



By His EXCELLENCY

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CAPTAIN-GENERAL and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's
Province of the MASSACHUSETTS-BAY in NEW-ENGLAND, and
Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION

For a Thanksgiving.

HAVING received His Majesty's Commands to appoint a Day of Thanksgiving to be observed by His good Subjects under this Government on the happy Conclusion of the Peace, I take the earliest Opportunity to execute the same, as I am convinced that such Order will be most cheerfully received and religiously obeyed by this his most loyal and dutiful People. It cannot but be remembered how often We have humbled ourselves before GOD in the Time of Danger, what frequent Occasions We have had to be thankful to Him for particular Successes, and how earnest we have been to implore His Favour to bring the War to an happy Conclusion: When therefore He hath been graciously pleased to grant Us not only all that We could ask, but much more, more even than We could expect or hope; what Bounds can be set to our grateful Adoration of the Divine Providence? Wherefore I have appointed, and in Obedience to His Majesty's Commands, and with the Advice of His Council, I do hereby appoint *Thursday* the Eleventh Day of *August* next ensuing, to be a Day of *Public Prayer and Thanksgiving*, to return Thanks to Almighty GOD for His great Mercies in conducting us through this long, bloody and expensive War unto an honorable, advantageous, and, as We may well hope, a lasting Peace. And I do appoint the said Day to be a Day of *Public Worship*, and order that no servile Labour be permitted on the same.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-seventh Day of July, 1763, in the Third 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,
A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

Fra. Bernard.

G O D Save the KING.