



By the HONORABLE
SAMUEL WARD, Esq;

Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in 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-eighth Day of this Instant, NOVEMBER, to be observed as a Day of THANKSGIVING to ALMIGHTY GOD, for His great Goodness and Mercy; and ordered Prayers to be made at the same Time, for the Preservation of our invaluable Liberties and Privileges; and requested me to issue a PROCLAMATION, to make known the same:

I HAVE therefore issued this PROCLAMATION, and do earnestly call upon, and exhort all His Majesty's 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 GOD, their most sincere and cordial Thanks, for His great Goodness and Mercies to Us; and in a particular Manner for the Preservation of His Majesty's most precious Life, and the Restoration of His Health, and the safe Delivery of our most gracious Queen of another Prince, and for the Fruitfulness of the Season past, which affords the agreeable Prospect of a plenteous Supply of the Necessaries of Life; and many other Mercies, not here enumerated: All which should excite our utmost Devotion and Thankfulness to the SUPREME RULER of the Universe. And as the divine Blessing is essentially necessary to the Well-being of every Community, I do also exhort all Persons to offer up their most sincere and fervent Prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, that He will be graciously pleased to continue His kind and favorable Regard to the Kingdoms of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, and their Dependencies, to the *British* Plantations in general, and this Colony in particular: And in an especial Manner, that He will be pleased to pardon our manifold Transgressions, and promote and establish a sincere and entire Reformation in our Hearts and Lives; and that our invaluable Rights, Liberties, and Privileges, civil and religious, may be precious in His Sight; that He will be pleased to frustrate every Attempt to deprive us of them, and will continue them, in their full Extent, with all the inestimable Blessings attending their Enjoyment, to Us, and our latest Posterity.

AND that the said Day may be religiously observed, as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Intercession, 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 Eleventh Day of November, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, and the 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, *Secr'y.*

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