



By the HONORABLE

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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.

ALMIGHTY GOD in the Course of His wise and gracious Providence, having vouchsafed many great and signal Favours to the Kingdoms of Great-Britain, and Ireland, to the British Plantations, and to this Colony in particular, the General Assembly passed an Act, appointing THURSDAY the EIGHTEENTH Instant, to be observed as a Day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING throughout this Government; and therein requested me to issue a Proclamation to make the same known, and to forbid all Sports and Pastimes, as well as servile Labor on that Day.

DO THEREFORE hereby earnestly call upon and exhort all His Majesty's good Subjects within 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 **G**OD, their most sincere and hearty Thanks for all His Goodness and Mercies to us; and in a particular Manner for the great Successes of His Majesty's Arms in the most important and glorious Conquests of *Martinico*, and the *Havana*, the Advantages gained over our Enemies in *Germany*, the Retaking of that Part of *Newfoundland* which the *French* had surpris'd, and the safe Delivery of our Most Gracious Queen of a Prince; which happy Event gives us the most pleasing Prospect of continuing to the Nation the Blessings which we have enjoy'd under the most mild and auspicious Government of the present Royal Family. These, and many other Mercies, not here enumerated, should excite our utmost Devotion and Thankfulness to the supreme Ruler of the Universe. And that our Sins may not make our Praises and Adorations unacceptable to the Almighty, let us humble ourselves before him, and resolve, by His Grace, to turn unto Him with our whole Hearts, beseeching Him to forgive our manifold Transgressions, and to continue His kind and favorable Regard to the Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, and their Dependencies, to His Majesty's Allies, to the whole Protestant Interest, and to this Colony in particular; and in His own due Time, to restore to us the Blessings of a safe, permanent and honorable Peace.

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 Labor to be done thereon, and all Manner of Sports and Pastimes.

GIVEN under my Hand at NEWPORT, this Fifth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two, and Third of the Reign of His Most Sacred Majesty GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, King of GREAT-BITAIN, and so forth.

S A M. W A R D.

By His Honor's Command,
HENRY WARD, Secr'y.

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