



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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Governor and Commander in Chief of the STATE of CONNECTICUT :
A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

IT having pleased the Beneficent Author of all Good, in the Course of His Divine Providence towards this State in the Year past, to confer upon us a rich Variety of his Bounties ;---in humble Return for which, it becomes us, in a solemn Manner, to offer to Almighty God our grateful and united Tribute of Praise and Thanksgiving.---

WITH a View to call the Attention of the great Body of the People to a serious Performance of this Duty, I have thought proper, by and with the Advice of Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, **THURSDAY**, the Twenty-ninth Day of November next, to be set apart and religiously observed as a Day of public **THANKSGIVING, PRAYER and PRAISE** to Almighty **GOD** ;---earnestly recommending to Ministers and People, of all Denominations, with grateful, humble and united Hearts, to celebrate the Praises of our Gracious and Almighty Benefactor ; to magnify His Holy Name for all the Variety of our public as well as individual Mercies ; above all, to Adore and Praise His merciful Goodness for the glorious Gospel of **JESUS CHRIST**, and the unmerited continuance of its unspeakable Blessings and Hopes ; to praise Him for that Measure of Health which many of our Towns have enjoyed, while others have been visited with distressing and desolating Sickness ; and in a special Manner to express our Gratitude for the Smiles of His good Providence on our Labours and Industry, particularly that of our Husbandmen ; whereby, from the plentiful Supplies of the Fruits of the Earth, we are enabled to send Portions to the Poor, and cheerfully to come before our God with our Meat and our Drink Offerings, on the Day of our joyful Solemnity : At the same Time, to review with humble Admiration the Course of Events, as they are now passing on the great Theatre of the World ; and to contemplate the Occurrences and Revolutions in the Divine and Moral Government, which are rapidly taking Place at the present Period, in such Manner as to fill our Minds with a heartfelt and thankful Conviction of the superintending Providence of the Most High, and of His general and influential Government in all Events ; whereby we may be led to a grateful Acknowledgment of His distinguishing Goodness to our highly favored Land and Country, in the Blessings which we peculiarly enjoy.

Also to offer our fervent Supplications and Prayer to Almighty God, for a continuance of His Mercies, both of Providence and Grace ; that He would over-rule and direct all the public Councils of this State, and of the United States ; preserve these States from the Dangers of foreign Intrigues ; and, amidst the Tumults of conflicting Nations, extend His Arm for their Protection from hostile Attempts ; give Stability to our State and Nation, with Wisdom, Fortitude and Unanimity in their Deliberations ; perpetuate the Union of the United States, in Harmony and mutual Conciliation ; suppress Jealousies, Divisions and Animosities ; cement all our Citizens in the Bands of Affection, and the Ties of mutual Interest ; inspire them with the Spirit of true Patriotism, Justice, Love to their own Country, and to one another, and with universal Benevolence to all Mankind ; bless our Colleges and Schools of Learning, make them Seminaries of Piety and useful Erudition ; and extend universal Light and Knowledge over all the various Parts of the World ; cause pure and evangelical Religion and Virtue to flourish and increase ; give Peace to all Nations, and fill the Earth with His Glory.

All servile Labor on said Day is forbidden.

Given under my Hand at New-Haven, this Twenty-second Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the Twenty-third.

J. TRUMBULL.

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