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Governor Morrill's Proclamation for a day of Public Thanksgiving

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Gov Morris
Proclamation
Thanksgiving

Oct 4 1853

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Proclamation by the people of
State of Maine,
By the Governor,
A Proclamation

for a day of public thanksgiving and praise
With the advice of the Executive Council,
I hereby appoint Thursday the twenty
second day of November next to be observed
in this State as a day of public thanks
giving and praise.

Another year has rolled by, and
we are again, through Infinite goodness
enjoying the rich fruits of an abundant
autumnal harvest. The labors of the husband-
man have been bountifully rewarded, and
the industry of our citizens generally, fav-
ored and blest. Health has been uninter-
rupted by pestilence, and the destroying
angel which has so fearfully afflicted other
communities in sister States, has, under
Providence, mercifully spared the people
of this Commonwealth.

For these, and the innumerable blessings
we are enjoying, let our hearts be devoutly
thankful. From every Altar let thanksgiving
and songs of praise ascend to that God
from whom these blessings flow. Let this

Festival be improved by the people of
this State for the advancement of the cause of
Harmony, Virtue, Christianity, let the poor
and the oppressed be remembered and
alleviated, and the day be wholly spent
as wisdom shall direct and God approve
(and bless).

Given at the Council Chamber, at
Augusta, this fourth day of Oct. 1844
in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred & fifty four, and of the
Independence of the United States, the twenty
ninth.

Johnson Ballou
Secy of State

By the Governor