



By His EXCELLENCY

FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq;

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 general THANKSGIVING.

ALTHOUGH Almighty GOD hath given us many extraordinary Occasions to bless His holy Name, and very lately hath filled our Mouths with Joy and Thanksgiving for the entire Reduction of *Canada*; yet we ought not to be unmindful of His ordinary Blessings, nor, whilst we are praising Him for our Deliverance in War, forget that to Him we owe the daily Bread which we eat in Peace: And, as this is the proper Season to glorify Him who visiteth the Earth and blesteth it, and crowneth the Year with His Goodness, let Us at the same Time that we thank Him for having plentifully supplied us with the Necessaries of Life, praise Him also for --- that He hath secured to us the Enjoyment of these Blessings, by preserving to us under his Majesty's mild Government, our general Liberties, as well religious as civil; that He hath preserved the Life of our most gracious King, and by a Series of Successes, prospered his Endeavours to maintain the Rights of his People, and the Protestant Religion against an unnatural Combination, dangerous to both; and, that He hath inspired his Majesty's Counsellors with Wisdom and Unanimity, his Commanders and Forces with Prudence and Valour, and his People with Loyalty and Obedience; whereby He, who worketh His Wonders by natural Means, hath done such great Things for Us: WHEREFORE, I have thought fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council appoint, *Thursday* the Twenty-seventh Day of this Instant *November* to be a Day of general THANKSGIVING, in order thankfully to commemorate, according to the laudable Practice of this Government, the Mercies of the preceding Year. And I recommend to all Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, with their several Congregations, that they meet on the said Day, and in a public and solemn Manner return Thanks to Almighty GOD for all His Blessings conferred upon us, and particularly for the Mercies beforementioned; and humbly to beseech Him, that, notwithstanding our Unworthiness, He would be graciously pleased to continue His 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 Duties, and that no servile Labour be permitted on the same.

GIVEN at Boston, the Seventh Day of November 1760, in the Thirty-fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,

Fra. Bernard.

A. OLIVER, *Secr'y.*

GOD Save the KING.