

STATE OF VERMONT.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

CORNELIUS P. VAN NESS,

GOVERNOR, AND CAPTAIN-GENERAL AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, IN AND OVER THE STATE OF VERMONT,

*A PROCLAMATION.*

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WHILE it is declared by the united voice of reason, and of revelation, that gratitude is one of the first and highest duties which man owes to GOD, the publick manifestation of that gratitude, on suitable occasions, is sanctioned by the same authority, as well as by the examples of the pious in every age. And it having, from the foundation of this state, been the manner of its rulers, annually to set apart a day, for the purpose of rendering this homage to Him who is worthy of all honour and glory----

I DO, therefore, at the request of the General Assembly, and by the advice of the Council, appoint THURSDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, A DAY OF PUBLICK THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE, throughout this state—

Ministers and people, of every denomination, are accordingly requested to suspend all unnecessary labour on that day, and to assemble at their respective places of publick worship, and with sincerity and humility of heart, to present at the sacred altar of the MAJESTY ON HIGH, the voluntary offerings of thanksgiving and praise, for all the mercies of his providence, whether common or distinguished; especially, for the peace and prosperity, and all the civil and religious privileges, which have been continued to us, as a nation, and as a state; for his great kindness to the people of this state, exhibited in the disappearance of that spirit of political controversy which arrays man against his fellow man, and presses into action the bitterest feelings of the heart; for the means with which we are favoured of advancing the interests of knowledge and learning; for the abundant fruits of the earth, with which the labours of the industrious have been rewarded the past season; for the increasing union among the various denominations of christians, and the success that may have attended their pious efforts to promote the holy cause in which they are engaged; and finally, for his infinite condescension, and adoring love, to a guilty and rebellious world, so magnificently, but awfully displayed, in the sacrifice of his Son JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, whose atoning blood has marked a way, by which man—lost and ruined man, may approach the mercy-seat of heaven, and be restored to the forfeited favour of an offended, but pardoning GOD.



GIVEN under my hand, in Council Chamber, at Montpelier, this fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four; and in the forty-ninth year of the Independence of the United States.

C. P. VAN NESS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

DANIEL KELLOGG, Secretary.