

By the Honourable

THOMAS FITCH, ESQUIRE,

Governor of His Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut in New-England,

in AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

HEREAS it has pleased Almighty GOD, the Sovereign and gracious Disposer of all Events, (amidst the righteous Corrections of his holy Hand and many dark Aspects of his Providence) to manifest abundant Tokens of his Mercy, Goodness and Bounty to our Nation and Land, in the Course of the Year past, which justly demand our most serious, solemn and grateful Acknowledgments and Praise, to GOD the Author and Giver of all the Blessings, Favours, and good Things we

are the Subjects and Partakers of.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in general Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Thursday the fourteenth Day of November next, to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving, throughout this Colony. Exhorting the Ministers and People, of every Denomination, within their several religious Societies, to unite in giving Thanks and Praise to GOD, most high and gracious, for the Preservation of the Life of his facred Majesty the King, and the Lives of the Royal Family. For the Advantages and Essects of the Gospel. For the Continuation of those Privileges civil and religious, which we still enjoy. For the plentiful Supply of the former Harvest, and for such a good Competency of the other needful Fruits of the Earth. For that general Health the People thro the Land are favoured with, and for all other Mercies, Spiritual and Temporal, which the Lord our GOD of his great Goodness hath been graciously pleased to bestow upon us.

Likewise to offer up servent Prayers and Intercessions to the GOD of all Grace, for our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, our gracious Queen Charlotte, the Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family. That GOD would be pleased to direct the King's Councils, and succeed his Negociations, to smile upon and bless the British Dominions, and this Colony in particular, continue to us our Rights and Privileges, and dispose to a thankful and wise Improvement of them; grant us Favour with the King, and the great Council of the Nation; and succeed our Agency at the Court of Great-Britain, direct and bless our Administrations, both will and religious, smile on the Means of Education, prosper Endeavours for christianizing the Heathen in the Land, pour out a Spirit of Prayer and Supplication on his People, and cause them to rejoice in the Blessings of his Goodness, and to put their Trust and Confidence at all Times in his divine Mercy; ascribing Honour, Praise and Glory to his great and holy Name.

And all servile Labour is hereby forbidden on faid Day.

GIVEN under my Hand in the Council-Chamber at New-Haven, the Twenty-second Day of October, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of His Majesty GEORGE the Third, King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini 1765.

Tho Fitch.

GOD Save the KING.