

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

A PROCLAMATION.

WH E R E A S it hath pleased Almighty God, in the Dispensations of his Providence, the last Year, graciously to bestow upon the People of this State, numberless Favours and Mercies which demand our sincere Gratitude and thankful Acknowledgements.

I H A V E 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 Fifth 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 to assemble themselves for Divine Worship, and with becoming Devotion to render sincere Praises unto Almighty GOD the Father of all Mercies, for the various Displays of his Lovingkindness; for the Continuation of the Blessings of Peace, our Religious and Civil Privileges; the Advantages of the Gospel and Means of Grace; for the general Health enjoyed in most Parts of the State, and Competent Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth the current year; and for all his other innumerable Mercies, and Manifestations of goodness: Also to offer up fervent Supplications to the God of all Grace, that it may please him to bless the Federal Council in Congress assembled, and the People of these United States & inspire their several Councils with Wisdom and Unanimity to discern and adopt the best Means to promote the Prosperity and Happiness of the Nation: That it may graciously please him to smile upon and bless the People of this State, succeed a preached Gospel and Means of Grace, and cause pure Religion to flourish abundantly; continue to us the Blessings of Peace, with the Enjoyment of our Civil and Religious Privileges; bless us in our Husbandry, Trade, Navigation and Fishery, and in all the Labour of our Hands; Prosper the Means of Education, and spread the Savour of Divine Knowledge and Useful Literature; Extend the peaceful Influence of the Redeemer's Kingdom over all Nations of the Earth, and fill the World 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 Second Day of *October*, in the Twelfth Year of the Independance of the United States of America, Annoque Domini, 1787.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

By His EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

GEORGE WYLLYS, Sec'y.