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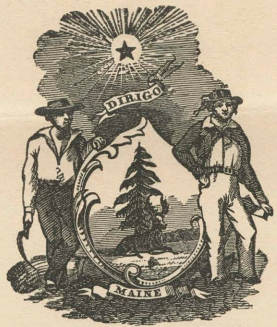
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STATE OF MAINE.

BY THE



GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

The return of the closing year, fraught with innumerable blessings, invites us again with prayer and thanks to acknowledge before the Author of them all, our multiplied obligations for His loving kindness.

I do, therefore, with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint

THURSDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT,

To be set apart as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God, to be observed in this State with the solemnities usual and appropriate to the occasion.

The clarion of war no longer summons our country to arms; no more does anxious fear cause the mother's heart to beat thickly as she thinks and prays for the child of her love, exposed to the perils of battle; no longer do the sons of our people wait, in dread expectancy, the call which may snatch them forever from the homes and firesides around which their affections cluster, to join the nation's embattled hosts. The conflict in which our beloved country has been engaged in the dreary years that are gone, is ended and Heaven-born peace again smiles upon us. The fathers, the brothers and sons of our State, are fast returning to their dear ones, no more, let it be hoped, to be summoned to mortal strife.

For these great and special blessings, let us praise the name of God.

The memories of the glorious dead, who have perished that their country might live, let us cherish with the tenderest affection, and while we bedew their graves with our tears, may our thanks go up to the Almighty, who gave them to us and inspired them with courage and fortitude for the sacrifice.

The salvation of the nation; the enfranchisement of the oppressed; the prosperity of our State; the fruitful harvests, the gift of His bounteous hand; the exemption from mortal plagues; the privileges of education and the blessings of the holy religion of the Savior, all call upon us to give praise to God in the Highest.

Let us, therefore, sharing our abundance with the needy on the day appointed, bring to the altar and the table, the incense of grateful hearts.

Given at the Council Chamber, Augusta, this, the twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

SAMUEL CONY.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

EPHRAIM FLINT, Jr., Secretary of State.