

BY ISAAC TICHENOR,

Governor of the State of Vermont.

# A PROCLAMATION.

*Approaching towards the close of the year, it has been the laudable practice of our pious ancestors, as well as a reasonable duty, to select a day for the public review of our innumerable mercies; to make suitable expressions of our absolute dependance on the Supreme Ruler of the universe; and solemnly to remind ourselves of the indispensable obligations of gratitude and obedience to him for all his abundant goodness.*

I HAVE, therefore, thought fit, with the advice of the Council, and at the request of the House of Representatives, to appoint the first Thursday of December next, being the sixth day of said Month, to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and praise throughout this State: earnestly exhorting Ministers and People, of all denominations, to assemble, on said day, at their respective places of worship, gratefully to unite in commemoration of the goodness of our heavenly Benefactor: in particular, to give him praise for the continued privilege of the revelation of his preceptive will and our reasonable duty through the glorious Gospel of our Saviour; for the preservation of our religious and civil Rights; for the inestimable Constitution and upright administration of the Government of the United States; for the salutary measures, which have been wisely adopted and firmly pursued; at the same time, gratefully to acknowledge the manifold favors of heaven to the inhabitants of this commonwealth; the plenteous productions of our lands; the general degree of health experienced, while many of our sister States have witnessed the alarming progress of an epidemic, attended with the most melancholy mortality.

With devout expressions of thanksgiving and praise, it becomes us to unite our fervent supplications to the all wise Director of events, to continue the smiles of his providence upon the citizens of this State; to save us from wasting sickness; to defend us from desolating judgments; favor agriculture; increase the habits of industry and sobriety, candor and benevolence; to render schools and seminaries of instruction the seats of useful science, morality and piety; to arrest the progress of profanity, irreligion and false philosophy; to succeed the labors of the ambassadors of Jesus Christ, and to establish public happiness on the sure foundation of virtue and unfeigned godliness; to counsel our Rulers; give to our Magistrates decision, prudence and integrity; and to unite, as the heart of one man, this People in attachment to the Country of their birth and the benevolent Government of their own choice: above all, to beseech the Almighty Sovereign, who ruleth in the kingdom of men, to have in his holy keeping, and continue the life and usefulness of the President of these United States; to guide with wisdom the public Councils of the Nation; to cement its increasing union; to guard the sacred ark of its religious and civil Rights; to disappoint the plans of secret intrigue, the machinations of the mercenary, and lead all to combine peace with national independance and respectability; finally, to prosper the rational, benevolent religion of the Redeemer to the eventual establishment of truth and justice, freedom and virtue, until wars shall cease and the whole earth be full of the knowledge of the Lord.

*Given at the Council Chamber in the City of VERGENNES, this 29th day of October, A. D. 1798, and in the 23d year of the Independance of the United States of America.*

By His Excellency's command,

*Richard Whitney* Secretary.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.

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