

By His Excellency JOSIAH BARTLETT, *Esquire,*
PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Public Thanksgiving.

AS the munificent Father of mercies and Sovereign disposer of all events has been graciously pleased in the course of the present year to bestow many and great favors on the Inhabitants of this and the other United States, and as the year is drawing towards a close, it highly becomes us at this season, according to the laudible usage of the State, in a public and social manner gratefully to acknowledge the manifold blessings bestowed upon us: The Legislature have therefore appointed THURSDAY *the twenty-fifth Day of NOVEMBER NEXT*, to be observed as a Day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING throughout this State;— and I do hereby, with advice of Council, issue this Proclamation, calling upon Ministers and People of every denomination, to assemble on that day in their respective places of public worship, devoutly, with grateful hearts and united voices to celebrate the praises of our *supreme and bountiful* BENEFACOR, for his innumerable benefits; more especially, that He hath been most graciously pleased to preserve the inestimable life of The PRESIDENT of these States; for so ordering and disposing the seasons of the year, that the labor of the husbandman is crowned with abundant success, and we blessed with a rich and plentiful harvest: for the general health enjoyed throughout the State, and preventing contagious and mortal disorders from spreading among us: for inclining the hearts of the people of all the States to complete the union, by adopting a plan of general government, happily calculated to secure and perpetuate HARMONY, PEACE and PROSPERITY to united America— and while many nations are involved in all the horrors of a cruel and bloody war, that the citizens of the United States, under the banners of Peace, enjoy the inestimable privileges of civil and religious Liberty; and above all for the continuance of the blessings of the *Gospel of Peace*. And together with our THANKSGIVINGS, let us with humble and penitent hearts, acknowledge our own unworthiness, confess our manifold transgressions, implore his forgiveness, and intreat the continuance of those favors which he has graciously bestowed upon us; that He would bless all our public Councils, inspire our Rulers with *wisdom and prudence*, diffuse a true spirit of *patriotism* throughout all ranks and orders of men; that He would smile on our *husbandry, commerce, manufactures, navigation and fisheries*; take the interest of *education and literature* under His nurturing hand; and that *Peace and Happiness, Truth and Justice, Benevolence and undefiled Religion*, may universally prevail among all nations.

AND it is recommended and expected that all persons religiously abstain from all servile labor, and such recreations as are unbecoming the solemnity of the day.

Given at the Council-Chamber, in Exeter, this thirteenth Day of October, in the year of our LORD, one thousand, seven hundred and ninety, and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the fifteenth.

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

By His EXCELLENCY'S command, with advice of Council,

JOSEPH PEARSON, *Secretary.*

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