



By His EXCELLENCY
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Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N For a Day of public Thanksgiving.

WHEREAS the House of Representatives of this Province having in the last Session taken into their Consideration the kind Interposition of Providence in disposing our most gracious Sovereign and both Houses of Parliament to hearken to the united Supplications of his dutiful and loyal Subjects in *America*, and to remove the great Difficulties which the Colonies in general, and this Province in particular, laboured under, occasioned by the Stamp-Act, did resolve that the Governor be desired to appoint a Day of general Thanksgiving to be observed throughout this Province, that the good People thereof may have an Opportunity in a public Manner to express their Gratitude to Almighty GOD for his great Goodness in thus delivering them from their Anxiety and Distress and restoring the Province to its former Peace and Tranquillity; which Resolution was concurred by the Council, and has since been laid before me:

IN Pursuance of such Desire so signified unto me, I have thought fit to appoint, and I do, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Twenty-fourth Day of this Instant JULY, to be a Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving; that the Ministers of GOD's holy Word may thereupon assemble to return Thanks to Almighty GOD for his Mercies aforesaid, and to desire that He would be pleased to give his People Grace to make a right Improvement of them, by observing and promoting a dutiful Submission to the Sovereign Power to which they are subordinate, and a brotherly Love and Affection to that People from whom they are derived and to whom they are nearly related by civil Policy and mutual Interests.

AND I command and enjoin all Magistrates and Civil-Officers to see that the said Day be observed as a Day set apart for Religious Worship, and that no servile Labour be permitted thereon.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON, the Fourth Day of July, 1766, in the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN COTTON, Dep. Secr.

Fra. Bernard.

G O D Save the KING.