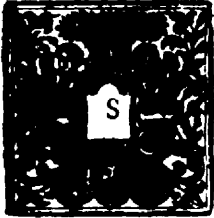


BY THE HONORABLE
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A PROCLAMATION.



SERIOUSLY considering the rights of Heaven in continuing the Calamities of War—The Displeasure of God manifested against our sinful Land, the Year past, in a very severe and distressing Drought, whereby the Fruits of the Earth have been greatly cut short.—The lamentable Impiety and Irreligion prevailing among us, and that under the most affecting Series of Judgments and Mercies; all which are loud Calls to the deepest Humiliation and Repentance.

I HAVE thought fit, with Advice of the Council, and Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, Wednesday, the Seventh Day of April next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of solemn Fasting and Prayer; earnestly exhorting all his Majesty's Subjects, Ministers and People, within this Colony, to a religious Observance of the same; deeply humbling themselves under the Judgments of God, for all the Impiety, Profanation of God's holy Name, Sabbaths and Ordinances; Neglects of Gospel Grace, Incurable Iniquity and Ingratitude; the Unrighteousness, Intemperance, Uncleanness, and all other Kinds of Iniquity abounding among us; and that they sincerely turn from all their Sins, unto God, thro' CHRIST, by deep Repentance, and thorough Reformation. And that they likewise offer up most fervent Prayers to the GOD of all Grace, for his Sacred Majesty King GEORGE the Third, our Gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, her Royal Highness, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family. That God would graciously direct the King's Council, bless his Administration of Government, succeed his Negotiations, abundantly prosper his Arms, and those of his Allies; prevent any further spreading of the War, speedily grant a favourable Issue of it, by the Establishment of a just, advantageous and lasting Peace, by the securing of the Protestant Interest, and great Enlargement of the REDEEMER'S Kingdom on Earth; and direct all the important Affairs of the Nation in much Mercy. That God would ever graciously regard our Land, and this Colony in particular; bless us in our Rulers; preserve to us all our Liberties and Privileges; direct and succeed the Agency of the Colony, at the Court of Great Britain, and preserve our Soldiery. That God would abundantly pour out his Spirit upon us, in this Time of great Security and growing Iniquity; succeed the Gospel Ministry; heal all our Divisions, by removing the Causes of them, uniting the Hearts of all his People in Truth and Love; bless the College, and other Schools of Learning; smile on his People in all their secular Interests; continue to us the great Blessing of Health; bring forward the springing of the Year, crown it with abundant Manifestations of His Goodness, and give us thankful, obedient Hearts, under the Receipt of all Divine Mercies.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand, in the Court Chamber in New-Haven, this Day of March, in the second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1762.

THOMAS FITCH.

GOD SAVE THE KING.