A Proclamation;

It having pleased Almighty God, through the course of the present year, to bestow great and manifold mercies on the people of these United States: And it being the indispensible duty of all men gratefully to acknowledge their obliga=tions to Him for benefits received:

Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommend=ed to the legislative or executive authority of each of the said States, to appoint Wednesday the 30th day of December next to be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and praise; that all the people may with united hearts on that day express a just sense of his unmerited favours; particularly in that it hath pleased him, by his over ruling providence to support us in a just and necessary war for the defence of our rights and liberties, by affording us seasonable supplies for our armies by disposing the heart of a powerful Monarch to enter into alliance with us and aid our cause; by defeating the councils and evil designs of our enemies, and giving us victorious troops, and by the continuance of that union among these States, which by his blessing, will be their future

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