



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

*Samuel Huntington Esquire.*

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

## A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

*REFLECTING upon the innumerable Mercies conferred upon us in the Course of the current Year, and upon the indispensable Duty of a People, to pay their grateful Acknowledgements to HIM who giveth us Life and Breath and all Things richly to enjoy :*

I HAVE 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-SEVENTH DAY of NOVEMBER next, to be observed as a day of T H A N K S G I V I N G and Praise to Almighty G O D, throughout this State ;— exhorting ministers and people of all denominations, in their public and solemn Assemblies, to render unfeigned thanks to HIM for all his goodness conferred upon us, for the continued blessings of his gospel and the means of grace ; the general health of the people, although some parts of the state have been visited with distressing sickness and mortality ; the productions of the former and latter harvest ; and for the Divine smiles attending our public affairs, and the administration of civil government : Likewise to offer up fervent prayers to his glorious Majesty for the continuance of the blessings which we enjoy, and for the bestowment of the mercies which we need.—That all may be wise to regard the operation of his hand, and dutifully improve the signal tokens of his displeasure, while we are distinguished among the nations by his favours :—That HE may be pleased in his great mercy to arrest the progress of wasting infectious disorders, and spare the lives of his people and bless with returning health the places that have been visited with unusual and alarming mortality.—That HE will cause the voice of peace, of health, and of plenty, to be heard throughout our land.—Prevent the continuance and depredation of devouring insects, and every wasting calamity that disappoints the hopes of the husbandman.—That HE may be graciously pleased to give us wisdom to prize and improve our invaluable Privileges, Religious and Civil, that they may never be taken from us.—That his divine presence may be with the rulers of this and of each of the confederated states, and his blessing attend the administration of government in them all.—The general union maintained and preserved amongst ourselves, and a neutrality just and honorable to us and exemplary to all other nations, may be exhibited to the view of the universe.—That the national legislature and executive authority may be ever under divine influence and direction.—That it may please him to succeed the measures adopted to reduce the disobedient and seditious to their duty and obedience to government, and disappoint the injurious designs of foreign foes.—And that all our embassies and negotiations with other nations may be followed with the effects which reason and justice incline us to hope for.—That HE may abundantly bless the means of grace and education ; diffuse light and science far and wide, conform the sentiments, passions, and morals of mankind to his holy providence and word ; conduct nations struggling for their just rights and liberties in paths of rectitude, and crown their laudable efforts with success, and hasten the happy time when there shall be no more harm nor mutual destruction among men, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

And all servile labor is forbidden on said day.

GIVEN at the Council Chamber in Middletown, the twenty-second day of October, A. D. One thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ; and in the nineteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

*By His Excellency's Command,*  
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.