

THE COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY of said State, have ordered,--
that the following Proclamation of the Hon'ble Continental
CONGRESS, for a General THANKSGIVING throughout the Uni-
ted States, be printed, and sent to the several religious Societies in
this State, to be observed, agreeable to the Directions therein.

M. WEARE, (PRESIDENT of
THE COUNCIL.

E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a General THANKSGIVING,
Throughout the United-States of AMERICA.

In CONGRESS, November 1, 1777.

FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men, to adore the superintending Providence of
Almighty GOD, to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to *Him* for Benefits received, and to
implore such further Blessings as they stand in Need of; and it having pleased Him, in his abundant
Mercy, not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence; but also to smile
upon us, in the Prosecution of a *just and necessary WAR*, for the Defence and Establishment of our unalienable
Rights and Liberties; particularly, in that he hath been pleased in so great a Measure to prosper the Means used
for the Support of our Troops, and to crown our Arms with most signal Success:

IT is therefore recommended to the Legislative or executive Powers of these several *UNITED STATES*, to
set apart *THURSDAY*, the eighteenth Day of December next, for solemn *THANKSGIVING* and
PRAISE: That at one Time and with one Voice the good People may express the grateful Feelings of
their Hearts, and consecrate themselves to the Service of their Divine Benefactor; and that together with their
sincere Acknowledgments and Offerings they may join the penitent Confession of their manifold Sins whereby
they had forfeited every Favour, and their humble and earnest Supplication that *GOD*, thro' the Merits of *Jesus*
Christ, would mercifully forgive and blot them out of Remembrance; that it may please him graciously to at-
ford his Blessing on the Government of these States respectively, and prosper the public Council of the whole; to
inspire our Commanders both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom & Fortitude which may
render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of *Almighty GOD*, to secure for these *United-States*, the
greatest of all human Blessings, *Independence* and *Peace*; that it may please him to prosper the Trade and Manu-
factures of the People, and the Labour of the Husbandman, that our Land may yet yield its Increase; to take
Schools and Seminaries of Education, so necessary for cultivating the Principles of true Liberty, Virtue, and
Piety, under his nurturing Hand; and to prosper the Means of Religion for the Promotion and Enlargement of
that Kingdom which consisteth in *Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost*.

And is it further recommended, that servile Labour and Recreation, altho' at other Times innocent, may be unbecoming the Pur-
pose of this Appointment, be omitted on so solemn an Occasion.

Extract from the Minutes,

Attest,

CHA. THOMPSON, Secretary.

G O D save the **UNITED-STATES** of **A M E R I C A**.
