



By His Excellency

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

A P R O C L A M A T I O N for a general
T H A N K S G I V I N G.



IN CONSIDERATION of the great and undeserved Mercies which GOD has vouchsafed (amidst the various Rebukes and Corrections of his righteous Providence, and notwithstanding our Impenitence and Incurribleness under them) to bestow upon us in the Year past ; which demand our publick and thankful Acknowledgements : *Particularly*, For that it has pleased GOD to continue the Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESS of *Wales*, the DUKE, and the rest of the ROYAL FAMILY ; to suppress the unnaturall Rebellion raised against his Majesty's Crown and Dignity in *North-Britain* ; to grant Success to his Majesty's Arms and the Arms of his Allies against the common Enemy of the Peace and Liberties of *Europe*, as well by stopping the Progress of the Enemies Arms in *Flanders* and *Germany*, as in the signal and repeated Victories gained over them in *Italy* ; And more especially, For the manifest and extraordinary Interposition of Divine Providence (in Answer, as we humbly trust, to our earnest Prayers, particularly, in the Day of our solemn and publick Humiliation,) by blasting the grand Enterprize of our Enemies, which threatened Destruction to this and the neighbouring Provinces, and the immediate Reduction (if not of the Fortrels of *Louisbourg*, yet) of the whole Province of *Nova-Scotia* ; and by pursuing our Enemies with Sicknes and Tempest in so signal a manner, as to drive them back without permitting them to execute the least Part of their Designs upon any of the *English* Settlements : In consideration also of the good Measure of Health enjoyed in most Parts of this Province, and the Blessings of Harvest afforded to us in a Competency of the Fruits of the Earth, notwithstanding the unseasonable Frosts and Drought of the Summer past ; as also the Continuance of our invaluable Privileges both Religious and Civil ;

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-seventh of this Instant November, to be observed as a Day of general THANKSGIVING throughout this Province, calling upon both Ministers and People in the most religious manner, with thankful hearts, to solemnize the high Praises of Almighty GOD for his great Goodness and Wonderful Works towards our Nation and Land ; and to join therewith their humble and importunate Supplications to the divine Majesty for the Continuance of his Favours, and that the Riches of his Goodness and Long-suffering may lead us to Repentance ; And that by these extraordinary and wonderful Appearances of his Providence for us, we may be effectually taught and encouraged in all our Affairs and Interests (in the Way of our Duty) to place our entire Confidence in the Power and Goodness of GOD for Success : And all servile Labour is hereby forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON, the Seventh Day of November, 1746. In the Twentieth 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 the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. WILLARD, Secr.

W. Shirley.

G O D Save the KING.