



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL,

Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut.

# A PROCLAMATION.

*In pursuance of the long established and laudible Practice of the New-England States, at this Season :*

I HAVE thought proper, with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, THURSDAY the FIFTEENTH DAY of NOVEMBER next, to be observed throughout this State, as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING, PRAISE, and PRAYER to Almighty GOD, the Fountain and Source of all Goodness.

When we attempt to recount the Mercies of our GOD, which should swell our Hearts with Gratitude and Praise, the Instances of HIS Goodness are found to be innumerable: the Work would be endless.---His general and particular Mercies are extended over all his People. We may however, as usual, have our Minds called to some few Particulars, peculiar to our special Situation and Circumstances; such as, the continued Enjoyment of our religious, moral, literary, and social Institutions; the general Health, Peace and Tranquillity, which exist among us,---the fruitfulness of the Season,---the favorable ingathering of the various Produce of the Earth,---with the Prosperity attending our general Industry, Trade, Commerce, and useful Employments:---These are Mercies, with which this State is peculiarly indulged, and which demand our devout and most thankful Acknowledgements to the Great Author of all Good.

That our Union also enjoys external general Peace, while Wars, Tumults and Confusion, agitate other Countries:---and that our Nation has been in the Year past generally preserved from distressing Sickness and wasting Pestilence,---is of the LORD'S Mercy, and to HIM belongs the Praise:---To us it belongs, to improve these Mercies in such Manner as to secure our own internal Peace and Tranquillity, and to render Glory to our Great Benefactor. This is our Duty---it should be our constant Study.

To these Expressions of Gratitude and Praise, let us join in offering, through our Great Mediator, our ardent Prayers and Supplications to our gracious and merciful GOD, for the Pardon of all our Sins, the Influences of HIS Holy Spirit---and a rich Continuance of HIS Providential Favors and Goodness, as they may respect the general and individual Interests of the Union and of the several States, with the personal Prosperity and social Happiness of all our People---That we may be a People to HIS Praise, and a Nation to HIS Glory.

*Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in New-Haven, this twenty-third Day of October, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the twenty-ninth.*

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

*By his Excellency's Command,*

SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.