

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

ARTHUR FENNER, Esq;

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 of the State aforesaid, on the First Day of *November* inst. passed the following Resolution, *to wit* :

“ *Voted and Resolved*, That it be and hereby is recommended to the People of this State; to observe THURSDAY the Twenty-eighth Day of *November* inst. as a Day of public and devout PRAYER and THANKSGIVING: That it be further recommended, that on that Day the People assemble, at their usual Places of public Worship, and offer up to Almighty God their most sincere Thanks, that while he has thought fit with all the Calamities of War to afflict the Inhabitants of *Europe*, he has preserved our Shores from Invasion, and our Land from Bloodshed: That notwithstanding our Commerce has been interrupted by the predatory Warfare of the belligerent Powers, our Trade has been extended, and new Sources of Wealth opened to the Enterprize of *America*: That the Seasons of the Year have been benignant and fruitful, and that we have tasted of the plenteous Harvest of a grateful Soil: That he has turned away the Ravages of the Pestilence from this State, and has granted us the Enjoyment of the Blessings of general Health.

“ And also most devoutly to implore, that he would be graciously pleased to silence the Clamours of War, and restore Peace to a bleeding World: That he would continue to us our free and happy Government, give us the peaceable Dispositions of upright Republicans, repress all dangerous Innovations, unworthy Jealousies, armed Violence, and secret Conspiracy: That he would compassionate the Distresses of those Towns and Cities so often laid waste by malignant Diseases, and restore the Salubrity of our Climate: That he would forgive our Ingratitude for his manifold Mercies: That he would incline our Hearts to the Practice of Charity, and all the Christian Virtues; and, through the Intercession of the Saviour of Mankind, receive us after this Life to the Joys of Immortality.

“ That it be further recommended to the People of the State; to abstain on said Day from 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 Resolution, 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, and the Seal of the said State, at Providence, this Fifth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine, and in the Twenty-fourth Year of Independence.

ARTHUR FENNER.

By his Excellency's Command,  
SAMUEL EDDY, Sec'ry.

