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The State of New-Hampshire.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
FREDERICK SMYTH,
GOVERNOR:
A PROCLAMATION

FOR A

Day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise.

I do hereby, with advice of the Council, appoint THURSDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT, to be observed by the people of this State as a day of Public Thanksgiving, Prayer and Praise to Almighty God.

For that, through all the varied events of another year, He has brought us in great mercy to this harvest season, the natural period of rejoicing, when the husbandman reaps the fruit of his labors, and which the wise usage of our Fathers has consecrated as special time of giving thanks to the Author of all our blessings:

Let us on the day appointed, assemble, so far as may be possible, in our usual places of worship, and devoutly render thanksgiving and praise; and let us not forget, wherever we are, the tribute due to the Hand that so liberally giveth blessings;

Let us thank God, that "The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed," and that the cause of humanity, justice, truth and freedom, in our land, has taken no steps backward;

That continued peace is vouchsafed to us, and that through His power we have been preserved from treason within and from enemies without;

That the liberality and benevolence of the Christian world, has been displayed in a manner unsurpassed and unequaled in our time;

That the educational, moral and religious institutions of the State, shed their light with renewed brilliancy on the present, brightening the hopes of the future;

That there has been within the borders of our own State, justice between man and man, and that good will and harmonious counsels have prevailed.

Let us return to Him our humble and hearty thanks, in whose Hand are all the treasures of the earth, that He has enabled us to preserve, unimpaired, the State, and National credit;

That the laborer has received his ample reward, and prosperity smiles in the channels of business;

That our rugged hill-sides and fertile valleys, have alike responded to the call of the husbandman;

That He has preserved us from the destroying pestilence, and from unusual sickness.

And, finally, while on that day each should thank and bless the Lord for every individual mercy, and for the ever present redemption he has provided through the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind, let such as He has blessed with abundance, remember that He has given it as a sacred trust, to

"Defend the poor and fatherless, and do justice to the afflicted and needy."

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Given under my hand, and the seal of the State, at the Council Chamber, in Concord, this twenty-third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and the ninety-first of the Independence of the United States of America.

FREDERICK SMYTH.

By His Excellency, the Governor, with advice of the Council;

WALTER HARRIMAN, *Secretary of State.*