



By the HONORABLE

SAMUEL WARD, Esq;

Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the *English Colony of Rhode-Island, and Providence Plantations, in New-England in America.*

A PROCLAMATION.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of this Colony having appointed THURSDAY, the *Twenty-sixth Day of this Instant, JUNE, to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING to ALMIGHTY GOD, for His great Goodness and Mercy, in inclining the Hearts of the BRITISH LEGISLATURE to repeal the late Act of Parliament for levying Stamp-Duties in AMERICA; and requested me to issue a PROCLAMATION, to make known the same:*

HAVE therefore issued this PROCLAMATION, and do earnestly call upon, and exhort all His Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, both Ministers and People, religiously to observe the said Day, by meeting at their usual Places of public Worship, in order to render unto ALMIGHTY GOD, by whom Kings reign and Princes decree Justice, most sincere and humble Thanks, for His great Goodness and Mercy, in delivering us from the Calamities with which we were threatened, by inclining the Hearts of the *British Legislature to repeal the late Act of Parliament for levying Stamp-Duties in America; and enter upon other most benevolent and important Measures, which we have Reason to hope will lay a sure Foundation for the effectual Establishment of our most invaluable Rights, Liberties and privileges; and for a perpetual Union between Great-Britain and her Colonies upon the extensive and permanent Basis of mutual Affection, Harmony, and Interests; and also for the many other Mercies, Divine Goodness is daily indulging us in the Enjoyment of: All which call for the utmost Devotion and Thankfulness to the SUPREME BEING. And I do also earnestly exhort all Persons to offer up their most sincere and fervent Prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, that our manifold Sins and Transgressions may be pardoned; that Piety and true Religion may flourish among us; that he will be pleased to bless our Most Gracious Sovereign King GEORGE, and all the Royal Family; that the most sincere and cordial Union, and Affection, so necessary to the Happiness and Interests of Great-Britain and her Colonies, may forever subsist between them: And that our civil and religious Liberties may be preserved to Us, and continued to the latest Posterity.*

AND that the said Day may be religiously observed, as a Day of public Worship and Thanksgiving, without any Interruption, I do strictly inhibit and forbid any servile Labour to be done thereon, and all Manner of Sports and Pastimes.

GIVEN under my Hand at NEWPORT, this Sixteenth Day of June, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-six, and Sixth of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, and so forth.

SAMUEL WARD.

By His Honor's Command,
HENRY WARD, *Sec'y.*

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