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A PROCLAMATION.



HEREAS it hath pleased a gracious GOD to bestow many great and signal Favours on a sinful People, (amidst the righteous Rebul of his Providence) the current Year; which Expressions of Divine Mercy, justly demand from us, the sincerest Returns of Gratitude and public Praises to the bountiful Author of all Good.

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 Eighteenth Day of Instant *November*, to be religiously observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING throughout this Colony: Earnestly exhorting all his Majesty's Subjects, Ministers and People, in their several religious Assemblies, with becoming Reverence and Devotion, to render unfeigned Thanks and Praise to the Father of Mercies, for the various Expressions of his Goodness to our Nation and Land: Particularly, for the Preservation of the Life of our gracious Sovereign, King *GEORGE the Third*; and the Lives of all the Royal Family: For the Blessing of GOD on our King and his People, in the safe and happy Delivery of the Queen; and the auspicious Birth of a PRINCE: For the Protections granted to the British Dominions in this Time of War, and the various Successes, wherewith the ALMIGHTY has remarkably prosper'd the King's Forces, by Sea and Land, in divers Parts of the World; especially for the very important Conquest of the HAVANNAH, and its Dependencies: For the many Smiles of HEAVEN on our Land, and this Colony in particular: The continued Enjoyment of the Gospel, with the Means of Grace and Education, together with the Preservation of our civil Rights and Liberties: For the great and general Health enjoyed among us; and that GOD has been graciously pleased to give us such a Competency of the former and latter Harvest, notwithstanding a severe and threatening Drought, whereby many of the Fruits of the Earth have been cut short. And for all other Mercies, which, through the Divine Benignity we have been made Partakers of.

LIKEWISE, to offer up fervent Prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, for the King's most excellent Majesty, and our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; his Royal Highness the PRINCE; Her Royal Highness the PRINCESS DOWAGER of WALES, and all the Royal Family: That GOD would be pleased still to direct the King's Council, succeed his Negotiations, and prosper his Forces, with those of his Allies, by Sea and Land, to the speedy establishing of a just and advantagious Peace.

THAT GOD would graciously continue to own us for his People, and bless us in all our Interests, especially by pouring out his Spirit upon us, and turning us from all our Sins unto himself; direct to, and succeed Means for spreading the Gospel among the Heathen, and fill the whole Earth with his Glory.

AND all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council-Chamber in NEW-HAVEN, the first Day of November, in the Third 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, 1762.

Thomas Fitch.

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