

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

Isaac Tichenor, Esq.

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

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

HAVING advanced in the course of Providence to that season of the year, when the productions of the Field demand the homage of grateful minds, reason and religion bid us rise to our divine benefactor, suitable acknowledgments for all his abundant goodness, at the same time, this devout recognition of God gives to moral conduct its highest sanction, to government its surest support, to Society its good order, to man his just principles and his best hopes.

I do therefore by and with the advice of the Council, and at the special request of the General Assembly, appoint **THURSDAY, the NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER** next, to be observed as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE** throughout this State. On that day, Ministers and People of all denominations are exhorted to assemble at their usual places of Worship, unitedly to commemorate the Divine Goodness to the inhabitants of this commonwealth, experienced in the recent fruits of the earth, in the measure of Health generally enjoyed; in our exemption from great national calamities; in the continuance of a prosperous government; above all, in the light of the glorious Gospel; in the means and influence of Christianity to enforce social, moral and religious duty, cherishing try to God, purity of heart and philanthropy to the world.

With the devout expressions of public praise, it becomes us to unite fervent supplications to the Almighty, that his mercy might triumph over national ingratitude and transgressions; that the smiles of his Providence may be continued to our land, that we may be saved from wasting sickness and desolating judgments; that the labors of the Husbandman may be prospered; that habits of industry and economy, sobriety and benevolence may be increased, that the progress of profanity, immorality and impiety may be arrested; that all in government may have the spirit of their stations; that our Magistrates may be examples of obedience, to those laws which they are to cause to be respected; that our Colleges may be nurseries of useful science and virtue, and our academies and schools be instruments of preparing the rising generation for great usefulness in life; that the pious labors of the ministers of the Gospel may be prospered; and that the promotion of knowledge, virtue and piety, may prolong our prosperity, give durability to the character, to the rights and to the happiness of this Commonwealth.

In expanding our benevolent and devotional feelings, it behoves us, more especially, to invoke the Divine benediction on the People of the United States; that they may feel an increasing attachment to the country of their birth and the Government of their choice; that, under the divine auspices, they may be saved from mistake and ruinous divisions; that the President of the United States may have divine light to discern, and fidelity to adopt measures promotive of national harmony, dignity and happiness; that Peace with all nations may be in our day; that our national honor and justice, our moderation and love of right may supercede the necessity of war; that the cultivation of science, of moral habits and religious principles may save us from that ruin, which national vices eventually produce; finally, that the rational and benevolent religion of our Saviour may be extended, until it shall ensure the universal establishment of Truth and Justice, Freedom and Virtue, Peace and Goodness among all nations of the world.

Given under my hand at Burlington, this first day of November, 1802.

ISAAC TICHENOR.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

RICHARD WHITNEY, Secretary.