

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.



IN Consideration of the many undeserved Blessings confer'd upon Us by the Favour of Almighty GOD in the Course of the Year past; *Particularly*, In granting us a Competency of the Fruits of the Earth in the present Harvest, notwithstanding the threatening Aspects of Divine Providence in the scorching Droughts of the last Summer; In the good Measure of Health enjoyed in most Parts of this Province, and in preventing the Progress of contagious and mortal Sickness; In the Protection purchas'd to our Sea-Coasts and Inland-Frontiers against the Invasions and Ravages of the Enemy; In restoring to Liberty a great Number of our Captives lately in the Hands of our *French and Indian* Enemy; In the Continuance of our invaluable Privileges religious and civil; In prolonging the Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, with their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESS of *Wales*, the DUKE, and the other Branches of the ROYAL FAMILY; and in defending His Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions against the secret Designs and the open Violence of their Enemies; with many other Instances of the Divine Goodness towards a *Woful* and unthankful People;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the house of Representatives in the present Session, to appoint Thursday the Twenty-fourth of November next to be observ'd as a Day of publick THANKSGIVING thro'out this Province; hereby calling upon Ministers and People in the most devout and religious Manner to offer to Almighty GOD the Sacrifice of Praise and Thankfulness, which is acceptable to him thro' JESUS CHRIST; and to join with the Praises of their Lips the sincere Obedience of their Lives, that by ordering our Conversation aright, we may see more of the Salvation of GOD; And also to accompany their Thanksgivings with humble and fervent Prayers to GOD for all necessary Blessings; and more especially, That it would please GOD by his wise and gracious Influences to overrule the present Negotiations of PEACE in such manner, as that the Safety and lasting Tranquility of the Nations of Europe, and the Dominions in America, may be thereby established; And that the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST may greatly prevail in all Parts of the Earth. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-ninth Day of October 1748. In the Twenty-second 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 Order of his Excellency the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,

J. WILLARD, Secr.

W. Shirley.

GOD save the KING.