



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

A PROCLAMATION.

CONSIDERING the great and manifold Favours which *ALMIGHTY GOD* hath manifested to this Land, and to this State in particular, from the first Settlement thereof, through succeeding Generations, to the present Time: and the numberless Mercies and Blessings conferred upon this State in the Course of the current Year, which demand the sincere Praise and thankful Acknowledgements of a professing People:

IHAVE 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 Twenty-third Day of *November* next, to be religiously observed as a DAY of *THANKSGIVING*, throughout this State, earnestly exhorting Ministers and People, of all Denominations, with Reverence to present themselves before the Lord, and with *Thanksgiving and the Voice of Melody*, to praise him for the Displays of his Goodness and loving Kindness; for the Continuation of the Blessings of Peace, and the quiet Enjoyment of our happy Constitution, religious and civil Privileges, the general State of Health enjoyed; the competent Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth in general, and the plentiful Productions thereof in many Parts of the State; the Continuation of the inestimable Privilege of the Gospel, and the Means of Grace; and for all other of his innumerable Blessings and Mercies conferred upon us.

ALSO to offer up fervent Prayers to *ALMIGHTY GOD*, the Father of all Mercies, that he may be graciously pleased to bless the Fæderal Council of the Nation, with Wisdom and Fidelity, and succeed their Deliberations to promote the Happiness and Prosperity of the *UNITED STATES*: that it may please him to smile upon and bless the People of this State; to inspire them with a becoming Zeal to maintain, support, and preserve their Constitutional Rights and Government; that it may please him to bless us in our Husbandry, and the Labour of our Hands; give Success to our Trade and Navigation; prosper the Means of Grace, and Education, and make us a People of his Praise: that the Redeemer's Kingdom may become universal, and the whole Earth may be filled with the Knowledge and Glory of *GOD*.

AND all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, in the Council Chamber at New-Haven, the Twenty-seventh Day of *October*, Anno Domini 1786, and in the Eleventh Year of the Independence of the *UNITED STATES of AMERICA*.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.