

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Vermont,

## A PROCLAMATION.

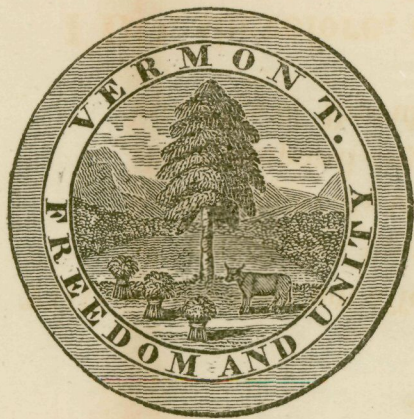
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THIS world does not afford a more sublime spectacle, than the congregating of a whole community of intelligent beings, for the purpose of offering up their united devotions and grateful acknowledgments to that **DIVINE SOURCE** of goodness and mercy, from which proceed all their temporal enjoyments, and all their hopes of future felicity. Since all participate in the bounties of Providence, it is the duty of all to unite in ascriptions of praise.

**I DO, therefore, at the request of the General Assembly, and by the advice** of the Council, appoint **THURSDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT**, to be observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**, throughout this State. And I do earnestly recommend, that all ministers and people, of every religious order, abstaining from all secular labors and recreations, assemble on said day, at their several places of public worship, and unite in devout ascriptions of **THANKSGIVING and PRAISE** to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, that He has, in his infinite goodness, seen fit to extend to us His special protection;—that neither war, famine nor pestilence has been permitted to desolate or distress our highly favored country;—that the labor of our hands has been prospered, and that we have a competent supply of the productions of the earth;—that our civil and religious institutions remain unimpaired; and above all, that He has been pleased to open a way, through the mediation of a blessed **REDEEMER**, whereby all, who comply with the precepts contained in the Holy Scriptures, may attain to eternal life.

And while we offer up our tribute of gratitude and praise for past blessings, let us, in the spirit of deep sorrow and contrition, repent of our numerous aberrations from the path of duty, and humbly implore the Divine forgiveness. Let us supplicate our Heavenly Father to keep our beloved country under His protection, and to guard it against both foreign aggressions and internal dissensions; that a spirit of peace, justice and brotherly love, may characterize our intercourse with our fellow citizens, and a spirit of humility, piety and devotion regulate our walk before our Maker;—that He would bless the President of the United States, and all in authority, in our Federal and State Governments, and give them wisdom to adopt such measures, as will promote his glory and the permanent prosperity of these United States.

Let us also pray for Divine aid to the pious and benevolent exertions, that are now making, by societies and individuals, to meliorate the condition of the human family, by inculcating the principles of virtue, morality and religion, and by introducing the blessings of civilization, and disseminating the doctrines of Divine Truth, in regions enveloped in ignorance and moral darkness;—and, finally, that He would hasten the happy time, when tyranny, oppression, superstition and bigotry shall no longer be known, and the pure religion of our blessed **LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST**, shall extend over the whole habitable world.



*Given under my hand, in Council Chamber, this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-fourth.*

**SAMUEL C. CRAFTS.**

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR,

**GEO. B. SHAW, Secretary.**