



By the HONOURABLE

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# A PROCLAMATION.

**S**ERIOUSLY and devoutly considering the dispensations of Divine Providence, in the Death of Our late most Excellent Sovereign King GEORGE the second, of Happy and Glorious Memory; In the continuation of a general, severe, long and expensive War; In the fore and distressing Sickness, and numerous Deaths in the several Parts of the Colony the Fall and Winter past; and also among our Soldiers the last Campaign, whereby great Breaches are made among us, and many in particular are called to Weeping and Mourning; and in various other Instances wherein it hath pleased Almighty GOD to testify his righteous Anger and Displeasure against us; considering also the deplorable Carelessness, contempt of Gospel Grace, disregard of the Lord's Day, Prophaneness, Uncharitableness, Ingratitude, Incuriousness, and other Vices and Immoralities visible among us, even after the many great and good Things which GOD hath done for our Nation and Land, and the repeated Cobstitutions of His Holy Hand; and that such public Judgments, and aggravated Iniquities, call for the deepest Humiliation and most importunate Supplications that GOD of His infinite Mercy would avert His Anger, forgive our Sins, and bestow on us the Blessings we need.

**I**HAVE tho't fit, by and with the Advice of the Council to appoint, and do hereby Appoint Wednesday, the Eighth Day of April next, to be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony; exhorting both Ministers and People to humble themselves before the most high GOD, under the rebukes of his Providence, and for their many Offences and Transgressions; and to unite in humble Prayer for the Pardon of our Iniquities, and for the gracious manifestations of Divine Love and Mercy.

Likewise, to offer up fervent Supplications and Intercessions to Almighty GOD, that he would bless His Sacred Majesty King GEORGE the Third, Her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family; mercifully direct the King's Councils, and succeed his Negotiations in the present critical Conjunction of Affairs, cause his Arms and those of his illustrious Allies in the several Parts of their Destination to be further Successful and Victorious during the continuance of the War; overrule the Commotions and Events thereof, for the Advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and in tender Compassion grant the Desolations and Calamities of War may speedily come to an End, and terminate in the Establishment of a Safe, Honourable and lasting Peace; that GOD would graciously protect and defend the British Nations and Dominions, and the Protestant Cause; Grant that the Knowledge of the only true GOD and Saviour of Mankind may be published and received among the heathen and Idolatrous Inhabitants of this Land.

That he would especially smile on and bless this Colony, and the Agency thereof at the Court of Great-Britain; Continue to us our inestimable Priviledges; bless us in our Civil and Sacred Interests and Administrations; succeed the Means both of Religion and Learning; commiserate the Sick among us; restore and continue Health in our Dwelling; advance the Springing of the Year: save from Wasting Judgments: bless the Labour of our hands: cause our Lands to yield their Increase; and Crown the Year with abundant Tokens of Goodness and Mercy.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand in Norwalk, the Ninth Day of March, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1761.

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# GOD Save the KING.