

**By his excellency William Shirley, Esq; captain-general and governour in chief,  
in and over His Majesty's province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England. A  
proclamation for a publick thanksgiving . Given at the Council-chamber in Boston,  
the twenty-third day of July 1746 . Boston**

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By His Excellency WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq; Captain-General and Governour in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION

*For a publick* Thanksgiving.

IT having pleased Almighty GOD (after He had in his righteous Providence permitted an unnatural and most wicked Rebellion to break out in *North-Britain*, and a great Number of deluded People to join therein) to grant unto His Majesty's Arms, under the Conduct of His Royal Highness the Duke of *Cumberland*, a remarkable victory over the Rebels, and thereby blasted the Designs of the Enemies of the Protestant Religion and our Civil Liberties to introduce Popery and Tyranny into our Nations and to give us a happy Prospect of an entire Suppression of the said Rebellion;

I have therefore thought fit, With the Advice of his Majesty's Council and at the Desire of the House of Representatives in the present Session of the General Court, to appoint Thursday the Fourteenth Day of *August* next, to be observed as Day of solemn Thanksgiving throughout this Province, Hereby calling upon both and People in their respective Assemblies, religiously to attend that Duty on this happy occasion, by celebrating the high Praises of our gracious GOD (whole Kingdom ruleth over all, and who giveth Salvation unto Kings for so signal a Mercy; and with their Praises to Almighty GOD, to join their earnest Supplications, that he would render both his Judgments and Mercies the happy Means of bringing about a general Repentance and Reformation in our Nation and Land; That his Majesty's Life may be protected against secret Attempts and open Violence, Tranquility restored to his Dominions, the Arms of his Majesty and his Allies prospered for restoring Peace to the Nations; and the peaceful Kingdom of our Lord JESUS CHRIST advanced.

And all servile Labour is prohibited on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-third Day of *July* 1746. In the Twentieth, Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD of *Great-Britain, France* and *Ireland*, KING and Defender of the Faith, &c.

*By His Excellency's Command, with the Advice of the Council, J. Willard, Secr.*

W. Shirley.

GOD Save the KING.

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