

Commonwealth of



Massachusetts.

BY HIS HONOR

THOMAS TALBOT,

Lieutenant-Governor:

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

With the advice and consent of the Council, I designate THURSDAY, the 26th day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving to God for the prosperity and fruitfulness of the year; for the success which has attended the labors of the husbandman, the enterprises of commerce, and the industries of our people; for the institutions of Freedom and Religion, which make our Commonwealth the abode of purity and peace; for the example and influence of our public servants, who, living or dead, inspire the hearts of our citizens with higher aims and a firmer purpose to serve the cause of humanity.

Let us praise God, and render thanks for all His mercies, the daily bounties of His providence, the beauty of his smile in the changing seasons of the year; the grace which garners in our homes the treasures and enjoyments of domestic life; and, above all, for the higher hopes and aspirations which spring from the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

With a gratitude proved genuine by the generosity and kindness kindled in our hearts towards the poor and the suffering, the outcast and the oppressed, the weak and the criminal, let us strive to merit at last the Divine approbation: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-ninth.

THOMAS TALBOT.

By HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, }
WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL. }

OLIVER WARNER, Secretary.

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.