



By His EXCELLENCY

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Captain-General and Governor in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

# A PROCLAMATION

## For a Day of public Prayer and Thanksgiving.

**I**T is our bounden Duty at all Times to bear in our Mind a Sense of our Dependence upon the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and to adore Him as the Author of every Mercy and every Judgment ;---We are peculiarly bound in a social and public Manner to express our Gratitude when there is any Signal Turn of Providence in our Favor, and when the Face of Public Affairs is in a great Measure changed by any remarkable Success against our Enemies ;

**I**HAVE therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint Thursday the Fourteenth Day of *September* next, to be set apart for Public Religious Worship throughout the Province : And I recommend to the Ministers and People of all Denominations, to offer up to Almighty GOD sincere and devout Praises for that He has been pleased in the midst of Judgment to think of Mercy, and to grant great and signal Success to such of His Majesty's Forces as have been employ'd for the Reduction of the Island of *Cape-Breton* and its Dependencies : And at the same Time I do recommend to them, to make earnest Prayer and Supplication for His Blessing on the great and momentous Affairs of the War that are still depending ; and in an especial Manner, that the Forces employed upon this Continent for the Defence and Recovery of His Majesty's just Rights, and for the Invasion of His Enemies, may be inspired with true Conduct, Courage and Zeal, and be directed and succeeded of Heaven.

AND that our religious Addresses may be acceptable to GOD, I recommend to the Ministers, that they exhort all Orders of Men to put away the Evil of their Doings, that so the outward Form of Religion may be accompanied with the Power of it, in the Reformation of our Manners and the Amendment of our Lives ; and that GOD may be graciously pleased to bestow upon us the further Blessings which we need, and to avert the Judgments our Sins deserve, and which we have Reason to fear.

I do hereby require all Magistrates and other Officers, according to the Duties of their respective Offices, to see that this Day be duly observed.

*GIVEN at Boston, the Twenty-ninth Day of August 1758, in the Thirty-second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
*A. Oliver*, Secr.

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**G O D Save the K I N G.**