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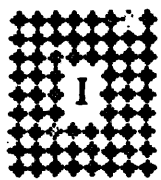
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in AMERICA.

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

GREAT and manifold have been the Displays of GOD's Power, and very conspicuous the Exertions of his kind Providence, towards the Fathers of this Country, whose Hearts be inclined, and whose Ways be directed to find out a Dwelling in the Wilds of America; rich and innumerable the Tokens of his Beneficence to them and their Posterity, in their Preservation and Protection, amidst Variety of Perrils and Hardships to which they were exposed and subjected; and in the Grant and Security of great and invaluable Privileges, Immunities and Blessings which have been handed down, and at this Day happily enjoyed by us. And when of late we were involved in great Difficulties and Distresses in Regard to some of the most important Interests of this and the other British Colonies and Plantations in America; then, our most gracious GOD, the Almighty Governor, did interpose, and raise up wise, able and faithful Friends and Advocates to sollicit, and disposed the Heart of our gracious King, and the Parliament of Great-Britain, to shew their Clemency and Indulgence to the People of America, in the Beneficial Repeal of the late Act of Parliament, so affecting and grievous to them; and thereby doth give a happy Prospect of the Restoration of Peace and Tranquility. Which signal Expressions of Divine Goodness, demand from us, the most sincere Returns of Gratitude, Thanksgiving and public Praises to the bountiful Author of all Good.

Therefore,



Have 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-sixth Day of this Instant, June, to be religiously observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING throughout this Colony; earnestly exhorting all his Majesty's Subjects, Ministers and Peple, in their several religious Assemblies, with Joy and Gladness of Heart, to magnify the Lord, and with devout and thankful Minds, to glorify his holy Name, for his Goodness herein wonderfully manifested.

Also, to offer up Supplications to Almighty GOD, for Our Sovereign Lord, King **GEORGE** the Third, for our gracious Queen **CHARLOTTE**, their Royal Highnesses, **GEORGE** Prince of Wales the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family. That GOD would preside in, and direct the King's Councils; over-rule the present Situation of public Affairs, for the Continuation of Liberty and Peace in our Nation and Land; graciously continue to this Colony our most valuable Liberties and Privileges, Civil and Sacred; dispose us to a wise and thankful Improvement of them; give us Favour in the Sight of our most gracious King; bless our Agency at the *British* Court; promote Harmony and Concord between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies; heal all unhappy Divisions; grant divine Wisdom, Council and Faithfulness to all in civil and sacred Employment; prevent Animosities and Faction; cause Justice, Righteousness, and Peace to flourish; and bestow upon us Abundance of his Goodness and Mercy.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in Hartford, the twelfth Day of *June*, in the sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE** the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, 1766.

WM. PITKIN.

GOD SAVE THE KING.