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A Proclamation for a public Fast.

Whereas we have abundant Reason for deep Humiliation before GOD, amidst all the signal Favours and Blessings, which a kind and indulgent Providence has conferred upon a sinful People, particularly on the Account of the many Calamities attending the War, which for so long a Time has been greatly distressing and extremely burthensome, and in which for the further Protection, and future Safety, and Security of his Majesty's Subjects in North-America, we are still engaged; on the Account of the Tokens of Divine Displeasure, in cutting short the latter Harvest in the Year past, at a Time of such great Expence, but more especially on the Account of the many Sins and Iniquities abounding among us, and our Ingratitude, and Impenitency under the various Dispensations of Divine Providence towards us, together with that Spirit of Contention and Division, so visible among us, and many other Sins, which are the procuring Causes of all those Calamities, by which a righteous God is testifying his Displeasure against us, and as the Prosperity of all our Affairs in the Course of the present Year, and the Success of all our future military Operations and Enterprises, intirely depend on the Smiles and Blessing of Almighty GOD, which is highly concerns us to seek after by fervent Prayer, and unfeigned Repentance and Reformation.

I have thought fit, with the Advice of the Council, and at the desire of the Representatives in General Court assembled, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint Wednesday the Ninth Day of April next to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of solemn Fasting and Prayer, exhorting all Ranks and Orders of Men duly and religiously to observe the same; to humble themselves deeply before GOD, for the many heinous and aggravated Sins-to be found among us, which expose us to the righteous Judgements of Heaven, and join in ardent and fervent Prayers to the GOD of all Grace, that he would pour out upon the Land a Spirit of Repentance, and universal Reformation.

And likewise to offer up earnest Prayers to Almighty GOD, that he would be graciously pleased to bless his sacred Majesty King GEORGE the Second, their Royal Highnesses George Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, the Princesses, and all the Royal Family, prolong the Life of our most gracious Sovereign, support him in his advanced Age, guide and influence his Councils, further prosper his Arms both by Sea and Land, and protect Great-Britain and Ireland from all threatened Invasions, that he would be pleased to support and maintain the Protestant Religion against all the Attempts of Antichristian Powers, to overthrow and subvert it, bless and succeed the Arms of his Majesty, and his Allies for this End, and lead the contending Powers in Europe, speedily to such a Peace as shall be for the Honour and Happiness of our Nation, and the Security of the Protestant Religion, and the Liberties of Europe. That GOD would protect and bless the British Colonies in America, save them from all further Depredations of their Enemies, prosper and succeed all our future Operations and Enterprises against them, and in particular that he would smile upon, and bless this Colony, continue our inestimable Privileges, civil and religious, bless our Agency in the Court of Great-Britain, give Wisdom and Integrity to our Civil Rulers, Prudence and Fidelity to the Ministers of the Gospel, and pour out his Spirit upon all our Churches, abundantly bless our Schools of Learning, prosper us in all our Affairs and Concerns, being forward the springing of the Year, and give Occasion in the close of it, to rejoice in his Mercy and Salvation.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, at the Council-Chamber, in Hartford, the 20th Day of March, in the Thirty third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno; Domini, 1760.

T H O M A S F I T C H.

G O D save the KING.