



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, Esquire,  
Governor and Commander in Chief of the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

# A PROCLAMATION.

*NOTWITHSTANDING Almighty GOD in the righteous dispensations of Divine Providence, hath visited some places in this State, and other parts of the United States, with distressing Sickness, in the course of the current year; yet in contemplating the many favours and blessings that he hath graciously given us to enjoy at the same time; we cannot but observe abundant cause, publickly to acknowledge and make mention of the goodness and loving-kindness of the Lord, which He hath manifested to the people of this State and the Union in general.*

**I** HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, and at the desire of the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, THURSDAY the Twenty-fourth day of December next, to be observed as a day of Public THANKSGIVING throughout this State; exhorting Ministers and People of all denominations, in their publick and solemn Assemblies to render unfeigned thanks and praise to Almighty GOD, the Father of all mercies, for the continued blessings of the Gospel and means of Grace, with our inestimable Liberties and Privileges, Civil and Religious; the Divine Smiles attending our publick Affairs and Administration of Civil Government, in Peace and Tranquility, by which we are highly distinguished among the Nations; for the restoration of general Health to such places in this State as had lately been visited with Sickness; and for the bountiful productions of the Fruits of the Earth, and all other his innumerable favours and mercies which he hath been graciously pleased to bestow upon us.

Also to offer up fervent prayers to his most Glorious Majesty for the continuance of the Blessings which we enjoy, and granting us all such favours as may be best for us: That He may be graciously pleased to preserve the important life, health, and usefulness of the President of these United States: That the Divine Presence may be with the Rulers of our land, and his blessing attend their Administration: Give his People wisdom rightly to improve, preserve and maintain their invaluable Rights and Privileges: Restore health to those places in the Union which are still visited with sickness; and cause the voice of health, of peace and plenty to be heard throughout our land: That He may look in mercy upon the Nations of the earth which are wasting each other in cruel war and mutual slaughter, and dispose them speedily to be at peace: Conduct such Nations as are contending for their just rights and liberties in paths of rectitude, and crown their laudable efforts with success; and cause the Inhabitants of the Earth to live in peace as Brethren, and the World be filled with the Knowledge and Glory of GOD.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, the Twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-five, and the Twentieth year of the Independence of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

By his Excellency's Command,  
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.