



By the HONOURABLE

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# A Proclamation for a day of public Fasting & Prayer.

*THE righteous Judgments of GOD, who in the Course of His All-Governing Providence hath permitted, the Enemies of our holy Religion, and of our Nation, and Land, with the barbarous Savages of the Wilderness, in their Alliance, to make unjust Invasions, on the British Dominions, and Colonies in AMERICA; and by repeated Invasions, and Attacks on the inland Settlements, to Captivate, and inhumanly Murder many of the Inhabitants, & destroy their Substances, lay waste their Dwellings, and spread Desolation in diverse Parts of the Frontiers. The loss of so many Lives, in the defence of the Country the Year past. The state of Hostility which still continues, and may call for further Military Service and Expence. The Marks of divine Displeasure, by Earth-quake, in diverse Places, some whereof have been amazingly awful: The threatening Pressures of a mere general WAR, and other signal Frowns of divine Providence: The many sins, and Iniquities abounding in the Land: Our Dependence on GOD for His Salvations, for Success in our Undertakings; and for a Blessing on all our Concerns; loudly call upon, and admonish us, deeply to humble our selves before Him, and with most ardent Supplications to implore the divine Forgiveness, Protection, and Favour.*

**I** have therefore thought fit by, and with the advice of the Council, and at the desire of the Representatives in General Court Assembled, to Appoint, and do hereby Appoint *Wednesday* the seventh Day of *April* next, to be observed as a Day of public Fasting, and Prayer throughout this Colony, exhorting both Ministers, and People to humble themselves before the most high and holy GOD, under the rebukes of his hand, the tokens of his Anger, and the dark, and threatening aspects of his Providence towards our Nation, and Land, and with unfeigned sorrow of heart to lament that Profaneness, Impiety, breach of Covenant with our GOD; neglect of Gospel *Grace*, Justice, Contention, and Intemperance, to be found in the midst of us; and all other Land-dwelling Sins, for which GOD, in his holy Jealousy for the honour of his great Name, divine Laws, and Government, testifieth his Displeasure against his People, by the Judgments which he has made known among them; and by Repentance, Reformation, and renewed Dedication of themselves, and Services to GOD, to prepare to Meet him in the Ways of his Providence.

Likewise, To offer up fervent Prayer, and Supplications to Almighty GOD, for the King's most excellent Majesty, for their Royal Highnesses *GEORGE* Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family; that GOD would be pleased to direct the King's Council, succeed his Negotiations, and Armaments, for procuring, and establishing a safe, and lasting Peace; smile on, and bless the interest of our Nation; save us from the distressing Calamities of a General WAR; and settle Peace on just, and sure Foundation; Grant favour, and protection to the *British* Plantations, in America; direct to proper Measures for our Defence (and let the blessing of Heaven attend them) defeat the designs of our Enemies against us, restrain their Fury, and prevent their making further Devastation in the Land; guard our Sea-Coasts, and protect our Frontiers from the Ravages of a cruel, relentless Foe; that the Lord of Hosts, the GOD of the Armies of *Israel* would be graciously pleased to appear for us against our *Antichristian*, and *Heathen* Enemies; smile on our Military Enterprizes, and go forth with our Armies; preserve those who are, or shall be employed in our Defence, from Sickness, and from Sin, and cover their Heads in the day of Danger, and of Battle, and Crown them with Victory, and Success; Bless this Colony, continue to us our civil, and religious Privileges; give us favour in the Eyes of the King; preside in our public Councils, and bless our Administrations, and the means of Education, and Religion for suppressing Vice, and Iniquity and promoting Truth and Vertue; advance the Springing of the Year; protect our Trade, and Navigation; bless our Husbandry; and Crown the Year with Goodness, and Mercy.

And all servile Labour is hereby forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber at *Hartford* the Twenty-Fifth Day of *February*, in the Twenty-Ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign LORD *GEORGE* the Second, KING of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Anneque Domini*, 1756.

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# GOD Save the KING.