



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



UPON due Consideration of the many Instances of the Divine Goodness towards us, more especially in the great and various Blessings confer'd on us in the Year past, particularly, In the Preservation of the Person of Our Sovereign Lord the KING; and in conducting His Majesty's Councils hitherto for maintaining of Peace and Prosperity in his Dominions; In continuing the Lives and Health of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Issue, and in the Birth of his Highness Prince *George*; In directing & prospering the Administrations of His Majesty's Government within this Province; In granting us so considerable a Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth,

notwithstanding the great Drought with which the Earth has been visited; In the Continuance of Peace on our Borders and Health in so many of our Habitations under Threatnings of contagious and mortal Distempers; In the Protection of our Trade and Fishery; In prolonging our invaluable Priviledges, religious and civil; and in conferring on us numberless other undeserved Mercies: All which demand our sincere Acknowledgments, joyful Praises and future thankful Obedience to the sovereign and bountiful Author of all our Blessings.

I have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint Thursday the Twenty-third Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of general THANKSGIVING thro'out this Province, exhorting both Ministers and People in their severall Assemblies to solemnize the same, by offering up unfeigned Thanks to our good and gracious GOD, with humble and fervent Supplications, that We may Fear the LORD and his Goodness, and walk worthy of Him to all pleasing. And all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Twenty-eighth Day of *October* 1738. In the Twelfth 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 Order of the Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. Willard, Secr.

J. BELCHER.

G O D save the K I N G.