

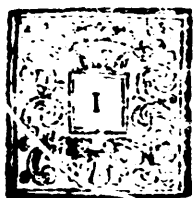


By His EXCELLENCY

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
THANKSGIVING.



I having pleased Almighty GOD (amidst the various Instances of His righteous Displea-
sure against Us for Our Sins) to grant Us, within the Course of the Year past, many
great and undeserved Favours, both of a publick and private Nature, which require Our
humble and thankful Acknowledgements ;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order & appoint
Thursday the Thirteenth Day of November next to be observed as a Day of publick
THANKSGIVING throughout this Province ; hereby exhorting both Ministers
and People to solemnize the same, by offering up their sincere and devout PRAISE to
Almighty GOD, the Author of all our Mercies, for the innumerable Blessings bestowed
upon an unworthy & sinful People ; more especially, In preserving the Person of our Sovere-
reign Lord the KING, and directing His Majesty's Councils, and in prospering His Ma-
jesty's Arms in the present War, which he has undertaken for vindicating the Honour of
His Crown, and asserting the Rights of his Subjects ; In continuing the Lives of their
Royal highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Issue ; In pro-
longing our invaluable Privileges religious and civil ; In giving his gracious Direction
and Assistance to the Administrations of the Government of this Province ; In crowning
the Year with his Goodness and granting to us the Joy of harvest ; In the good mea-
sure of health enjoyed in most Places within this Province ; In defending our Sea-Coasts,
and securing our Trade and Navigation from the Insults and Depredations of our
Enemies ; And in preserving and prospering our Infant Plantations ; With number-
less other Mercies, which lay us under indispenfible Obligations to Gratitude and Obe-
dience, and to Fear the LORD and His Goodness, and to walk worthy of Him, to all well-
pleasing. And all Servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the Twentieth Day of October 1740. In the Fourteenth 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 His Excellency the
Governour, with the Advice
of the Council,
J. Willard, Secr.

J. Belcher.

G O D save the KING.