

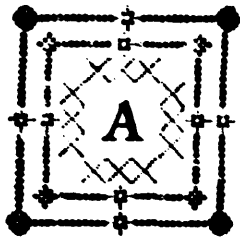
By His EXCELLENCY

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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 Public Thanksgiving.



AS the Business of the Year is now drawing towards a Conclusion, we are reminded, according to the laudable Usage of this Province, to join together in a grateful Acknowledgement of the manifold Mercies of the Divine Providence conferred upon Us in the passing Year : Wherefore, I have thought fit to appoint, and I do with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the First Day of *December* next to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, that We may thereupon with one Heart and Voice return our most humble Thanks to Almighty GOD for the gracious Dispensations of his Providence since the last religious Anniversary of this kind : and especially for---that He hath been pleased to preserve and maintain our most gracious Sovereign King GEORGE in Health and Wealth, in Peace and Honor, and to extend the Blessings of his Government to the remotest Part of his Dominions ; --- that He hath been pleased to bless and preserve our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, and the Princess Dowager of Wales, and by the Preservation of the Royal Issue to assure to us the Continuation of the Blessings which we derive from that illustrious House ; --- that He hath been pleased to prosper the whole British Empire by the Preservation of Peace, and the Improvement of the Sources of National Wealth ; --- and more particularly that He hath been pleased to favour the People of this Province with healthy and kindly Seasons, and to bless the Labour of their Hands with a Sufficiency of the Produce of the Earth and of the Sea. And I do exhort all Ministers of the Gospel, with their several Congregations, within this Province, that they assemble on the said Day, in a solemn Manner to return their most humble Thanks unto Almighty GOD for these and all other his Mercies vouchsafed unto us, and to beseech Him, notwithstanding our Unworthiness, to continue his gracious Providence over us. 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.

G I V E N at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Third Day of November, 1768, in the Ninth 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.