



By the HONOURABLE
THOMAS FITCH, ESQUIRE,
Governor of His Majesty's Colony of *Connecticut*, in NEW-ENGLAND, in
AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, amidst the prevailing Iniquities of the Times, and the various Corrections of Divine Providence, it hath pleased ALMIGHTY GOD, the Sovereign Disposer of all Events, to exercise much Patience toward our Nation and Land, and to manifest his abundant Goodness, by bestowing many and great Blessings upon an unworthy People, in the Course of the Year past, which justly demand our public and devout Acknowledgements and Praise to the Great Author of all our Mercies.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in General Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Thursday the Fifteenth Day of *November* next, to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout this Colony; directing and exhorting both Ministers and People, of every Denomination, to unite in rendering devout and solemn Praise, and in giving unfeigned Thanks to the LORD our GOD, for his Long-suffering towards us, and for all the Tokens of his Loving-kindness and tender Mercy, whether public or private; particularly for the continued Enjoyment of the inestimable Blessings of the Gospel of Peace, --- for the Preservation of the Life of our Most Gracious Sovereign KING GEORGE the Third, and the Lives of the Royal Family, --- for that Relief and Protection granted to those Parts of the BRITISH Settlements in *North-America*, that have been sorely distressed by a savage and cruel Enemy, and for the hopeful Prospect that a Peace already settled with some of the *Indian Tribes* will soon become more extensive; --- for the Continuation of our distinguishing Privileges, Civil and Religious; and for any late Revival of Religion in some Parts of this Colony; --- for the general Health enjoyed through the Land; and for a competent Supply of the Fruits of the Earth; and for all other Mercies, which, from the pure and abundant Goodness of GOD, we are made Partakers of.

Likewise in offering up humble and fervent Prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, that HE would bless the King's Most Excellent Majesty, our Gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses GEORGE Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; --- that HE would be pleased, from Time to Time, to direct the King's Council; --- that this Colony may ever find Favour at the Court of *Great-Britain*; and that the Civil and Religious Interests and Privileges thereof, may be preserved entire; --- that the Eyes of THE LORD may, at all Times, be upon his People for Good; --- that the Spirit of GOD may be plentifully poured out upon us, His Goodness lead us to Sincere Repentance; --- that Religion, pure and undefiled, may further revive amongst us; --- that a GRACIOUS GOD would smile upon our Civil Administration, direct to and bless proper Attempts for christianizing the *Heathen* in this Land; send forth the Knowledge of our GREAT REDEEMER, and command Salvation to the Ends of the Earth.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council Chamber, in New-Haven, the 25th Day of October, in the fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, GEORGE the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini 1764.

Tho^s. Fitch.

GOD Save the KING.