

By the HONORABLE

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Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief, in and over the *British* Colony of *Rhode Island*, and *Providence Plantations*, in *New England*.

A PROCLAMATION.

The Burthens and Calamities of a cruel and expensive War, having been happily terminated by a just and glorious Peace, the King hath judged it proper, that a PUBLIC THANKSGIVING to Almighty GOD, should be observed throughout all His Colonies in *America*; and hath accordingly signified His Royal Will and Pleasure.

THEREFORE, in Obedience to the King's Command, and the Order of the General Assembly, made conformable thereto, I DO hereby order, that *Thursday* the *Twenty-Fifth* Day of the Present Month, be observed and kept as a Day of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING, in and throughout this Colony: Calling upon and requiring all Christians, of every Denomination, to assemble themselves together, on said Day, at the usual Places of their meeting for public Worship; and with Hearts filled with Gratitude, and Consciences void of Offense, to render sincere Thanks, and public Praises to Almighty GOD, for granting us all the Blessings of a safe and honorable Peace: And for the other innumerable Instances of His Goodness towards us. And I DO also hereby strictly forbid and prohibit all servile Labor, and All Sports and Pastimes to be used or practiced on said Day, as all who offend herein shall answer their Contempt at their Peril.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Providence, the Eighth Day of August, in the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, but the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &. Anno Com. 1763.*

Step. Hopkins.

GOD SAVE THE KING

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