

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, ESQUIRE,

GOVERNOR, CAPTAIN-GENERAL, AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF, OF THE STATE OF RHODE-ISLAND,
AND PROVIDENCE-PLANTATIONS.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, of the State aforesaid, at the Session held on the last Wednesday in October instant, passed the following Act, to wit:

“IT being the Duty of all Men humbly to confess their Sins, and to return their sincere Thanks to ALMIGHTY GOD for his manifold Blessings; and it having pleased the Supreme Ruler of all Things signally to favour the United States, in preserving them from foreign Wars, and from intestine Commotions, in strengthening the Bonds of their Union, and promoting in various Ways their national Prosperity; and it having also in his Mercy pleased him to Smile upon the Labours of this People, in giving them to reap in Abundance, the Harvest of his Bounty, and mercifully to stay the further Progress of malignant Diseases, which in the Dispensations of his Providence had been permitted in some Degree to prevail.

“BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That Thursday the Thirtieth Day of November next be appointed a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, throughout this State; and it is recommended to the Inhabitants thereof, to assemble themselves at their several Places of public Worship, and humbly to acknowledge the manifold and undeserved Blessings, which it has pleased GOD to bestow upon them, to return to him their fervent Thanks therefor, and humbly to pray for the Continuance of the same.

“AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants to refrain on said Day from all servile Labour, and unbecoming Recreation: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation accordingly.”

I DO THEREFORE, pursuant to the above-recited Act, issue this Proclamation to make known the same, that the good People of this State may conform thereto, agreeably to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.

GIVEN under my Hand, at Providence, this Thirtieth Day of October, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-seven, and of Independence the Twenty-second.

ARTHUR FENNER.

By His Excellency's Command,
HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.