

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

JOSIAH BARTLETT, ESQUIRE,

PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

FOR A DAY OF HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER.

AS the disposal of all events are under the direction of the Supreme Governor of the universe, it highly becomes mankind, as well in their national as in their private capacities, to acknowledge their dependence on him, to rejoice in his government, and to seek to him for the blessings they need ;

I HAVE therefore, by and with advice of Council, and at the request of the General Court, thought fit to appoint, and I do hereby appoint THURSDAY the FIFTH DAY of APRIL next, to be observed as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer throughout this state: and I do earnestly recommend it to Ministers and People of all denominations, to assemble on that day in their usual places of public worship, and with true contrition of heart, to confess before God their aggravated transgressions, and to implore his pardon and forgiveness through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, and with fervent and united supplications, to pray that God would be pleased to bless the people and government of this state—That those who are in public trust, may be endued with wisdom and integrity—That he would ever grant to the President, and to the Congress of the United States, his gracious guidance and direction, that the Union may be preserved, and that its allies may be blessed and prospered—That we may be duly humbled under the frowns of heaven on our western army—That the savage tribes may be disposed to an equitable peace, and the further effusion of blood be prevented—That he would be pleased to continue our health, bless our husbandry, give us suitable seasons, and cause the earth to yield its increase—Prosper our trade, navigation, fishery and manufactures—Smile on the means of education, promote useful knowledge—Continue our precious liberties, religious and civil—Cause that a spirit of harmony, and love of fidelity, temperance, industry, frugality, and all the moral and christian virtues may increase abundantly—And above all, that the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ may be made known to all nations, pure and undefiled religion universally prevail, and the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord. And I do recommend, that all persons religiously abstain from all servile labour and recreation on said day,

G I V E N at the Council-Chamber, in Exeter, this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-two, and of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America the sixteenth.

By his Excellency's command, with advice of Council,

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

JOSEPH PEARSON, Secretary.