future strength and glory:

And it is further recommended that together with devout thanksgivings, may be joined a penitent confession of our sins and humble supplication for pardon through the merits of our Saviour; so that under the smiles of heaven our public councils may be directed; our arms by land and sea prosper — our liberty and independence secured — our schools and seminaries of learning flourish — our trade be revived — our husbandry & manufactures increased — and the hearts of all impressed with undissembled piety, with benevolence, and zeal for the public good.

And it is also recommended, that recreations unsuitable to the purpose of such a solemnity may be omitted on that day.

Done in Congress this 17th day of Novr. 1778 and in the third year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Henry Laurens,
President

Attest.
Chas Thomson Secy