

By the COUNCIL of the State of MASSACHUSETTS—

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

For a Day of public Humiliation and Prayer.

**I**T being the indispenfible Duty of Communities, as well as of Individuals, devoutly to acknowledge the Supreme RULER of the Universe: And in as much as the various Dispensations of His righteous Providence render it highly becoming the People of this State, in a public and solemn Manner, to exprefs their Obligations to Him, and their Dependance upon Him :

**W**E have therefore thought fit, by the Desire of the House of REPRESENTATIVES, to appoint THURSDAY the Fourth Day of *November* next, to be fet apart for the Purposes aforefaid : Earneftly recommending to Christians of every Denomination, to afsemble on that Day, in their refpective Congregations; penitently to confefs their Sins, humbling themfelves under the Tokens of GOD's holy Difpleafure, fupplicating his Pardon thro' the Redeemer, and refolving by his Grace to amend their Hearts and Lives ; to offer to Him their unfeigned Thankfgiving for his manifold unmerited Mercies, and their fervent Prayers for the gracious Interpofition of his Providence in their public Affairs ; That he would particularly fmile upon the Councils of this State ; That he would direct in the Formation of a Civil Conftitution, to the End that this People and fucceeding Generations, under a wife and faithful Administration of Government, may lead peaceable and quiet Lives—That he would at all Times afford his gracious Prefence and Influence in the CONGRESS of the UNITED-STATES, and prosper their Exertions, together with thofe of their ALLIES, for the fubduing of their Enemies, and the eftablifhing a Peace on fafe and lafting Foundations ; And that the Bleffings of Liberty and Peace may be extended to all Mankind.

And it is further recommended to all the People, that by the fubfequent Practice of every public and private Virtue, they may exhibit to the World the moft fubftantial Evidence of their Sincerity, in the Professions of that Day.

*GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in BOSTON, this Fifteenth Day of October, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand feven Hundred and feventy-nine ; and in the Fourth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

Jeremiah Powell,  
Artemas Ward,  
Walter Spooner,  
Thomas Cufhing,  
Samuel Adams,  
Benjamin White,  
Henry Gardner,  
Francis Dana,  
Timothy Danielson,  
Nathan Cufhing,  
Oliver Prefcott,  
Abraham Fuller,  
Samuel Niles,  
John Pitts,  
Aaron Wood.

By their Honor's Order,

JOHN AVERY, D. Sec'y.

*God Save the United States of America.*