

BY HIS EXCELLENCY
ROGER GRISWOLD, Esquire,

GOVERNOUR, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, IN AND OVER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

A Proclamation.

IT having pleased ALMIGHTY GOD to continue to the People of this State the great and innumerable blessings of his Providence during the present year ; and it being the duty of all men to acknowledge the divine hand, from whose bounty every great and good gift is received ; and it having also been the long and laudable usage in this State to set apart, by publick authority, one day near the close of each year, for the particular purpose of celebrating the high praises of our God, and publickly acknowledging the obligations of his people for life and its blessings :

TO the intent then, that this usage may not be neglected, and that the good people of this State may unite in those general expressions of gratitude which are suitable on this occasion, I have thought proper, by the advice of the Council, and with the consent of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint *Thursday the 28th day of November* next, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of PUBLICK THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER TO ALMIGHTY GOD. And I do hereby call upon people of all denominations in this State, to assemble together in their respective places of publick worship on that day, and with one accord, and with grateful hearts, to offer up to the Father of Mercies, publick and general thanks for the numerous and great blessings which it hath pleased Him to grant and continge to the people of this State : Particularly, that they give thanks to our Heavenly Father, that it hath pleased Him to give us life, and that such general health hath prevailed : That under his protecting hand, our seminaries and schools of learning continue to improve, and so much information hath been diffused : That we have the blessing of a civil Government, where freedom is secured to the people, and whose laws protect the virtuous : That the labour of the husbandman hath been rewarded, both in the former and latter harvest, and that the earth hath abundantly yielded her increase : And that the domestick pursuits of the people have been attended with general prosperity. But above all, that they express the highest praise and gratitude for the gift and continuance of our blessed Religion, and the glorious plan of salvation revealed by JESUS CHRIST : That the rights of conscience are secured ; and that we are permitted to worship our God without restraint or persecution, and in a manner best adapted to our capacities and belief.

And I do also call upon all Christian people to mingle with their expressions of gratitude their humble and fervent prayers, that it will please ALMIGHTY GOD still to continue to this people the great blessings with which it hath pleased Him to enrich them, and by every dispensation, to inspire our hearts with those sentiments of gratitude, reverence and love to Him, which our duty requires: That he will bestow his blessing and favour on the people and Government of the *United States*, on all our State Governments, and upon the world of mankind : That peace and security may be extended to the nations, and a spirit of amity universally prevail: That we may prospered in our lawful pursuits, and the commerce of our country be liberated from its embarrassments : And particularly, that GOD would be pleased to continue to us the Religion of the Gospel, and bless every effort for its universal extension : That he would teach us to understand and practice its precepts ; to cultivate a spirit of Christian charity, and not to indulge a disposition to think or speak evil of each other, but to feel the necessity of regulating our own faith and practice : And that we may live together as brethren, and, in the true spirit of the Gospel, love our God with all our hearts, and our neighbour as ourselves.

All servile labour and recreations on said day are by law forbidden.

Given under my hand at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, this 21st day of October, in the year of our Lord One