



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 general Thanksgiving.

VERY laudable is the Usage of this Country, to conclude the Business of the Year with a Day of Thanksgiving; that when the People have summed up their Account of the Bounties of Divine Providence through the Seasons, which give the chief Testimony of them, they may in a more solemn Manner return Thanks to the great God, who is their Preserver as well as their Creator, and from whom they receive the daily Sustenance of that Being which He hath given them:

I Have therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint *Thursday* the 5th Day of *December* next to be a Day of public Thanksgiving, that all the People of this Province may at one Time and with one Voice return Thanks to Almighty God for His manifold Mercies for the Year past: particularly, that He hath been pleased to preserve and maintain his Most Sacred Majesty, our Lord and Sovereign King *George* in Health, Wealth and Peace and in full Possession of all his Acquisitions and Honours; that He hath been pleased to preserve and bless our gracious Queen, the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family; that He hath been pleased to add unto the Royal Issue another Pledge for the Continuance of the Happiness and Liberty which have been secured to us by his Majesty's illustrious House; and that He hath been pleased to favour the People of this Province, in general, with bodily Health and kindly Seasons and to bestow upon them a sufficient Portion of the Fruits of the Earth for the Supply of their Necessities and the setting forth of his Glory.

And I do hereby exhort all Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, with their several Congregations, to assemble on the said Day and in a solemn Manner to render their unfeigned Thanks to Almighty God for these and all other His Mercies; beseeching him to continue His gracious Providence over us, notwithstanding our Unworthiness.

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 13th Day of November, 1765, 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,
A. OLIVER, Secr.

Fra. Bernard.

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