

By the Honorable

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Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief, in and  
over the *English* Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in NEW-  
ENGLAND, in *AMERICA*.

# A Proclamation.

**I**T having pleased ALMIGHTY GOD to grant very great Success to His BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S Arms in *America*, in the Course of the present Year, against the *French* and their *Indian* Allies; particularly in the Battle at, and taking *Quebec*, the Capital of their Settlements; and in the Reduction of their strong Holds at *Niagara*, *Ticonderoga*, and *Crown-Point*; by which the Frontiers of our Colonies are secured from the Incursions of cruel, savage, and Blood-thirsty Enemies: And in *Europe*, in the great Victory obtained by Prince *Ferdinand* of *Brunswick*, at the Battle of *Thornhausen*, on the First of *August*; and also, in the Destroying and Dispersing the *Toulon* Fleet by Admiral *Boscawen*; by which there is great Reason to think the threatened Invasion of *Great-Britain* will be prevented. These great Events are still rendered more interesting, as they afford a near Prospect of a safe and honorable Peace; by which the slaughtering Sword of Vengeance may be sheathed. The General Assembly of the Colony aforesaid, sensible of those great and unmerited Favors, and of that Divine Providence that hath graciously overruled them all for our Good, have directed that Public Thanksgiving be rendered to GOD for his Mercies, throughout this Colony.

THEREFORE I issue this Proclamation, hereby ordering that Thursday, the Twenty-second Day of *November* current, be observed and kept by all the Inhabitants of this Colony, as a Day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING; calling upon Ministers and People of every Denomination of Christians, to assemble at their usual Places of meeting for Public Worship, that they may there together adore and praise GOD for his Goodness to *Great-Britain*, and all her Colonies; and unite in their Supplications to the Throne of Grace, for the Continuance of his Mercy and Favor towards *GEORGE* our rightful King, and all his Royal Family, Councillors, Ministers, and Subjects; and that they may all walk uprightly before GOD, and ever remain the Objects of his Divine Favour.

IT is expected, that all the Inhabitants of the Colony abstain from the servile Labour of their common Callings, not dishonouring the Day by sordid Avarice, or sinful Vanity; but cheerfully employing their Time in paying that just Tribute of Praise and Adoration, due from every Creature to their great Creator.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council Chamber, at South-Kingstown,  
the second Day of *November*, in the Thirty-third Year of the Reign  
of His Most Sacred Majesty *GEORGE* the Second, by the Grace of  
GOD, King of *Great-Britain*, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1759. By Order  
of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

By his Honor's Command,  
THO. WARD, Secr'y.

STEP. HOPKINS.

God Save the King.