BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, Efq;

Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province afore-faid, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

PORASMUCH as we have abundantly experienced the great Mercy and Goodness of GOD, in the various productions of the Earth the present Year, as well as the Enjoyment of many other invaluable Blessings, it is incumbent upon us with sincere and grateful Hearts to offer up our united Praises and Thanksgivings to the Almighty for such bountiful and unmerited Favours.

HAVE therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to order and appoint Thursday the third Day of December next, to be religiously observed and kept as a Day of public Thanksgiving throughout this Province, hereby exhorting both Ministers and People, in their several religious Assemblies to devote a reasonable Part of said Day, in Praises and Thanksgivings, to almighty GOD for all his Mercies confered upon us, and more especially that it hath pleased him in much Mercy to continue the Lives and Health of our gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, His royal Highness GEORGE PRINCE of WALES, and all the royal Family.

That we have been preserved from contagious Sickness, and have enjoyed such a Measure of Health.

That we have been bleffed with the continuance of Peace, together with our fatred and civil Rights and Privileges; wherefore let us with deep Humility, glorify the Author and Giver of all good Things, humbly beforehing that he would engraft into our Hearts the Love of his holy Name, increase in us true Religion, nourith us with all Goodness, and of his great Mercy keep us in the same, to our Lives End.

And all Servile LABOUR is strictly forbidden on that Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the Third Day of November, in the 13th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, & And in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command, with Advice of COUNCIL,

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, Secry.

GOD SAVE THE KING.