

1764

By His Excellency
BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq;
Captain General, GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief,
in and over His MAJESTY's Province of New-Hampshire in New-England,
And VICE-ADMIRAL of the same, &c.

A PROCLAMATION for a General THANKSGIVING

THE many and great Blessings *Almighty GOD* has of his abundant Goodness undeservedly made us the Subjects of, in the Course of the Year past, demand our thankful Acknowledgments in the most publick and solemn Manner :

I HAVE Therefore tho't fit by and with the Advice and Consent of his MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, to Order and Appoint, that *Tuesday* the Eighth Day of November next, be Religiously observed and kept as a Day of public THANKSGIVING throughout this Province, and hereby exhorting both Ministers and People seriously and devoutly to solemnize the same, by devoting a reasonable Part of said day to the publick Worship of GOD in their respective Congregations ;

THAT with thankful and obedient Hearts, we may offer up our united Praises to the most HIGH GOD, that in his infinite Goodness he has been graciously pleased to spare and preserve the Lives of our most gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and his Royal Consort Queen CHARLOTTE, and the Lives of their Royal Highnesses GEORGE Prince of Wales, the Princess DOWAGER of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family.

THAT our Civil and Sacred Priviledges are continued to us.

THAT we have been thus far preserved from infectious and Contagious Distempers, and have enjoyed such a Measure of Health in our Habitations.

THAT we have been blessed with a plentiful Harvest, which with a Multitude of other Mercies we are daily receiving at the Hand of our great BENEFCTOR, should incite in us a Zeal for his Glory, an Universal Obedience to his Divine Laws, and raise in our Souls sincere and unfeigned Thanksgiving and Praise to GOD the Author of all our Mercies.

AND all servile Labour is strictly Forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Portsmouth, the 29th Day of October, 1764, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
with advice of Council
THEODORE ATKINSON, jun' Sec'y

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.
