

Commonwealth of



Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM CLAFLIN,

GOVERNOR:

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

Sensible of their indebtedness to the goodness of God, the people of the Commonwealth have ever been ready to express their gratitude to Him by public acts of worship for all His mercies. We have especial cause of thankfulness that we have been protected during the past year from dreaded disease, from devastating calamity and popular disturbance, and that our labors have been generously rewarded.

In accordance, therefore, with the recommendation of the President to the people of the whole country, I invite the inhabitants of this State to assemble in the usual places of worship, on THURSDAY, the thirtieth of November next, for the purpose of Thanksgiving and Praise.

Let them remember, also, in their social gatherings all those offices of love, charity, and good-will which give to the Present its highest joy, and lift the thoughts, with hope, to the Great Future.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twenty-seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and the ninety-sixth of the Independence of the United States of America.

WILLIAM CLAFLIN.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
WITH THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, }

OLIVER WARNER, *Secretary.*

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.