

By His Excellency

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Benjamin Fletcher, Captain General and Governour in Chief of The Province of *New-York*, and the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in *America*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, His Majesty's Lieutenant and Commander in Chief of the Militia, and of all the Forces of Sea and Land within His Majesty's Collony of *Connecticut*, and of the Forts and places of Strength within the same.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Whereas I have received the Joyful News of the safe Arrival of Our Most Excellent Sovereign *WILLIAM* the Third, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and Defender of the Faith, &c. in His Kingdom of *ENGLAND* in the Month of *September* and of the Success of His Majesty's Arms in *Flanders*, I have therefore thought fit with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's Council, for the Province of *NEW-YORK* to Appoint *Thursday*, the Sixteenth Instant, for the City and County of *New-York*, and the Twentieth Instant for the City and County of *ALBANY*, and the rest of the County of the said Province, To be Observed and Celebrated Publick Days of Thanks-giving to God for the same. And all Persons within this Province are Required on the said Days, to forbear Servile Labour, and to Observe and Celebrate the same with fervent Prayers of Joy and Thankfulness.

Given His Majesty's Fort in *New-York* the Ninth Day of January, in the Seventh Year of His Majesty's said Majesty's Annoq; Domini 1695, 6.

God Save the KING

BEN. FLETCHER.

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