

B Y T H E H O N O R A B L E

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

AMID the many private and public Distresses of a temporal Nature, — Arguments for Praise and Thanksgiving multiply and arise from almost every Quarter, — for it is of the LORD's Mercies that we are not utterly consumed, because His Compassions fail not. — And tho' he has caused Grief, yet He has had Compassion according to the Multitude of His Mercies : — He has not dealt with us according to our Sins, nor punished us according to our Iniquities : — His Interpositions in Behalf of a sinful and backsliding People are very obvious, and more than we can reckon up.

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 *Fifth* Day of *December* next, to be observed as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING throughout this State ; directing and exhorting all Denominations and Orders of People, to present their Thank-Offering unto the Fountain of all our Mercies, and pay their Vows unto the MOST HIGH, who giveth Songs in the Night of their Affliction : — To bless and praise His Name for all the Bounties of His Providence, and the far richer Blessings of His Grace, in which we share. — In an especial Manner to ascribe Blessing and Praise, Honour and Thanksgiving unto our GOD, for the Enjoyment of the Means of Grace, Sabbath and Sanctuary Advantages : — For that Harmony and Stability which subsists in the public Councils of the United States : — For the Courage, Resolution, and Readiness of the People to stand forth in the Defence of their Rights, Liberties, and Privileges : — For every Instance of Protection and Success in their military Operations against their powerful Enemies : — For that Measure of Health enjoyed in the Country and Army : — For the Competency of the former, and plentiful Supply of the latter Harvest : — And for every Expression of his loving Kindness, and tender Mercy. — And at the same Time, to implore GOD's gracious Presence with the General Congress of the United States of America : — That he would give them Wisdom, Ability and Fidelity equal to the Trust reposed in them, and the Weight of public Business laid upon them : — That all our Assemblies, Conventions, and Councils may be directed, owned and blessed : — That HE would form our Generals, Officers, and Soldiery for their Department, and honor them as the Instruments of our Deliverance : — That HE would pour out HIS SPIRIT in plentiful Effusions upon HIS Churches and Ministers in this and all the States, and that the whole Land may be a Temple in which GOD is served and glorified : — That Seminaries of Learning, and other inferior Schools of Instruction may be every where amongst us, succeeded : — That the People of this State in particular, may be blessed in all their temporal and spiritual Concerns : — That GOD would make us glad according to the Days wherein we have been afflicted, and the Time wherein we have seen Evil : — That his Work may appear unto his Servants, and his Glory unto Childrens Children : — That the Beauty of the LORD our GOD may be upon us, and that HE would establish the Work of our Hands : — That HE would bring the Heathen into CHRIST's Sheep-fold : — And fill the Universe with the Display of HIS glorious Perfections, in and through JESUS CHRIST our Lord and Saviour.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.