



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

WHEN the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has liberally conferred his Blessings upon a People who enjoy the inestimable Benefits of divine Revelation, it becomes, in a special Manner, their Duty to adore their Beneficent Creator with public Thanksgiving and Praise.

IMRESSED with this Sentiment, and contemplating the many Favours which by the Dispensations of Divine Providence the People of this State have enjoyed the current Year, I have thought proper, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, THURSDAY, the Twenty-second Day of December next, to be religiously observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAISE to Almighty GOD, throughout this State ; hereby recommending to Ministers and People of every Society, Church, and Congregation, to assemble on said Day, and devoutly render their Tribute of Praise to their Almighty Creator, for the various Manifestations of his Goodness towards us : Particularly, that it hath pleased GOD to grant to his People the Blessing of general Health ; and prospered our Agriculture, Commerce and Manufactures, and other of our lawful Vocations and Employments ; and continued to us the unmolested Enjoyment of the blessed Gospel of CHRIST JESUS, the Saviour ; to supplicate the Almighty to continue to us his Favour and Blessing, and make us sensible of our Dependence upon his Providence, and disposed to manifest the Sincerity of our Gratitude by a cheerful Obedience to the divine Will.

That Thanks be rendered to Almighty GOD for the Prosperity which he has granted to our Nation ; that our Liberties and Independence have been preserved, and a national Peace established ; that GOD has preserved the Life and important Usefulness of the President of these United States, and to supplicate the Almighty to continue to him his divine Aid and Protection.

That GOD would ever influence and direct the public Councils and Administration of this State, and of the United States of America, and render them subservient to the important Ends of their Institution---That our Nation may always be under the Protection of a most gracious Providence---And that no evil Machinations may be permitted to disturb our national Union and Peace---That the Precepts of our holy Religion may have their proper Influence upon the Conduct of Mankind---That Righteousness and Peace may universally prevail.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given at the City of New-Haven, the Thirty-first Day of October, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six, and in the Twenty-first Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

By His Excellency's Command,
SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary