

# Thanksgiving Proclamation.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, MICHIGAN.

During the past year universal distress to the country was caused by the murder of the president, yet have the people cause to be thankful that our government was so wisely constructed by the fathers that it passed unimpaired the assault of the assassin, as it has withstood every assault since its formation. For some 80 days, during the prostration of President Garfield after he was shot, the government was without an executive head, yet peace and good order prevailed, and with marked regularity public business was conducted. Commercial activity and prosperity is also a feature of the year past.

In the especial calamity by fire which has fallen on a large district of Michigan we recognize the hand of an inscrutable Providence, and yet to temper the blow to the bereaved and suffering inhabitants of that section come generous and munificent donations from all parts of our union. For this relief of affliction we owe many thanks.

Mindful of these chastenings, yet are we thankful for the general prosperity which assures remunerative occupation for labor, abundance for the needs of our people, and for the absence of plague, pestilence or general misfortune in the state.

To show our submission to our Heavenly Father, and to attest our thankfulness for the blessings vouchsafed to us, I recommend to the people of Michigan that they assemble in their respective places of worship on the day hereinafter named, and in humble supplication to Almighty God ask for His continued kindness to us as a people.

Therefore, under the authority vested in me as governor of the state, I hereby designate Thursday, the 24th day of November instant, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving throughout the commonwealth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the [L S] state to be hereunto affixed, at Lansing, this seventh day of November, A. D. 1881. DAVID H. JEROME.

By the governor:

WM. JENNEY, secretary of state.

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