# THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

# PROCLAMATION.

The coming month will close a year memorable in the annals of our country, and full of rich blessings, for which we should appropriately acknowledge our indebtedness to the Providence of God.

The nation has triumphed in a struggle for its existence. The oppressed have been given liberty. The hollowed scenes of peace have succeeded the horrors of civil war, and while we mourn over our dead heroes, the living ones are returned to us.

Abundant harvests have crowned the husbandman's labors; the privileges of education and the benign influences of christianity have been continued; we have been exempt from mortal plagues; prosperity has blessed the marts of commerce; we are at peace with all the world; and the future is as replete with promises as the present with blessings.

Desiring to perpetuate the good customs of our fathers, I hereby designate

**THURSDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, PROXIMO,**

to be observed in the State of Missouri as a day of public thanksgiving and devout remembrance. I recommend that the people abondon for the day their usual avocations, and, assembling in their places of worship, engage in such religous solemnities as to them shall seem expressive of the feelings of grateful hearts; and while we thus recognize and acknowledge the goodness of God, and render thanks and praise, let us not forget to share our abundance with the widow and orphan, and him who bears decrepitude for his nation's sake.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Jefferson, this fifteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1865, of the Independence of the Uuited States the ninetieth, and of the State of Missouri the forty-fifth.

THO. C. FLETCHER.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

**FRANCIS RODMAN,**
*Secretary of State.*

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