

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, in and over
the State of CONNECTICUT in AMERICA.

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

For a DAY of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

AMIDST the Calamities of a grievous and unnatural War, GOD hath been our Helper, our Protector, and our high Tower---the LORD reigneth, let us rejoice before him, with humble Thankfulness, for the Mercies we have received at his Hands, and in Hope of those we still stand in Need of;---may our Hearts be glad, and most gratefully acknowledge all His Grace and Goodness

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 Twenty-sixth Day of November Instant, to be observed and attended as a Day of Public Thanksgiving throughout this State; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People, to offer up sincere and hearty Thanks to Almighty God, the supreme and righteous Ruler of the Universe, the Author of all our Mercies, for the Preservation of all our civil and religious Rights, Liberties and Privileges; for the marvellous Appearance of his Power and Grace, to save the United States of America from the Hand of Tyranny, and to render them Independent of those, who by the Cruelties and Horrors of War, have sought their Ruin:--- To give Thanks and Praise to God, for our general Health, for the Bounties of his Providence, in the plentiful Supply of the Fruits of the Earth; for the Enjoyment of the inestimable Blessings of the Gospel, and for all other general and particular Blessings, which, through the Riches of divine Beneficence we enjoy.

Likewise, to offer up fervent Prayers to God, for the American United States, that Virtue and Liberty may be the Principles and Objects of their Government; for the Continental Congress, and General Assemblies, or public Councils of the respective States, that divine Wisdom, Righteousness and Goodness may be afforded unto them, to administer all public Concerns and Affairs for our Establishment, Peace and Happiness; for the General, the Officers, and the Soldiers of the Army, that they may be made Instruments to turn away our Enemies; for our Allies and Navy, that they may prosper and increase:--- That God would save us from any further Insults and Ravages of our Indian Neighbours, and defeat their insidious Plots and Councils:--- That He would bless our Civil Rulers, lead them into the most wise and prudent Measures, happily to guide our Affairs, to encourage Religion and Virtue, and to suppress all Vice and Immorality, and make them know what Israel ought to do in such a Day as the present:--- That He would bless the Churches, and make them flourish in Truth, Peace and Holiness; succeed the Ministry of the Gospel:--- That He would pour out his Spirit on all Orders of Men in our Land, bring us to a general Repentance and Reformation, and when His Judgments are abroad among us, make us learn Righteousness, and practise every Christian Virtue; smile upon and bless the College and Means of Education:--- That He would dwell in our Land, and make it a Mountain of Holiness, and a Habitation of Righteousness; gather in Nations to Him, and spread the REDSEMER'S Glory through the Earth.

And all servile Labour and vain Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand, in the Council-Chamber in Hartford, the Second Day of November, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.