



By His EXCELLENCY

Jonathan Belcher Esq;

Captain General and GOVERNOUR, in Chief in and over His Majesties
Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a general T H A N K S G I V I N G.



ORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty GOD in the Year past, to confer upon us many great and undeserved blessings; ~~More~~ **Especially**, In Prolonging the Lives of Our Sovereign Lord the KING, Our most gracious QUEEN, His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES, the DUKE, and the Rest of the Royal Family; In Succeeding His Majesty's wife & just Endeavours, as well for the Preservation of the PEACE of Europe, as for the Advancement of the Prosperity of the Kingdoms and Dominions under His happy Government; In granting us so great a Measure of HEALTH, In Protecting our Sea-Coasts from the Insults & Violence of merciless Pirates, and Preserving the Peace of Our Inland Frontiers, In granting us a Plentiful HARVEST, notwithstanding the great Drought in divers Places in the Summer past, In His gracious Conduct vouchsafed to the Government of this Province, And in Continuing to us our inestimable Privileges Religious & Civil; All which, and innumerable other Blessings received of the Divine Bounty demand our grateful Praises and Acknowledgments;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesties Council to appoint Thursday the Twenty-eighth of this Instant October, to be observed as a Day of General THANKSGIVING throughout this Province, ~~and~~ **Exhorting** your Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies religiously to celebrate the same, in Offering up their cheerful PRAISES and resigned THANKS to the great Author and Bestower of all our Mercies: And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Fifth Day of *October* 1731. In the Fifth 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,

Joshua Willard, Secr.

J. BELCHER.

G O D save the King.