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Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province aforesaid, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

THE most gracious and merciful Condescension of our heavenly FATHER, in bestowing the various Blessings of Life on us sinful Mortals, who are of ourselves unworthy to receive the least Favour from his benevolent Hand, should make us sensible that it is our indispensable Duty to offer up our united Praises and Thanksgivings for all his Mercies vouchsafed to us, particularly those of the Year past, which were wholly unmerited by us :

I Have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to order and appoint that Thursday the twenty first Day of November next, be observed and kept as a Day of publick Thanksgiving throughout this Province, hereby commending to, and enjoining both Ministers and People, in their several religious Assemblies to devote a reasonable Part of said Day to publick Worship ; and with thankful and obedient Hearts, to bless and praise the great Name of the LORD, that he hath been mercifully pleased to preserve to us the inestimable Life of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, the Lives of our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses GEORGE, Prince of Wales, the Princess DOWAGER of Wales, and all the Royal Family. That it hath pleased GOD to increase their illustrious House by the Birth of a PRINCE. That our civil and sacred Liberties are continued in Safety. For the Continuance of Peace: that we have not been afflicted with contagious sickness, but hath graciously granted the Voice of Joy and Health to be heard in our Habitations ; Wherefore let us with fervent Humility and Thankfulness glorify GOD ; most humbly beseeching of his Divine Mercy, that we may obediently walk in his holy Commandments, and leading quiet and peaceable Lives, in all Godliness and Honesty, we may continually offer unto GOD, an acceptable Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving, for all his Mercies confer'd upon us.

And all servile LABOUR is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the Thirtieth Day of October, in the 12th 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. And in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
with Advice of COUNCIL,

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, Sec^{ry}.

GOD save the KING.