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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**.

UPON due Consideration of the Protection, Favour and Bounty of the divine Providence towards our Nation and our Land in the Year past, and the deep and indispensable Obligations thereby laid on us to Obedience and Gratitude to Almighty GOD;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint Thursday the Eleventh of November next to be observed as a Day of publick **THANKSGIVING** throughout this Province; exhorting both Ministers and People to solemnize the same in a devout and religious manner, by offering up their thankful and sincere Praises to the divine Majesty for the following Blessings graciously confer'd upon us, Namely, For the Preservation of the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, the Issue of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family; For the Conduct vouchsafed to His Majesty's Councils, and for the Success of his Arms in this lawful and necessary War, as well as for the advantageous Alliances that have been formed thro' His Majesty's Wise and prosperous Mediation for the Preservation of the Liberties of Europe, and for the strengthening of the Protestant Interest there; For the Continuance of the many invaluable Privileges religious and civil enjoyed by this People; For the Favour of the divine Providence in the Administrations of the civil Government of this Province; For the gracious Protection of our Sea-Coasts, as also of our Trade and Navigation; For the general Health we have enjoyed; For the Blessing of GOD upon the Husbandry of the Land, in so considerable an Increase of divers Fruits of the Earth; And for the constant Supplies of the Necessaries of Life brought in among us with manifold other Instances of the Favour of Almighty GOD, which demand our thankful Praises, and our universal Obedience of the divine Laws, and that we should fear GOD and his Goodness. And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston upon Thursday the Seventh Day of July, 1742. In the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of Our said Majesty **GEORGE** the Second, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, His Majesty's Council.

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

W. Shirley.

J. Willard, Secr.

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