

[No. 9.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

It is a very glad incident of the marvelous prosperity which has crowned the year now drawing to a close that its helpful and re-assuring touch has been felt by all our people. It has been as wide as our country, and so special that every home has felt its comforting influence. It is too great to be the work of man's power and too particular to be the device of his mind. To God, the Beneficent and the All Wise, who makes the labors of men to be fruitful, redeems their losses by his Grace, and the measure of whose giving is as much beyond the thoughts of man as it is beyond his deserts, the praise and gratitude of the people of this favored nation are justly due.

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November present, to be a day of joyful thanksgiving to God for the bounties of His Providence, for the peace in which we are permitted to enjoy them, and for the preservation of those institutions of civil and religious liberty which He gave our fathers the wisdom to devise and establish, and us the courage to preserve. Among the appropriate observances of the day are rest from toil, worship in the public congregation, the renewal of family ties about our American fire sides, and thoughtful helpfulness towards those who suffer lack of the body or of the spirit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

By the President:  
 JAMES G. BLAINE  
*Secretary of State.*

BENJ HARRISON

November 13, 1891.

Preamble.

November 26, 1891,  
 set apart as a day of  
 national thanksgiving.

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Whereas, satisfactory proof has been given to me that no tonnage or light house dues, or other equivalent tax or taxes, are imposed upon vessels of the United States in the ports of the Island of Tobago, one of the British West India Islands;

Now therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Act of Congress, entitled "An act to abolish certain fees for official services to American vessels, and to amend the laws relating to shipping commissioners, seamen, and owners of vessels, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, do hereby declare and proclaim that from and after the date of this my Proclamation shall be suspended the collection of the whole of the tonnage duty which is imposed by said section of said act upon vessels entered in the ports of the United States from any of the ports of the Island of Tobago.

Provided, That there shall be excluded from the benefits of the suspension hereby declared and proclaimed, the vessels of any foreign

December 2, 1891.

Preamble.  
 Tobago, West India  
 Islands.

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Suspension of tonnage duty on vessels from Tobago.

Proviso.  
 Vessels excluded.