



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esquire,
Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of Connecticut.

A PROCLAMATION.

THAT the People of this State may have an Opportunity of presenting to Almighty GOD, their great Benefactor, their joint Acknowledgments of Gratitude and Praise, for his unceasing and beneficent Goodness towards them ;

I HAVE, with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint THURSDAY the TWENTY-EIGHTH Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING, PRAYER and PRAISE, throughout this State ; earnestly recommending to Ministers and People, in their solemn Assemblies, and private Devotions, to offer unto GOD, their sincere Ascriptions of Praise for all his Goodness and unmerited Favors : particularly for the continuance of the Gospel of Peace, and the undisturbed enjoyment of its Ordinances and Ministrations ; for the Spirit of internal Quiet and Harmony which so generally prevails ; for the continued rich Blessings of Health in this State, while the Pestilence, which emphatically walks in *Darkness*, has been permitted again to ravage the large Cities of some of our Sister States ; for the general success which has attended our Agriculture, Trade, Navigation and other laudable Pursuits ; and for that, notwithstanding his Judgments have been experienced in some parts of the State, by the desolating Power of Tempest, Hail and Wind ; Events which are devoutly to be regarded and seriously considered with solemn awe and reverence, yet we may reflect, with Joy and Thankfulness, on that Goodness, which in the midst of Judgment has remembered Mercy, has spared the Lives of our Inhabitants, and has still preserved to them such a plentiful supply of the Fruits of the Earth, as to secure a comfortable Subsistence for Man and Beast ; to thank his Holy Name for the continuance to these United States, of our general Peace and Security, amidst the Tumults and Convulsions of conflicting Nations ; for our constitutional Privileges ; for the Advantages of a wise and vigilant Administration, and for all the various Manifestations of HIS Goodness and loving Kindness to us as a People and Nation, in the singular Prosperity with which, at this eventful period, we are indulged.

At the same Time, to offer our humble and devout Supplications to our Gracious Benefactor, for the continuance of HIS Mercies, both spiritual and temporal ; that he would protect the Interests of true Religion, restrain the prevalence of Infidelity and Impiety, and check the progress of Vice and Immorality ; continue the Blessings of Peace and Tranquillity to the United States ; bless their Administration with Wisdom and Virtue, with Patriotism and Vigor ; give Peace to contending Nations ; fill the Earth with HIS Grace and loving Kindness, and advance the Glories of the Saviour's Kingdom throughout the World.

All Servile Labour on said Day, is by Law, forbidden.

Given under my Hand, at New-Haven, this 21st Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the twenty-fourth.

By his Excellency's Command,
SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.