



By His EXCELLENCY

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Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief in and over His Majesty's
Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a Publick THANKSGIVING.



HEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD (notwithstanding the Provocation of His holy Displeasure by our Sins, testified in divers Instances, and particularly in the late Infectious and Mortal Distemper) to favour us with many undeserved Blessings in the Course of this Year, which do justly demand our humble Adoration and thankful Acknowledgement of the divine Goodness ;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, To Appoint Thursday the Twelfth of November next, a Day of Publick THANKSGIVING throughout this Province, hereby Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, Religiously to solemnize the same by offering up their sincere and grateful PRAISES for the manifold Blessings and Favours which GOD of his undeserved Goodness hath confer'd upon us ; Particularly, in continuing to us the invaluable Life of Our Sovereign Lord the KING, with His Royal Consort Our most Gracious QUEEN, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Rest of the Royal Issue ; In succeeding His Majesty's wise Councils, for Restoring and Establishing the Peace of Europe ; In prolonging the Ecclesiastical and Civil Privileges of this People ; In granting His gracious Conduct and Assistance in the Administration of the Civil Government of this Province ; In Restoring Health to many of our Towns lately visited with a contagious Distemper, and preserving others from the Infection thereof ; In maintaining our PEACE with the Indian Natives, and granting us a plentiful Harvest, in giving Success to our Merchandize and Fishery, and protecting it from the Insults and Ravages of Pirates, with other numberless Instances of the divine Beneficence : And all Servile Labour is prohibited on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Roxbury the Fourteenth Day of October 1730. In the Fourth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command, with
the Advice of the Council,

Josiah Willard, Secr.

J. BELCHER.

G O D save the King