

By His Excellency

WILLIAM A. PALMER,

Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Vermont,

A Proclamation,

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING, PRAISE AND PRAYER.

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

SUCH is the voice of inspiration, and such the dictates of the pious heart.

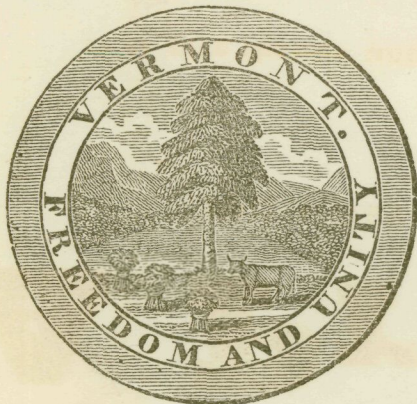
That the attention of the whole community may be duly awakened to the important duty thus enjoined, I have thought fit, by advice of the Council and request of the House of Representatives, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, **THURSDAY THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT**, to be observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING, PRAISE, AND PRAYER** throughout this State:—recommending that the customary avocations of life be, on that day, suspended; and the hours consecrated to the contemplation of the glorious attributes of **JEHOVAH**, and of his wonderful works to the children of men.

It is suitable that we praise Him for all personal blessings, and for all public benefits. We are fearfully and wonderfully made—we are endowed with capacities for the noblest acquisitions and the purest enjoyments. Ours is a goodly heritage. Our lot is cast where the earth yields a plentiful supply of the supports of life—where the air is salubrious and the climate healthful—where the rights of man are understood and enjoyed—where rulers are the *servants* and not the *tyrants* of the people—where education, adequate to the common purposes of life, is within the reach of all, and where public seminaries invite to the highest attainments in useful knowledge.

On us has the Day Spring from on high arisen to give light on subjects of the highest interest to man. In our own language we can read the revelation of God's will, and learn the riches of that grace, which, through the mediation of **JESUS CHRIST**, opens to us a door of hope, and bids us enter and live forever.

The year now drawing to a close has been crowned with divine munificence. The harvest, though less abundant, perhaps, than usual, is still sufficient to secure us from want; and while the pestilence has raged in other parts of the world, and in some of our sister States, our State has, thus far, been protected from its ravages—health has been generally enjoyed, and all our privileges, civil and religious, have been kindly continued.

Assembled in our several places of public worship, let us for these and all other mercies devoutly offer to **ALMIGHTY GOD**, ascriptions of unfeigned and fervent thanksgiving. And while thus we unite to praise the name of the **LORD**, let us humble ourselves before him for all our abuse of his mercies and violations of his law;—entreating his forgiveness and his grace, that in time to come we may more suitably requite his innumerable favors. Let us invoke the continuance of his blessing on our state and nation, especially on the rulers of the land,—the instructors of youth, and the ministers of religion; commending to his care all the interests of our Republic, and imploring the outstretched arm of his mercy to remove whatever opposes the progress of knowledge and liberty and pure religion. Let us beseech him to give success to every benevolent and useful enterprize, both in our own and other countries, and above all, to add to the ministration of his word, the mighty energy of his own Spirit, causing light to increase,—truth to prevail, and love to abound, till the earth shall be filled with his knowledge and praise.



GIVEN under my hand, in Council Chamber, at Montpelier, this
*fifth day of November, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and
thirty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-
seventh.*

WM. A. PALMER.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR,

GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary.