

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

# SAMUEL C. CRAFTS,

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

## A PROCLAMATION.

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GOD is love. The world, in which we live, proclaims it. The Gospel, in which we believe, confirms it. Day unto day uttereth the speech of a Heavenly kindness:—Night unto night showeth the knowledge of an overruling Providence. And man, who has powers to understand his dependance, and affections to feel the value of his blessings, both of nature and revelation, is bound to the duty—is called to the privilege, of private and public acknowledgment to the Universal Creator, Preserver and Benefactor.

I DO, therefore, at the request of the General Assembly, and by the advice of the Council, appoint THURSDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF DECEMBER, NEXT, to be observed as a day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAISE, throughout this State. And our citizens, of every religious denomination, are invited to observe that day, with Christian gladness and gratitude.

Let us rest, on that day, from the common toils and cares of life. Let us meet together—the young, the mature, the aged—in the house of worship, to thank God for peculiar and general benefits—for the blessings of mind, and heart, and home, and country, and religion; for the continuance of peace, the preservation of privilege, the means of intelligence, of virtue and of happiness.

To thanksgivings for the past, let us join in prayers for the future. Let us prepare ourselves for that future, by unfeigned penitence for former errors and holy purposes of a useful and unspotted life;—that, by a lively faith, an elevated devotion and a righteous practice, we may, as individuals and as a nation—as rulers and people, expect the blessings, for which we pray.

Remembering that love to God must be proved by love to man, let us cherish that benevolence, which our Saviour taught and exhibited. And when we join in the circles of friendship and affection, let us not, then, be unmindful of our brethren of the human family. If we have with us the poor, the unhappy, the ignorant, let us endeavor to supply, to console, to enlighten them;—doing good where we have the means; and, where we can do no more, giving our honest wishes and our heart-felt prayers to the cause of Truth and Liberty, throughout the world. Thus shall we give sure testimony of our thankfulness:—thus, religiously and acceptably, keep our “Feast of ingathering, which is the end of the year.”



*Given under my hand, in Council Chamber, at Montpelier,*

this first day of November, in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-fifth.

**SAMUEL C. CRAFTS.**

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR.

GEO. B. SHAW, Secretary.