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October 20th

The Governor appointed and commissioned John Carson of Balt. City Quartermaster and acting Commissary of Subsistence for Drafted Militia at the rendezvous for the Western shore of Maryland with the rank of Captain attached to the Staff of Brigadier General Edward Shriver.

October 23rd

Upon a Requisition from His Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania the Governor issued his Warrant directed to the Sheriff of Washington County Md. for the arrest of Thomas Kocklefer, Wesley Guy and Rose Fritch fugitives from the Justice of Pennsylvania charged with the crime of 'obtaining property under false pretences' and their delivery to Francis A. Garrison Agent.

October 24th

The Governor issued the following Proclamation
Maryland, Oct.

To the People of Maryland

The return of the season in which in obedience to a custom well becoming a Christian community, we have been taught to render annually to Almighty God our tribute of prayer and thanksgiving for the bounties received at his hand naturally calls to mind the propriety of again designating a day for the discharge of that expected duty.

In conformity therefore with this established custom I Augustus W. Bradford Governor of Maryland do by this my proclamation designate and appoint Thursday the twenty seventh day of November next to be observed by the people of the State as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer.

Although the copious stream of national blessings which has so long flowed in upon us has been at length interrupted and the prosperity and peace that marked our career has been arrested by a war aimed at our national existence—a war all the more deplorable waged as it is by those who have reaped with us their full share of these abundant bounties, still the blessings that yet remain demand our profound acknowledgments.

We should thank God that a vast majority of our people still cherish the unflinching purpose to preserve the integrity and indivisibility of our nation, with an earnestness and zeal that spurn all other considerations. We should thank him that he has so lavishly supplied us with the means of accomplishing this cherished object; that our country has everywhere teemed with such an overflowing abundance; that our own resources can feed and clothe our armies and still leave a surplus so ample, that few yet feel the wants that follow in the train of war.