



By His EXCELLENCY

Jonathan Belcher, Esq;

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

# A Proclamation for a publick THANKSGIVING.

**I**T having pleased Almighty GOD the beautiful Author of all our Mercies notwithstanding our great Unworthiness, to bestow many of His Favours and Blessings on us, in the Course of the Year past, which demand our most grateful Acknowledgement.

**I** have therefore thought fit, With the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint that Thursday the Seventh Day of November next, be observed as a Day of publick *THANKSGIVING* throughout this Province; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People religiously to solemnize the same, by offering up their sincere and devout PRAISES to Almighty GOD, with a thankful Acknowledgment of His undeserved Favours bestowed on a sinful People, and especially, In preserving the sacred Person of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and directing His Majesty's Councils in this difficult Conjunction of Affairs, for the preservation of Peace within the Kingdoms and Dominions under His Majesty's happy Government; In continuing the Life of our most gracious QUEEN CAROLINE, of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Line; In prospering the Administration of the Government of this Province; In maintaining to us the Enjoyment of our invaluable Privileges, religious and civil; In crowning us, Dear with His Goodness, by sending us so great a Plenty of the fruits of the earth; In protecting our Trade from the Rapine of Pirates; In the good measure of Health enjoyed in most parts of this Province; In preserving and prospering our happy Plantations; and by innumerable other Mercies which lay us under indispensable Obligations to Gratitude and Obedience, and to Fear the LORD and His Goodness, and to walk worthy of Him to all well-pleasing. And all Servile Labour is prohibited on the said Day.

By Order of His Excellency  
the Governour, with the  
Advice of the Council,

J. Willard, Secy.

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**G O D save the K I N G.**