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



H E many, very great, and signal Appearances of an over-ruling Providence, in Favour of the British Arms, in Europe, and America; the Smiles of Heaven in various Respects (amidst the distressing Calamities and Desolations of War) on our Nation, its Allies, and the British Subjects, and Dominions, in this Land; the remarkable Success and Victory which the LORD of Hosts hath granted to their Troops, and thereby in such good Measure subduing the Enemy, and accomplishing those great Things ardently supplicated for, in the Prayers of his People for so long a Time; the renewed, as well as continued Manifestations of divine Goodness and Bounty, in the numerous, undeserved Blessings, by the indulgent Father of Mercies conferred on the Inhabitants of this Colony, in the current Year; demanding our sincerest Gratitude and highest Praises to GOD, the Author of all Good, in commemorating these great, these interesting Events, and Tokens of divine Mercy; and in devoutly celebrating the wonderful and marvellous Works, which the LORD our GOD, by his mighty Power, and in great Goodness hath wrought for his Church and People;

I HAVE (by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in general Court assembled) thought fit, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, *Thursday* the 15th Day of *November* next, to be observed, throughout this Colony, as a Day of publick Thanksgiving; exhorting both Ministers and People, in all the religious Societies, and Congregations, with Joy and Gladness of Heart, to magnify the LORD; ascribing Blessing, Glory, Honour, and Praise, to his great and holy Name, for the abundant Displays of his Goodness, in the repeated Successes, the Protestant Arms, and the *British* Forces, in various Parts of the World, have been favour'd with; and in particular for the late most important Victories, obtained in the Heart of our Enemy's Possessions, in *America*, attended with remarkable Occurrences, wherein the gracious Interpositions, and Smiles of divine Providence towards us, have been so very conspicuous; that it hath pleased GOD, still to lengthen out the important Life of our most gracious Sovereign, KING GEORGE the Second, in this critical Day; to continue the Lives of his royal Family, and preserve the Liberties and Privileges of the Nation.

AND with grateful Hearts, and devout Minds, to bless the LORD, our most merciful Deliverer, and kind Benefactor, for the Protection granted to these *American* Plantations, in preserving our Sea Coasts, and inland Frontiers, in so great a Measure, from the Attacks and Inroads of the Enemy; for the Continuation of the valuable civil and religious Privileges of this Colony; for the Favours granted our Soldiery, in the Preservation of the Lives and Health of so many of them, the present Campaign; for such a plentiful Supply of the precious Fruits of the Earth; for the general Health enjoyed in the Land; and the many other Instances of divine Goodness, wherewith it hath pleased the LORD to favour and bless his People.

AND also to offer up fervent Prayers and Supplications to the GOD of all Grace, for the King's most excellent Majesty, their royal Highnesses, GEORGE, Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family: That he would abundantly bless their Royal Persons, eminently furnish them for the exalted Stations which (by his heavenly Grace) they sustain; continue graciously to direct the King's Councils, succeed his Negotiations, prosper his Arms by Land and Sea, and bless his illustrious Allies. In great Mercy still protect the Nation, and this Land from the secret or open Attempts of our Enemies; make Way for a general, safe, and lasting Peace, and over-rule the Wars and Commotions among the Nations, for the Advancement of the great Redeemer's Kingdom on the Earth. Indulge this Colony with its valuable Rights and Liberties, civil and sacred, to late Posterity; succeed its Agency at the *British* Court; bless our civil Rulers, and their Administrations; the Ministers of the Gospel, and their Labours; the Means of Religion and Education, and all our Interests, and Concerns: And of his infinite Goodness and Mercy, be pleased to influence, that the Advantages indulged to the *British* Arms in *America*, may especially be improved (in Gratitude) for the illustrious beneficent Purpose, of leading the Heathen Natives, out of Ignorance and Darkness, into marvellous Light, even to the Light of the Knowledge of the Truth as it is in JESUS, to the Honour of his great Name; and for further, and more abundant Occasion of Rejoycing to his People, in GOD their King, of boundless Grace, and all Salvation.

AND all servile Labour is forbidden, on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council-Chamber in New-Haven, the 30th Day of October, in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1759.

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