

BY THE HONORABLE

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Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the State of *Rhodes-
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A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

WHEREAS it is the Duty of all Men to humble themselves before Almighty God, and more especially they are called upon so to do in Times of public Distress and Calamity : And whereas the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State aforesaid, at their Session in *South Kingstown*, on the last *Monday in October* last, passed an Act ordering that *Thursday*, the Twenty-eighth Day of this Inst. *November*, be observed as a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, throughout the said State ; and forbidding all Manner of Recreation, Sports and servile Labour, on that Day ; and requested me to issue a Proclamation accordingly : I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit to issue this Proclamation, calling upon all the Inhabitants of the said State to keep and observe the said Twenty-eighth Day of *November* as a Day of Fasting and public Humiliation and Prayer ; and for that Purpose to assemble themselves in their usual Places of public Worship, and there most humbly confess before Almighty God their manifold Sins and Transgressions, and for the Sake and through the Merits of Jesus Christ, our all-sufficient Redeemer, most earnestly beseech him to pardon and forgive them ; and that it would please him to endue the CONGRESS of the UNITED STATES OF *AMERICA*, and the Legislature of each State, with all necessary Union, Wisdom, Resolution and Virtue, for the Preservation of their Liberties ; and to give to the Generals, Commanders, Officers and Forces, in the Service of the said UNITED STATES, by Land and Sea, Prudence and Fortitude ; and to crown their Arms with Success ; so that our cruel and unrelenting Enemies may be compelled to Peace upon safe and honorable Terms ; and particularly that he would be graciously pleased to afford his Protection to this State, which in so peculiar a Manner is exposed to the Violence and Depredations of the Enemy ; that it may please him to bless the Inhabitants of this and the other of the UNITED STATES with the Enjoyment of Health, and the Necessaries and Conveniences of Life ; and above all, that it would graciously please him to pour out his Holy Spirit upon the Land, so that we may become a holy and righteous People. And all Manner of Recreation, Sports and servile Labour, is forbidden on that Day.

G I V E N under my Hand, and the Seal of the said State, at Providence, this
*Fourth Day of November, in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Seventy-six.*

N I C H O L A S C O O K E .

By his Honor's Command,

H E N R Y W A R D, Secretary.

God save the United States of *America.*