



By the Honourable

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A M E R I C A.

A PROCLAMATION.

THE signal Favours and Blessings of Almighty God, liberally bestowed upon the People of this Colony, from Time to Time, and especially in the current Year, call aloud for our Expressions of Gratitude, in public, devout, and solemn Praise and Thanksgiving, to the Giver of every good and perfect Gift.

I have 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 Nineteenth Day of *November* next, to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout this Colony; directing and enjoining both Ministers and People, in all the religious Societies and Congregations, to adore and magnify the Lord, and celebrate his Praise, for the abundant Manifestations of his Goodness, in the Protection, Peace, and Prosperity afforded us, --- that he has preserved the Life of our most gracious Sovereign King GEORGE the Third, and the Lives of the Royal Family, --- that he still indulges us with the glorious Gospel, -- that he has continued our Civil Rights and Liberties; and lengthened out our public Tranquility, and granted general Health. And although he has been contending with us by sore and pinching Droughts the Summer past, yet has remembered Mercy, and sent refreshing Rain, and given a plentiful latter Harvest, and so far caused the Earth to yield its Increase, as to give a Prospect of a competent Supply for Man and Beast.

And also to offer up fervent Prayers to Almighty God, for the Continuance of his Favours; that he would bless the King's Most Excellent Majesty, his Royal Consort our Gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; preserve their Lives, and eminently accomplish and use them for the Promotion of his Glory, and the Good and Welfare of our Nation; grant Wisdom and Integrity to the King's Counsellors, and Prosperity and Success to his Administrations; bless and prosper our Nation, and defeat all Attempts of our Enemies against us; preserve to this Colony all our Rights, Privileges and Immunities, both Civil and Religious, to the latest Posterity; succeed our Agency at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and grant us Favour in the Eyes of our King; bless our Civil Rulers with Wisdom and Integrity, and cause our Affairs to flourish under their Administrations; bless the Gospel Ministry, and smile upon our College and all Means of Education; spirit and effectuate the Endeavours to civilize and christianize the Heathen; regard us in all our Interest, and delight to dwell among us; shed down copious Measures of Divine Influence upon us, and teach us to improve all his Bounties, to the Glory of his Great Name.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in the Council-Chamber, in *New-Haven*, the 17th Day of *October*, in the 7th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. A. D. 1767.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.

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