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

THE signal Favours of Almighty GOD, to a People called by his Name, are a just Occasions of Rejoicing ; and demand a Tribute of grateful Praise, of sincere and hearty Acknowledgments to his Glory. And inasmuch as it hath pleased the Most High, our great and bountiful Benefactor, to manifest his distinguishing Goodness, in conferring Benefits, great and numerous upon us, in this Land and Colony, (tho' unworthy of the least of his Mercies) and to enrich us with manifold Blessings (notwithstanding all our Abuse of his singular Kindness, and the Cause we have given him to depart from us) thereby acknowledging us yet to be his People, and still the Subjects of his gracious Attention and Care : And particularly he hath in a singular Manner appeared for us, in the Course of his merciful Providence, in the late gloomy Day of Danger, Anxiety, and Distress ; averted impending Evils, and saved to us our important civil Rights and Liberties, (a Favour of Heaven, never to be forgotten !) most graciously continued the great Blessing of general Health among us : And also renewed the Instances of his Munificence, in the comfortable and large Supplies of outward good Things, granted us in the current Year. These multiplied and undeserved Tokens of Divine Mercy and Goodness, call aloud for our most affectionate Thankfulness, and ardent Praises, to the GOD of all Salvation.

I HAVE therefore (by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled) thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint *Thursday* the *Twentieth* Day of *November* next, to be observed, throughout this Colony, as a Day of public Thanksgiving ; exhorting and requiring all His Majesty's Subjects, both Ministers and People, of all Denominations, in their respective religious Societies, and worshiping Assemblies, to unite with warm Devotion, and unfeigned Gratitude, sincerely to praise the Lord Most High and Gracious, to exalt and magnify his Holy Name ; rendering Blessing, Honour, and Glory to Him, for all His Goodness, Liberality, and Indulgence to us : In special for the Preservation of the Life of our most gracious King, and the Lives of so many of the Royal Family ; for the happy Advantages of the Gospel of Christ ; and the Influences of his Spirit ; for the Continuation of the inestimable Liberties and Privileges of this Colony ; for that Peace and public Tranquility, we are favoured with ; for the general Health enjoyed in the Land ; for that plentiful Supply of the precious and needful Fruits of the Earth, afforded us ; and for all the various Instances of Divine Goodness, which the Most High, of his marvellous Grace, hath caused to pass before his People.

Likewise to offer up earnest Prayers to the GOD of Heaven and Earth, for our rightful Sovereign King GEORGE the Third ; our gracious QUEEN CHARLOTTE ; the Prince of *Wales* ; the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family : That He (by whom Kings reign, and Princes decree Justice) would abundantly shed down the Influences of his Grace on their Royal Persons, and eminently furnish them for their exalted Stations, which (by his kind Providence) they sustain ; graciously direct the King's Councils, and prosper his Negotiations ; still be a Defence and Protection to the *British* Dominions ; ever favour this Colony, with his Smiles and gracious Regards ; secure its valuable Rights to us, and to our Posterity ; and teach us wisely to improve them : Grant us Favour at the *British* Court ; and succeed our Agency there : Bless the public Administrations in Church and State ; the College in an especial Manner, and other Means of Education among us ; cause Harmony, Peace, and good Order abundantly to flourish ; smile on Attempts to spread the Gospel among the *Heathen* Natives, and dispose them to receive it, in Faith and Love ; mercifully preserve all our Interests ; and grant copious Effusions of his Holy Spirit upon his People ; and effectually incline and lead them to make suitable Returns for the many Expressions of his loving Kindness towards them, and live his constant Praises, whose bountiful Hand imparts to us every Enjoyment, both Spiritual and Temporal.

And all servile Labour is hereby forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber at *New-Haven*, the 27th Day of *October*, in the *Seventh* Year of the Reign of His Majesty GEORGE the Third, King of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c.
Annoque Domini, 1766.

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