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A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a public THANKSGIVING.



HEREAS His MAJESTY most devoutly and thankfully acknowledging the great Goodness and Mercy of Almighty GOD, who hath afforded his Protection and Assistance, in the just War, in which, for the common Safety, for his Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of *France*, His Majesty is engaged; and hath given such signal Successes to the *British* Arms, both by Sea and Land: Particularly, by the Defeat of the *French* Army in *Canada*, and the taking *Quebec*, &c. And therefore, duly considering, that such great and public Blessings, call for public, and solemn Acknowledgments; has thought fit, by, and with the Advice of his Privy Council, to issue his Royal Proclamation, given at the Court, at *Whitehall*, the 23d Day of *October* last; thereby, appointing and commanding, that a general Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, for these his Mercies, should be observed throughout the Kingdoms of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, upon *Thursday*, the Twenty-ninth Day of *November* then next; strictly charging and commanding, that the said public Day of Thanksgiving should be religiously observed, by all his loving Subjects, as they tendered the Favour of Almighty GOD, and upon Pain of suffering such Punishment, as his Majesty might justly inflict, upon all such as should contemn, or neglect the Performance of so religious and necessary a Duty. And, whereas the Right Honourable, the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantation, have transmitted the said Proclamation, and signified, that it is his Majesty's Pleasure, that the like public Thanksgiving, should be solemnized in all his Majesty's Colonies in *America*, which are so particularly interested in these happy Events; and have also signified to the Governor and Company of this Colony, his Majesty's Commands, that we do, as soon as possible after the receipt thereof, appoint a proper Day for that Purpose, to be observed throughout the Colony, with such Solemnities as are suitable to so great an Occasion.

I HAVE therefore on this Occasion, thought fit, by, and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, *Thursday* the sixth Day of *March* next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of public THANKSGIVING; exhorting all his Majesty's Subjects, both Ministers and People, devoutly, and thankfully to acknowledge the Divine Goodness, in these and other signal Successes, granted his Majesty's Arms: And that they strictly, religiously, and decently solemnize the said Day, giving Glory, Honour, and Praise to Almighty GOD, the Author of these, and all other Blessings.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at *Fairfield*, the Twentieth Day of *February*, in the Thirty-third Year of His Majesty's
Reign, Annoque Domini, 1760.

THOMAS FITCH.

G O D S A V E T H E K I N G .

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