

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, at their Session in *October* last past, passed the following Act, to wit:

“FORASMUCH as it is the Duty of all Men to acknowledge, with the sincerest Gratitude, the Goodness of the Supreme Being, and, with the deepest Humility, to supplicate his benign Protection, and the merciful Forgiveness of their Transgressions:

“It is therefore VOTED and RESOLVED, That *Thursday*, the *Twentieth* Day of *November*, in the present Year, be appointed to be observed as a Day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER to ALMIGHTY GOD: And that it be, and hereby is recommended to the *People* of this *State* to assemble at their usual Places of public Worship, on that Day, and with grateful Hearts to offer up *Thanksgiving* and *Praise* to the *Creator* and *Preserver* of the *Universe*, for his manifold Goodness to us and to all Men: For that it hath pleased him in a great Measure to lengthen out the Peace and Tranquillity of the *United States*; to prosper our Agriculture; to succour and protect our Trade and Commerce in so great a Degree; to inspire our Citizens with a Spirit of Enterprize in Manufactures, and other Improvements in the Arts and Conveniences of Life; to conciliate a friendly Disposition among foreign Powers towards these *United States*; and to effectuate in so many Countries a liberal Inquiry for the Means of human Happiness, and a Disposition to establish the Dignity of Man:— And to beseech *Almighty God* mercifully to forgive all our Transgressions; to continue and secure to us the Blessings of civil, social and private Life; and to have us at all Times in his holy and gracious Keeping and Protection.

“And it is further VOTED and RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the *People* of this *State* to refrain, on that Day from all servile Labor, and unnecessary Recreations: And that His Excellency the Governor be requested to issue a *Proclamation* agreeably to this Act.”

I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit to issue this *Proclamation* to make known the same, and earnestly to recommend to the *Inhabitants* of this *State* to observe the said *Twentieth* Day of *November*, as a Day of public *Thanksgiving* and *Prayer*, agreeably to the Purport, and true Intent of the said Act.



GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the State, at Providence, this *Third* Day of *November*, in the Year of our *LOR.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and *Ninety-Four*, and of Independence the *Nineteenth*.

ARTHUR FENNER.

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

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.