



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, Esquire ;
Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of CONNECTICUT,
in AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

CONSIDERING the great and manifold Favours, which it pleased Almighty GOD, the Father of Mercies, to bestow upon the Inhabitants of this Land, and the People of this State in the Course of the current Year, which demand our sincere Praise and grateful Acknowledgement :

IHAVE 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 Twenty-seventh Day of November next, to be religiously observed as a Day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING throughout this State; earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of all Denominations, with becoming Devotion, to assemble for divine and social Worship; and with grateful Hearts, to acknowledge the divine Goodness in the great and distinguishing Favours and Blessings bestowed upon these UNITED STATES, and the People of this STATE in particular: For the Continuation of the inestimable Privileges of the Gospel and Means of Grace, the Blessings of Peace, and for the general Health enjoyed; the Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth, notwithstanding the Harvests are in some Measure diminished; and for all other innumerable Favours and unmerited Mercies conferred upon us from the Fountain of all Goodness: Also to offer up fervent Supplication and Prayer to Almighty GOD, the supreme Governor of the Universe, and Ruler over the Kingdoms of Men, that it may graciously please him, to shower divine Blessings upon the People of these UNITED STATES; disposing them in a yet unexampled Manner, to unite in voluntarily forming a salutary Constitution, which shall best fulfil the Purposes of CIVIL GOVERNMENT, by securing the unalienable Rights of Individuals, and removing Oppression far from them, and in promoting the Prosperity and permanent Happiness of the UNION: Inspire all in civil Administration with Wisdom and Integrity: Abundantly bless the Inhabitants of this State: Succeed a preached Gospel and the Means of Grace, and cause pure Religion to flourish: Grant us Health in all our Dwellings: Continue Peace; our Land a quiet Habitation and Refuge for the Oppressed; cause the Earth to yield her Increase, and bless us in all our Interests and Concerns: Extend his Mercies to all Mankind: Dispose the Nations of the Earth to universal Peace, and put a Period to the Calamities of War; and cause the World to be filled with the Knowledge and Glory of GOD.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council Chamber at New-Haven, the Thirteenth Day of October, in the Thirteenth Year of the Independence of the United States of America, Annoque Domini, 1788.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE WELLS, Secretary.