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# A PROCLAMATION.

**S**ERIOUSLY considering the dispensations of Divine Providence, in a very long scorching and distressing Drought the Year past, whereby much of the Fruits of the Earth were cut off, and many of the Fountains and Springs of Water were dried up.—In a close hard and expensive Winter, succeeding so great a scarcity of the Fruits of the Field threatening us with still further Distresses and Diminution of our Substance.—In the sore Sickness and numerous Deaths with which one part of our Soldiers were visited the last Campaign; whereby great Breaches are made, and many in particular are called to Mourning among us.—And in other Instances wherein God in righteousness is testifying his Displeasure against a sinful People.—Considering also the Prophaneness, Carelessness, neglect of Gospel Grace, Incurribleness, Intemperance, Debauchery and other lead-defiling Abominations visible in the midst of us; notwithstanding the awful Warnings given by alarming Judgments, and the powerful Arguments exhibited by distinguishing Mercies.—And that on Account of such public Calamities and prevailing Iniquities, it highly becomes us to reflect on Ourselves and our Ways and to humble ourselves before the Lord Our God, and to offer up importunate Supplications for the forgiveness of our Sins. And that God in Mercy would be pleased to avert his Anger, and grant us those Blessings we need, and are through the Divine Goodness encouraged on our Repentance to hope and trust in him for.

**T**HAT tho't fit, by and with the Advice of the Council to appoint, and do hereby appoint Wednesday the Sixth Day of April next, to be set apart, and observed as a Day of public Fasting and Prayer throughout this Colony, exhorting and enjoining all his Majesty's Subjects, both Ministers and People, to unite in attending and keeping the said Fast in a serious devout and becoming Manner, humbling themselves before the most high, under the repeated Corrections and Chastisements of his Providence, bewailing and lamenting our many Sins and Transgressions which are so highly provoking to God, and to return unto the Lord by Repentance and Reformation. Likewise to offer up fervent Prayers and Intercessions to Almighty GOD, the King of Kings, that he would bless our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, Our gracious Queen Charlotte, their Royal Highnesses George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family; direct the King's Councils, grant us the uninterrupted Enjoyment of the blessing of Peace, so happily settled on the Conclusion of a long and destructive War, and that Peace may more extensively take place among the Nations; shed favour to our Nation and Land; smile on and bless this Colony; continue to us our most valuable Liberties and Priviledges Civil and Religious; succeed our Administrations, the means of Religion and Education; avert his Anger and pour out upon us a Spirit of Repentance Reformation and of a sound Mind; heal our unhappy Divisions; and cause Peace, Charity, Righteousness, Truth and Order to be promoted and maintained among us; and that he who causeth the Grass to grow for the Cattle, and herbs for the service of Man, would in his great mercy advance the Springing of the Wheat, and cause the Earth to yield its Increase; save us from Droughts, Blasts, and other disolating Judgments; grant and continue health in the Land; bless the Labour of our hands, smile on and prosper us in all our Interests and Concerns, and crown the Year with Goodness: That God would cause the Gospel of his Son to be received and obeyed in its purity more abundantly among the Inhabitants of this Land; give us a very grateful Sense of his great Goodness in granting his People rest from War; and grant that both the Mercies and Judgments which God in his all-wise and over-ruling Providence is proving us with, may be improved to his Honour and Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day:

GIVEN under my Hand in *New-Engl.* the Twenty eighth Day of *February*, in the third 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*, 1763.

*Tho's Fitch.*

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