sixth Day of November Instant to be observed as a Day of publick *THANKSGIVING* thro'out this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to attend the same, by offering up their thankful PRAISES to Almighty GOD for these various Mercies confer'd upon us ; In particular, For preserving the Person of our Sovereign Lord the KING, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family ; For directing his Majesty's Counsels in this difficult Coniuncture of Affairs ; For the Protection of his Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions from the Assaults and Invasions of the Enemy, and for the Success of the Arms of his Majesty and his Allies, especially in the great Advantages obtained against his Majesty's Enemies by Sea ; particularly in the repeated Instance of the manifest Interposition of Divine Providence for the Safety of his Majesty's Northern Colonies in America, in the Defeat and Capture of the greatest Part of the French Fleet designed against the English Settlements in these and other Parts ; For his gracious Influences upon the Administrations of the Government of this Province ; For the Defence granted to our Sea-Coasts and Inland Frontiers ; For the Health enjoyed in divers Parts of this Province ; For the great plenty of the Fruits of the Earth in the present Harvest ; And above all, For continuing to us the inestimable Blessings of the glorious Gospel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, notwithstanding our provoking Contempt & Abuse thereof ; and also our civil Liberties & Privileges. And all Servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Fourth Day of November 1747. In the Twenty-first Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of GREAT-BITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,

W. Shirley.

J. Willard, Secr.

G O D Save the KING.