



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ESQUIRE,

Governor and Commander in Chief of the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

It hath pleased the all-wise and all-good Author of our mercies to bestow upon the Inhabitants of this State, and upon the People of this State in particular, numerous unmerited Blessings and Favours, which it hath pleased ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of all Mercies, to bestow upon the Inhabitants of this Land, and the People of this State in particular, in the Dispensations of his Providence, which demand our sincere Gratitude and Praises to the beneficent Author of all our Mercies.

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 November next, to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING throughout this State; earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of every Denomination, to assemble for Divine Service, and unite with grateful Hearts, in their thankful Acknowledgements for all the Goodness and loving Kindness of the LORD, in the many and distinguishing Favours conferred upon us: For the Continuation of the Blessings of Peace; the Privileges of the Gospel and Means of Grace; the general Health enjoyed; the plentiful Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth; the Prosperity granted to our Commerce and Fishery; and for all other HIS enumerable Favours which we enjoy. Also to offer up fervent Supplication to the GOD and Father of Mercies, that it may graciously please HIM to pardon all our Iniquities; continue to us his manifold Favours; grant Wisdom and Integrity to all civil Rulers: Bless HIS sacred Ambassadors, and abundantly succeed the Means of Grace and Means of Education: That it may please HIM to direct and prosper the Administration of the Federal Government for the greatest Good and Happiness of the Nation; cause the Savages of the Wilderness to be at Peace with us, and the Land to have Rest on every Side: Extend of HIS Mercies to all People, and fill the World with HIS Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, the Twenty-sixth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-one, and sixteenth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Samuel Huntington.

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