

Province of
Massachusetts-Bay.



By the HONORABLE
The Lieutenant

GOVERNOUR

And Commander in Chief

In and over His Majesties Province of the
Massachusetts-Bay in *New-England*,

The COUNCIL & REPRESENTATIVES, in
General Court Assembled within the same.

T HIS Court being Affectionately Sensible of the Singular Providence of GOD in the Early Discovery of a most horrid & detestable Conspiracy to Assassinate the Royal Person of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord the KING ; whom God has eminently Spirited to Expose Himself in the defence of the Protestant Interest : And upon whose Life the Safety and Welfare of His Majesties Dominions do so intirely depend : And at the same time to make an Insurrection within His Majesties Kingdoms, in Conjunction with an intended Invasion by His Enemies from abroad : The Intelligences whereof are lately Arrived to these Parts : And as we have a just Detestation and Abhorrence of so Villanous & Barbarous a Design ; So we Account it our Duty to Acknowledge with all Humble Thankfulness, the Special and Signal Mercy & Goodness of GOD in Detecting, and Preventing of the same from taking Effect.

A ND do Therefore Appoint and Order, That *Thursday* the Eighteenth of *June* next, be set apart as a Day of Publick *THANKSGIVING* throughout this Province : And hereby Recommend it to the several Ministers and Congregations within the same, to Offer up Solemn and Hearty *PRAISES* unto Almighty God, for so great Deliverance, and Preservation of His Majesty and His Kingdoms. And therewith to Conjoyn their *Sincere* and *Fervent* Supplications, That GOD of His infinite *Mercy*, would continue His Gracious Providence towards His Majesty, Preserve His Life, Prosper His Government, Detect and Frustrate all the Attempts of *False* and *Traiterous* Conspirators, and Succeed His Arms, both by *Sea* and *Land*. And all Servile Labour is hereby forbidden upon the said Day.

Given at the Court-House in *BOSTON*, May 30th. 1696.
In the Eighth Year of His Majesties Reign.

Isaac Addington Secr.