

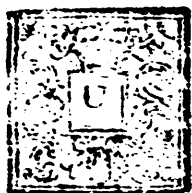


By His EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN BELCHER Esq;

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
T H A N K S G I V I N G.



P O N Consideration of the infinite Goodness of G O D, and the Care of his merciful Providence over us, manifested in the innumerable undeserved Blessings bestowed upon us in the Course of the past Year, which demand our most humble and thankful Acknowledgments;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint Thursday the Seventeenth Day of November next, to be observed thro'out this Province as a Day of publick **T H A N K S G I V I N G**; exhorting both Ministers and People religiously to attend the same by offering up to Almighty G O D, the Father of Mercies, their devout and sincere Praises, for the great and inestimable Favours conferred on a sinful and undeserving People; Particularly, In preserving His MAJESTY's Life and Health under great Dangers, as also the Life and Health of His Royal Consort our most gracious QUEEN, with their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family; In directing His Majesty's Councils for the preservation of Peace within his Kingdoms and Dominions, and in so great a measure, maintaining the Tranquility of Europe; In prospering the Administrations of the Government within this Province; In prolonging the Peace of our Borders, and protecting our Navigation from the Ravages of Pirates; In continuing and restoring Health to most of the Towns of this Province; As also, In giving us so plentiful a Harvest, notwithstanding the threatening Aspects of Providence in the immoderate Rains and Cold of the Spring foregoing; and in the continuance of our invaluable Privileges, religious and civil, with many other Mercies, which lay us under indispensable Obligations to Gratitude and Obedience, and to Fear the LORD and His Goodness. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Salisbury*, the Eighteenth Day of *October* 1737. In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord G E O R G E the Second, by the Grace of G O D of *Great-Britain, France and Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of His Excellency the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
Simon Frost, Dept. Secr.

J. BELCHER.

G O D save the KING.