

instance of the accused from the Circuit Court
for Washington County to that for Frederick Co.

October 9th 1854.

The Governor this day issued his Proclamation
for a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer as follows:

Proclamation. By the Governor of
Maryland.

Whereas, it is a prevailing custom with
the people of all Christian States annually to set
apart from the ~~times~~ ^{times} usually employed in the
labor and business of life at least one day to be
observed as a day of general praise and thanksgiving
to Almighty God, the High and Mighty Ruler of the
Universe, for his manifold mercies and blessings;
And whereas, it behoves us, especially, as a people
most signally favored in the bounteous dispensations
of his providence, not to be unmindful of our duty to
God, the Supreme and ever living source whence all ble-
ssings flow, but to manifest our thankfulness and
gratitude towards him in earnest and devout
prayer; And whereas, it is well that to this duty,
one day in the year should be given, that the united
voices of a whole people may be joined forth in
 fervent prayer to that God, ~~that~~ who holds at his will
the destinies of men, that we may be delivered from all
evil; that a continuance of his mercy and goodness
may be vouchsafed us; that we may be permitted
long to enjoy the enduring benefits of peace; that
pestilence and famine, sedition and conspiracy,
civil strife and dissention may be put away from us;
that the bonds of our National Union may be maintained
and strengthened; that the high state of freedom, both
civil and religious, which has so long marked our politi-
cal condition may be preserved to us, and to the gene-
rations that may succeed us, until time shall
cease, and that all such other temporal blessings
as to him may seem meet for his people may be
bestowed on us: And whereas, the day thus to be
observed as ~~when~~ ^{one} of prayer and Thanksgiving