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

*T*HE most glorious Governour of the World, who by his Merits extend to all his Works, bearing in his Right God's, bestowed innumerable Blessings on a most unworthy People; at becomes us with unfeigned Gratitude to extol and glorify his Name in the great Congregation, to speak the glorious Honour of his Majesty, and of all his wonderful Works, and abundantly utter the Memory of his Goodness; though involved in a bloody and obstinate War, which infinite Wickedness hath permitted for his own Glory and our Correction, he hath not forsaken, but is most remarkably blessing us in many respects. Our Councils and public Measures are collecting Fruits; our Civil and Religious Liberties preserved inviolate; the Arms of the Country victorious beyond our most sanguine Expectations; our Labours crowned with great Plenty of Provision both for Man and Beast; uncommon Health in most Parts of the Land through the Year; and as the highest Instance of Divine Goodness, we enjoy the Gospel and its Privileges, and the pure Word of Revelation to Teach us the unsearchable Riches of CHRIST and his redeeming Love. These are the LORD'S Merits for which his Name should be praised.

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 Twentieth Day of November next to be observed as a Day of public Praise and Thanksgiving throughout this State. Declaring and exhorting all Denominations and Orders of People, to bless the Most High GOD for his great Wisdom and Goodness, the mighty Acts of his Providence by which we are defended, and for all the Favours and Comforts of Life. That we have a Plenty of the Fruits of the Earth almost unparalleled, and though often disturbed by the Alarm of War, had Opportunity for Ingathering them. To praise the Sovereign Lord of Life for the Health of our Countenance, and the Vigour of our Days -- that the Inhabitants, and especially our Soldiery in the Field, have been preserved from mortal Sickness, and enabled to endure the Fatigues of a Campaign with uncommon Firmness and Spirit. To render unfeigned Praise to the Lord of Hosts, that he hath appeared for us in the Mount of Difficulty, and Day of War; -- inspired our Officers both General and Subordinate with such Wisdom and Fortitude, and our Soldiers with such Bravery, that their Arms have been terrible to the common Enemy, and with the Blessing of Heaven, the Means of procuring us to great Salvation. And while devout Praise is rendered for every Instance of Military Success, to take special Notice of God's Goodness in the Defeat and Conquest of our Enemies in the Northern Department; a Blessing in which the States of New-England are especially interested. That when our Enemy trusting in the Strength of their own Wisdom and Power, and the mighty preparation of war, threatened us with every Evil that Humanity can deprecate; the Lord beheld and confounded them, bringing Salvation out of those Events, which alarmed our apprehensions. And especially to sing of God's Goodness, and the Glory of his Perfections in Redeeming Men; -- permitting us to enjoy Christian Privileges, and to hope for a happy Immortality; and for every Blessing by which the Glory of his Mercy is magnified. Likewise to offer fervent Prayers to the Most High God, for the Protection and Prosperity of the *United States of America*; that the *General Congress* may be favoured with the Divine presence, and all necessary Wisdom, Fidelity and Fortitude. -- That God would grant unto each of the *United States* Peace, Tranquility and the Blessings of a well-regulated and righteous Government; and that the Inhabitants of this State particularly, may know and serve the Lord, as the Multitude of his Mercies demands; -- that our Legislature may ever be directed by the Wisdom of the Most High, and all the Rulers of the People clothed with Fidelity and Knowledge; -- that Temperance, Sobriety, Justice, Benevolence and Obedience to Laws both Divine and Human may obtain through the Land; -- that the Lord of Hosts would continue to bless our Arms, make our Officers wise and brave, our Soldiers firm and undaunted, grant Health in their Encampments, Preservation and Victory in Battle, and give them all the Virtues of pure and undefiled Religion. That the Interests of *America* by Sea and Land may be advanced. The War brought to a speedy, safe and honourable Issue. That every Instance of Divine Judgment, or of God's great Mercy may excite Piety, Devotion, and holy Obedience. -- That our Churches may be purified, and blessed with a pious and able Ministry; -- that the Interests of Literature be advanced; -- that the Indian Natives of this Land be taught the Knowledge and Obedience of the only true God, and the Saviour of Mankind; -- that the Holy Spirit be poured out on all Mankind, and the World be filled with Righteousness, Peace, Love and the Glory of the Lord.

And all feivile Labour is Forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in Hartford, the Thirty-First Day of October, Anno Domini, 1777.

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