

By his EXCELLENCY

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Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the State of  
*Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations.*

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

**W**H E R E A S the General Assembly, at the Session held at *South-Kings-town*, on the last *Monday* in *October* last, taking into Consideration, that it is highly becoming all States and Governments to make public Acknowledgments, with Thanksgiving, to the Creator and Supreme Governor of the Universe, for all his Mercies, did pass an Act, ordering and directing that *Thursday*, the First Day of *December* next, should be observed by the Inhabitants of this State as a Day of public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Enjoyment of the free Exercise of our Rights and Liberties, religious and civil; for the Means of a Christian and liberal Education; for blessing the Labour of our Hands, in giving us to reap plentifully the Fruits of the Earth in their due Season, and for all his other Mercies, particularly during the Year past; and enjoined a strict Observance of the aforesaid Day, for the Purpose aforesaid: And requested me to issue a Proclamation accordingly:

I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit to issue this Proclamation, to make known the same: And do hereby call upon the Inhabitants of this State, to assemble themselves on the said Day, in their usual Places of public Worship, for the said Purpose; and strictly to observe the same as a Day of solemn and public Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for all his Blessings and Mercies.

G I V E N under my Hand, this Tenth Day of November, in the Tenth  
Year of INDEPENDENCE, A. D. 1785.

WILLIAM GREENE.

By his Excellency's Command,  
HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

G O D save the United States of *America.*