



By His EXCELLENCY,

Samuel Shute, Esq;

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

# A Proclamation for a General THANKSGIVING.



ORASMUCH as amidst the various awful Rebukes of Heaven, with which we are righteously afflicted, in the Contagious and Mortal Sickness among us, especially in the Town of **Boston**; The long and immoderate **Rains**, which have been so hurtful to the Husbandry and Fishery; And the threatening Aspect of Affairs with Respect to our Frontiers: We are still under the highest and most indispensable Obligations of Gratitude for the many Instances of the divine Goodness in the Favours vouchsafed to us in the Course of the Year past; Particularly, For the **LIFE** of our Gracious Sovereign Lord the **KING**, Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of **Wales** and their Issue, and the increase of the Royal Family; The Preservation of His Majesty's Kingdoms

and Dominions from the terrible and desolating **Pestilence**, which hath for so long a Time been wasting the Kingdom of **France**; And the happy Success of His Majesty's Wife Counsils for Restoring & Confirming the Peace of **Europe**; For the Continuance of our valuable Privileges, both Civil and Ecclesiastical; and the divine Blessing upon this Government in their Administrations; Particularly, In succeeding the Methods taken to prevent the Insults of the **Eastern Indians**; For giving so great a Measure of Health within this Province, and Moderating the Mortality of the **Small-Pox**, so that a great Number of Persons are Recovered from that Dilemper; And for granting us so comfortable a former Harvest, and so hopeful a Prospect of the latter:

**I** have therefore thought fit with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to Order and Appoint Thursday the Twenty-sixth of October next, to be Observed as a Day of Publick **THANKSGIVING** throughout this Province, strictly forbidding all servile Labour thereon, and Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies on the said Day, to offer up humble and sincere **THANKS** to Almighty **GOD**, for his many Favours, as aforesaid, and for many other Blessings bestowed on a Sinful People.

Given at *Boston*, the Eighteenth Day of *September*, 1721. And in the Eighth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE**, by the Grace of **GOD** of *Great Britain, France and Ireland*, **KING**, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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

*Josiah Willard*, Secr.

*S. SHUTE*

## GOD Save the King.