

By his Excellency Josiah Bartlett, Esq.

Governor and Commander in Chief of the State of New-Hampshire.

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC

Fasting, Humiliation *and* Prayer.

AS it is the duty and happiness of all men to acknowledge their dependence on the Supreme Governor of the Universe, penitently to confess their sins, and devoutly to implore his mercy : I have thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, and at the request of the General Court, to issue this Proclamation, appointing THURSDAY the twenty-seventh day of March next, to be observed as a general and public FAST throughout this State. And I hereby set apart the said day, and call on Ministers and People of every denomination to consecrate the same to the purpose of Public Humiliation and Prayer : To humble themselves before the Most High, with true and hearty penitence to confess their sins—implore the pardoning mercy of God, and fervently to pray for every needed favor :—Particularly, that He would be pleased to guide and direct the Councils of This, and the United States, and render all the administrations of Government subservient to the dignity, interest and happiness of the People :—That He would save us from foreign influence and invasion :—Continue our internal Peace, Health and Tranquility ;—Smile on our University and other Seminaries of literature ;—Succeed our lawful enterprises—bless the labour of our hands—mercifully regulate the revolving seasons and crown the year with his goodness ;—That He would succeed every laudable effort in the cause of Freedom ;—Still the commotions among the contending Powers in Europe—prevent the further effusion of human blood, and extend the dominion of Christian Charity over all the Earth.

And I do recommend that all persons religiously abstain from all servile labor and recreation on said day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Exeter, the sixth day of February, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and in the eighteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

By his Excellency's Command, with advice of Council.

JOSEPH PEARSON, Secretary.