

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by His Excellency George S. Boutwell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: a proclamation for a day of public thanksgiving and praise : ... Thursday, the 27th day of November next ... Given at the Council chamber, in Boston, this fourth day of October ... one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one ... / George S. Boutwell, Amasa Walker, Secretary.

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE.

In accordance with ancient usage, and as an acknowledgment of the blessings and privileges we have enjoyed, I do, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint **THURSDAY**, the **27th** day of November next, to be observed by the people of this Commonwealth, as a day of **PUBLIC THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**:

The year which is now closing has furnished many reasons for public gratitude;

In the abundance of the Harvest;

In the increased attention given to Agriculture;

In the development of Mechanical, Commercial and Manufacturing industry;

In the prosperity of our Educational system in all its departments;

In the diffusion of Christian principles;

In the prevalence of the sentiment, and the practice of the arts of Peace;

And finally, in the continued existence and harmony of the American Republic.

I do, therefore, earnestly invite the people of this Commonwealth, to assemble in their usual places of public worship, and render Thanksgiving and Praise to the Ruler of Nations, for the blessings they have enjoyed; and may all remember the poor, the afflicted, and the oppressed, and especially those who have been bereaved by the casualties of the mighty deep.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-sixth.

By His Excellency the Governor, with
the advice of the Council.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL.

AMASA WALKER, *Secretary.*

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.