



By His Excellency

*THOMAS POWNALL*, Esq;

Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of  
the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, &c.

# A PROCLAMATION

## For a Public THANKSGIVING.

**W**HEREAS it is our bounden Duty to acknowledge Almighty GOD as the Fountain of all our Mercies and the Giver of every good Gift ;

**I** DO hereby, with Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Seventeenth Day of *November* next to be observed throughout this Province as a Day of Public THANKSGIVING : Hereby requiring the several Assemblies of public Worship to observe the same. And I do exhort all Ministers and People to offer up their devout Praises and Thanksgivings to Almighty GOD for his unmerited Favours vouchsafed unto us in the Course of the Year past ; That He hath hitherto been pleased to continue and maintain in the World His Holy Religion, as professed in the Reformed Churches ;---to preserve to us the invaluable Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and the several Branches of His Royal Family ;---to continue to the People of this Province their civil and religious Rights and Privileges ; That it hath pleased our gracious GOD in the midst of Judgment to remember Mercy, and deliver us from those great and impending Dangers wherewith we were encompassed ;---to withdraw the Sword of the Destroyer, and restrain the murderous Hands of the Savages from shedding the Blood of the People on the Frontiers of this Province ; That He hath been graciously pleased to remove from us that contagious Sickness wherewith we were threaten'd, and to preserve the Voice of Joy and Health in our Dwellings ; And that He hath been pleased to give and preserve to our Use the Fruits of the Earth in his due Season. Most humbly beseeching GOD of his Grace to give us a due Sense of His great Mercies, and to sanctify to us all His Dispensations, that we may glorify Him in our Lives, and with Fear and Trembling work out our own Salvation.

I do hereby require all Magistrates and others, according to the Duty of their Office, to see that the said Day be duly observed, according to the laudable and uninterrupted Practice of this Government from the first Settling of this Colony.

*GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON, the Twenty-seventh Day of October, 1757, in the Thirty-first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

*By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
with Advice of the Council,*

*T. Pownall.*

A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

**G O D Save the KING.**