

In CONGRESS, Exeter Nov. 4, 1775.

A PROCLAMATION

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A public THANKSGIVING.

WHEREAS it is the indispensable Duty of Mankind to own, in the most publick and solemn Manner, their Obligations to the DEITY ; and, amidst the very alarming Situation of our public Affairs, we have constant Streams of Mercy flowing to us from the great and inexhaustible Fountain of Good, though a sinful and undeserving People, which call for our most grateful Acknowledgments--- We, the REPRESENTATIVES of the Colony of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in CONGRESS assembled, have thought fit to advise, that Thursday the 30th of this Instant November, be observed and kept as a Day of publick THANKSGIVING throughout this Colony---And, hereby recommend it to Ministers and People to devote a reasonable Part of said Day to the Worship of GOD in their respective Congregations, and offer to him their united Ascriptions of Praise for all his Mercies ; particularly for his providential Influence in effecting and preserving so remarkable and very interesting a Union of the American Colonies, for the Defence of their invaded Rights :---For rendering abortive the unwearied Efforts of our Enemies to engage our French and Indian Neighbours against us :---For restraining and preventing the cruel and wanton Forces of Britain from further Destruction of the Lives and Substance of the Americans :---For preventing a greater Prevalence of Epidemical Sickness in the Camp, and a more general Spread thereof in our Towns :---For his merciful Appearance for us, when, by severe Drought, our Fears were justly alarmed, lest great Scarcity of the Fruits of the Earth (much to be dreaded at any Time, and especially so in the present State of Things) should ensue, and giving Rain from Heaven and competent Harvests, and even a very considerable Plenty of some of the Fruits of the Earth :---As also for continuing to us the invaluable Blessings of the Gospel, amidst our civil Embarrassments. And, together with our devout Praises, let us offer to the great Head of Influences our humble and fervent Supplications, that he will protect us amidst impending Dangers, deliver us out of our Distresses, and restore, upon equitable and constitutional Principles, the Union and Harmony that heretofore subsisted between Great-Britain and the Colonies, so happily for both :---That he will make us truly humble under his Judgments, as well as thankful for his Mercies ;---That his Goodness may lead us to Repentance, and that the Earth may be filled with his Glory. And it is recommended and expected that all Persons religiously abstain from all servile Labor, and such Recreations as are unbecoming the Solemnity of the Occasion.

By Order of Congress,

MATTHEW THORNTON, *President.*