

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER.

Religion and civil liberty must necessarily flourish or wither together; the former in its purity can hardly be looked for where despotism reigns, and liberty, without the cheering influence of religion, would be almost without a charm. It is consequently our duty, not only as christians but as good citizens, to look to God alone as the author of our prosperity, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift---I have, therefore, with the advice and consent of the Council, thought proper to appoint **THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT**, to be observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER**, throughout the State; and I invite the people, of every christian denomination, to abstain on that day from their usual labors and avocations, and with devout and thankful hearts to assemble at their respective places of public worship, and there unitedly express their sincere and grateful acknowledgments to Almighty God for his unceasing goodness in supplying our wants, and preserving our lives thus far towards the closing year---And to render Him thanks for the success with which our efforts have been crowned in the various branches of industry, skill and enterprize: that liberty, peace and prosperity are continued to us: that our national honor remains untarnished: that our fields have been covered with another plenteous harvest: that our mechanick arts are rapidly progressing: that the importance of education is more generally appreciated, and its means more liberally extended: that science is daily unfolding her mysteries, and applying her principles to the useful purposes of life. And above all, that we enjoy a religion which comes from Heaven, pure and undefiled.

And while we feel and manifest a deep sense of gratitude to the Most High, for his countless blessings upon us, let us beseech him not only to continue them, but to extend them to the whole human family: that He would raise up those who are struggling against oppression, and grant them liberty and peace; and that the light of revelation may continue to be diffused, until its doctrines have spread over every land, and its influence is acknowledged by every heart.

Given at Hillsborough, this eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, and the fifty-second of the Independence of the United States of America.

BENJAMIN PIERCE.

BY THE GOVERNOR,
WITH ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL.

RICHARD BARTLETT, *Secretary of State.*