



BY THE HONORABLE  
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of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

## A P R O C L A M A T I O N *For a Public Thanksgiving.*

**F**ORASMUCH as it has pleased Almighty GOD to bestow upon us many and great public Mercies in the Course of the present Year, which call for our most grateful Acknowledgments---- more especially for that it has pleased Him to prolong the invaluable Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and to continue the Blessing of Peace to his Majesty's Dominions; to prevent the Spread of a malignant contagious Diemper with which some of the Towns in this Province have been threatned; and to give us favourable Seasons, and a plentiful Harvest:

**I** HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the *Sixteenth Day* of *November* next to be observed as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout the Province. And I recommend to the Religious Societies of every Denomination to offer up their devout Praises to our most bountiful Benefactor for these and all other his Mercies conferred upon us; and to accompany their Praises with fervent Prayers that we may evidence the Gratitude of our Hearts by the Obedience of our Lives, and may so order our Conversation aright as to see the further Salvation of GOD.

AND all servile Labour is forbidden on the said Day.

*Given at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-third Day of October, 1769, in the Ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

By His HONOR's Command,  
A. OLIVER, Secr'y.

T. Hutchinson.

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