

STATE OF VERMONT.

# A Proclamation

BY THE  
GOVERNOR.

The closing year, while it shuts us out from that free inter-

course which we have just been holding with nature in all her countless shapes and rich variety, inclines man to reflection, and leads to a more intimate communion with himself. The first exercise of his heart, if rightly directed, is a remembrance of that Divine Goodness which has so richly blessed him; and his first offering, a tribute of Thanksgiving to the Author of all mercies: How befitting then, that an opportunity be afforded for all to unite in ascriptions of praise and thanksgiving.

To present such an occasion, I have been requested by the General Assembly to appoint, and do hereby appoint, THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of public THANKSGIVING, PRAYER AND PRAISE.

In observing this season, let us remember that we commemorate a laudable usage of our fathers;—one which they delighted to celebrate, and around which cluster some of our earliest and fondest recollections. It was to them a day of true pleasure and of chastened enjoyment. Let it be so to us.

I would invite my fellow-citizens, on that day to suspend their common engagements, and in their usual places of public worship to assemble and unite in such religious exercises, as will prepare and enable them to offer unfeigned acknowledgments of gratitude to that Being who has so signally spared and blessed us.

Let us thank GOD, that in the immensity of His works, in the innumerable objects of his creation, we have not been forgotten, but sustained and provided for:—That, in every passing moment we have fresh evidence that the goodness which called us into life at first, remains unchanged:—That He hath spared us as a people, from the destruction that wasteth at noon-day, and the pestilence that goeth abroad at mid-night:—That the past season hath brought forth an ample supply of the fruits of the earth for man and beast.

And while thus assembled, let a sense of past and present ingratitude, so affect us as to lead to a holier and more earnest consecration of all our energies, both of body and mind, to his service.

Let us entreat our heavenly Father to continue to us his benignant smiles; to watch over all our interests, both as a State and Nation; to preserve us from those evils which may threaten to disturb the permanency of our civil and religious institutions; to stay the progress of intemperance and vice among us; to remove from our land the sin of slavery and injustice; to incline the hearts of the prosperous to alleviate and succor the poor and distressed; and to prepare us rightly to appreciate the blessings of religion, vouchsafed in the gift of his son, JESUS CHRIST; and finally, so to direct all our concerns, as to advance the interests of true religion among men and thereby fit us for a just observance of the divine injunction of doing unto others as we would they should do unto us.



*Given under my hand, and the seal of the State,  
in Executive Chamber, at Montpelier, this  
Eleventh day of November, in the year of our  
LORD, one thousand eight hundred and thir-  
ty-nine, and of the Independence of the United  
States the sixty-fourth.*

SILAS H. JENISON.

By the Governor.

GEO. B. MANSER, SECRETARY.