

# PROCLAMATION.

*WHEREAS* it hath pleased Almighty *G O D* the Father of all Mercies, amidst the vicissitudes and calamities of War, to bestow Blessings on the People of these States which call for their devout and thankful Acknowledgments; more especially in the late remarkable Interposition of his watchful Providence, in rescuing the Person of our Commander in Chief and the Army from imminent Dangers, at the Moment when Treason was ripened for execution; in prospering the Labours of the Husbandmen, and causing the Earth to yield its Increase in plentiful Harvests; and above all in continuing to us the Enjoyment of the Gospel of Peace.

**I**T is therefore recommended to the several States to set apart **T H U R S D A Y** the Seventh Day of **D E C E M B E R** next to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer---That all the People may assemble on that Day, to celebrate the Praises of our Divine Benefactor---To confess our unworthiness of the least of his Favours, and to offer our fervent Supplications to the God of all Grace---That it may please him to pardon our heinous Transgressions and incline our Hearts for the future to keep all his Laws---To comfort and relieve our Brethren who are in any wise afflicted or distressed---To smile upon our Husbandry and Trade---To direct our public Councils, and lead our Forces by Land and Sea to victory---To take our Illustrious Ally under his special Protection, and favour our joint Councils and Exertions for the Establishment of speedy and permanent Peace---To cherish all Schools and Seminaries of Education, and to cause the Knowledge of Christianity to spread over all the Earth.

*D O N E* in Congress, this Eighteenth Day of October, 1780, and in the fifth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

**S A M U E L H U N T I N G T O N**, President.

ATTEST,  
**C H A R L E S T H O M S O N**, Sec'y.



**B Y H I S E X C E L L E N C Y**

**J O N A T H A N T R U M B U L L**, Esquire,

Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut, in America.

**I**H A V E thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Request of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and do hereby appoint **T H U R S D A Y** the Seventh Day of December next, to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving and Prayer throughout this State, hereby exhorting all, both Ministers and People, religiously to observe the same, in Conformity to the foregoing Proclamation issued by the Honorable Congress of the United States of America.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

*G I V E N* under my Hand, in the Council Chamber at Hartford, this Second Day of November, 1780, in the Fifth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

**J O N A T H A N T R U M B U L L**.