

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

A Proclamation THANKSGIVING DAY.

THE President of the United States having designated, Thursday, the 24th November as a day of national thanksgiving, I, Sumner E. W. Kittelle, Governor of the Virgin Islands of the United States, do solemnly urge upon all the people of the Virgin Islands, on that day, to congregate in their usual places of worship and there to give due and sincere thanks, to the Great Giver of All Good, for the manifold blessings, both spiritual and material, which have been showered upon these islands.

The cataclysms of the great world war passed us by and the after effects have visited us in trifling degree as compared with our brothers in other countries. We are spared the great inclemencies of weather that bring such suffering to the poor in colder climes and destructive storms have not swept over our dwellings. The very great problem of unemployment which at home faces some four million of our countrymen, is to us greatly softened and starvation is unknown in our midst. We have basked under the most beneficent worldly government that the earth has ever known, while a great European country has suffered untold cruelty and desolation under the tyrant rule of bolshevists. Wars are still raging in places on earth but we reside amidst peace and the transcendent beauties of Nature. Epidemics have not come upon us but health conditions continue to improve in our communities. We may all go about our respective tasks freely and fearlessly, knowing that no man may unjustly detain us. Our local problems are not so serious as those of the world at large and all are capable of solution if we banish greed and consider them unselfishly. We have indeed been blessed above many of our fellows and our gratitude should be heartfelt.

Spiritually the feeling of brotherly love reigns over us in an unusual degree, and this greatest of soul qualities will, gradually and in the ages to come, prove to be the only possible solution of the present world troubles. Our hearts are kindly disposed toward the others of our community and we have the constant inner urge to serve those less fortunate than ourselves. The spirit of all the people has been intensely patriotic and hearts are religiously inclined to act upon principle rather than from greed and selfishness. Regardless of race or station the spirit of amity actuates us. Here no racial discord has been fomented by evil influence and whether God has called us to serve our lives in the Nordic, the Latin or the Slav race or has, perhaps, in the past domiciled our ancestors in the



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continents of Asia or Africa, we are alike men and women pursuing the same spiral pathway, ever onward and upward under His Divine Guidance and in accordance with His Far Seeing Plan. We on earth, do not love our own children who are in a lower class at school any less than those in a higher class and so we feel constrained to believe that in the eyes of the Infinite, we are all but as children, some in a higher class and some still in a lower one, but alike children of the same Loving Father, and all alike destined to come at last into His Kingdom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States to be affixed.

Issued in St. Thomas, this second day of November, 1921.

SUMNER E. W. KITTELLE,
Governor.

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NOTICE

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