



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

**OLIVER WOLCOTT, Esquire,**  
Governor and Commander in Chief of the STATE of CONNECTICUT :  
**A P R O C L A M A T I O N.**

*O U R heavenly Father, from his unremitted Goodness, has bestowed on us the current Year numerous and important Blessings, which demand correspondent Returns of Adoration and Praise.*

**I** Have therefore, with the Advice of the Council, and by the Desire of the House of Representatives, thought proper to appoint, and do hereby appoint, **T H U R S D A Y** the sixteenth Day of November next to be observed as a Day of public **T H A N K S G I V I N G** and **P R A Y E R** to Almighty **G O D**, throughout this State ; recommending to all the People to consecrate that Day to a devout Commemoration of the divine Goodness ; and to join together in their religious Assemblies in offering unto the Author of all Good sincere Thanks for his Benefits ; for his distinguishing Care over the Lives and Health of his People ; for the liberal Provision he has made for supplying our Wants ; for our excellent Privileges and Advantages, civil, social and religious ; and for a continuance of the Dispensation of the Gospel of Peace.--- And also for the Smiles of a gracious Providence on the public Concerns of this State ; especially for a Spirit of Harmony in its Councils, and of Concord and Tranquility among the People :---For the invaluable Blessings of the national Union and Government ;---For Quietness in the Land, and the signal Interpositions of the supreme Ruler of the Universe, in protecting our Peace and Independence amidst the Animosities of conflicting Nations, and the Convulsions of the Kingdoms of the World.

And I do further recommend that humble Confession be made of our many Sins, together with fervent Supplication for divine Forgiveness and Favour.---That the sovereign Dispenser of national and individual Blessings would still vouchsafe to our Country his beneficent and providential Care ; give a Spirit of Wisdom and of Grace to our Citizens ;---bless all the Institutions of Knowledge and Virtue, and the Ministration of the Gospel of **C H R I S T J E S U S** ; and by the Testimonies of the distinguishing Goodness of our **G O D** towards our Fathers and Us, and the Manifestations of the Equity and Rectitude of his Administration, lead us to a pious and habitual reverence of his holy Name and Attributes, and an obedience to the Authority of his righteous Government.---That he would bestow on us temporal Favours ; inspire the Authorities of our Country with Patriotism, Wisdom and Fortitude adequate to its critical and important Exigencies ; continue our internal Tranquility, preserve us from a Spirit of Disorder and Division, maintain our friendly Relations with foreign Powers, restore to our Commerce its just Rights, and crown with Success the persevering Endeavours of our Government to adjust by amicable Negotiation existing Differences with the French Republic.---And that the Lord of the whole Earth would compassionately regard the Cause of suffering Humanity among the Nations, defend the Interests of Morals and Religion, and bring Mankind every where to an humble Sense of their Dependence on Him who is the Rock of Ages ; put an End to the Calamity of War, and over-rule the Revolutions of Empires for the Advancement of the Kingdom of the great Redeemer.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

*Given at Litchfield, this 25th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the twenty second.*

**OLIVER WOLCOTT.**

By His Excellency's Command,  
SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.