

T H O M A S F I T C H, Esq;

Governor of His Majesty's English Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*, in *America*.A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Day of public Fasting and Prayer.

W H E R E A S it hath pleased Almighty GOD in the Course of his all-governing Providence, (soon after the termination of a long and destructive War, by the Settlement of a happy Peace among the Nations) to permit the Savages of the Wilderness to break out in new and unexpected Acts of Hostility; attended in divers Parts of the Land with most inhumane and afflicting Barbarities and Devastations; and thereby to frustrate our pleasing Expectations of a general Tranquility: And by many other Tokens of divine Anger to testify his righteous Displeasure against the numerous Iniquities and Immoralities, so prevalent among us; all which demand our deepest and most solemn Humiliation and Repentance; and that, relying and humbly depending on the Goodness and Mercy of Him in whom we live, move, and have our Being, with ardent Supplications, we address the Throne of Grace, for the Smiles of Heaven on our Land, our People, and all our Interests, Spiritual and Temporal.

H A V E therefore tho't 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 Eleventh Day of April next*, to be set apart and observed as a Day of public Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony, exhorting both Ministers and People, with sincere Devotion and becoming Solemnity, to unite in attending upon and keeping said Fast; abasing themselves before GOD, under the righteous Judgments wherewith he hath been pleased to correct and rebuke us; lamenting that unhappy Spirit of Division and Uncharitableness, that Profaneness, Incurribleness, contempt of Gospel Grace and Mercy, Intemperance, and other vicious, immoral and disorderly Practices visible among us, and with unfeigned Repentance and amendment of Life to turn unto the Lord, whom, by our many aggravated Offences, we have so highly Provoked. Likewise, to offer up fervent Prayers and Intercessions to Him by whom Kings Reign for his most excellent Majesty King *GEORGE the Third*, for our gracious Queen *CHARLOTTE*, their Royal Highnesses *GEORGE Prince of Wales*, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family; That the most High would be graciously pleased to preside in and bless the King's Councils, direct the important Affairs of the Nation, grant favour and protection to the *British Plantations and Dominions in America*, shew Mercy and Compassion to such Parts of the Land as are or have been more especially exposed to the Ravages of the *Heathen*, restrain the remainder of their Wrath, dispose them to Peace, and to receive the Gospel of Peace, and make way for spreading the Knowledge of the true GOD, and of Our Lord and Saviour *JESUS CHRIST* among them; particularly, that GOD of his abundant Goodness would be pleased to smile on and bless this Colony, continue to us our precious Privileges civil and sacred, prevent a misuse of them, bless our civil Administrations, succeed and prosper the means of Religion and Education, pour out the influence of the Divine Spirit upon us, heal unhappy Divisions, cause a spirit of Union, Love, Charity and the fruits of Righteousness to increase and prevail among us, avert impending Evils, grant Health in our Dwellings, advance the Springing of the Year, cause the Earth to yield its Increase, save from desolating Judgments, bless us in the labour of our Hands, and in all our Interests, crown the Year with Goodness, and dispose us to a becoming Acknowledgement of GOD in all his Dispensations, to the Praise of his Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.