



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Esquire,

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut,
in New-England.

A PROCLAMATION.

The constant and unmerited Favors, conferred by a Merciful GOD, on the People of this State, demand their cheerful and united Acknowledgment of his Mercies, in a Public as well as private Expression of Gratitude.

TO Aid and encourage this laudable and important Duty, I have thought proper, with Advice of the Council, and the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, **THURSDAY** the **FOURTH DAY** of **NOVEMBER** next, to be observed throughout this State, as a Day of **THANKSGIVING**, Prayer and Praise to Almighty GOD, the God of all our Mercies: Publicly and particularly to praise his Holy Name, for the Revelation of his Glorious Gospel, and his unspeakable Blessing in the Gift of his SON, as a Mediator of Peace, between the offending Race of Man, and the offended Deity; whereby a Way is declared, in which, the Divine Anger may be appeased, and sinful Offenders restored to Mercy. To praise him for the moral and social Institutions, wisely adopted and handled to us by our venerable Forefathers; and that their Influence continues to operate in a valuable Degree. To praise him for the general Health continued in this State, although distressing Sickness has assailed some of our Towns, and sorely ravaged a Number of the principal Cities and Towns of our neighbouring States. To praise him for the plentiful supply of the Fruits of the Earth, affording Joy and Gladness to the Heart of the Husbandman; and for the smiles of his Kind Providence on our general Industry and useful Employments. For his watchful care over the public Interests of this State and of the United States. To praise him that Peace is continued in our Land, while renewed War is again breaking forth in Europe, with increased Animosity, and with threatening Aspects: And in general to praise his Great and Holy Name for all his continued Favors and Blessings to a sinful and backsliding People.

At the same Time, the People of this State will do well to confess before our GOD, their manifold Sins and Ingratitude, to supplicate his pardoning Mercy and Grace, through Jesus our Redeemer, and beg the Influences of his Holy Spirit, to instruct our Minds in the Ways of Righteousness and Duty. Also to supplicate the Divine Guidance in all our Concerns, both of this State and of the United States. That he would bless and influence, by his unerring Wisdom, the President of these United States, and furnish him to a faithful and prudent Discharge of all his Duties, in his various Relations and Connexions. Fill Rulers and all Orders of Men, with the Spirit of their respective Stations. Harmonize the Minds of the People in the Ways of Religion, Virtue, Social Order, and Good Government. Dwell signally in our Land and Nation, and make us a People to his Praise and Glory,---a People whose God is the LORD. Bless all our Colleges and Schools of Learning. Teach by his Spirit, our Ministers of the Gospel. Guide our Youth in the Paths of Religion and Morality, of filial Piety, and early Subordination to just Government and Social Order. Extend the Gospel with its benign Influences, to all Parts of the Earth. And fill the World with his Glorious Praise.

All servile Labour on said Day is by Law forbidden.

GIVEN under my Hand at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, this twenty-seventh Day of October, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, and in the Year of American Independence the twenty-eighth.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

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