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A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Day of public **FASTING** and **PRAYER**.

SERIOUSLY considering the Frowns of Heaven on our Nation and Land, in the late Breaches, made in the Royal Family; The unbappy, divided and perplexing Situation of our public Affairs; and the unsettled State they are in; The dark and threatening Aspects of divine Providence, with regard to the Liberties and Peace, of this, and the other British Colonies and Plantations in America; and other Instances, wherein GOD in Righteousness, is testifying his Displeasure against us; and that the present Day, is a Day of Trouble, and of Rebuke.

Considering also, the Profaneness, Impiety, neglect of Gospel-Grace, contempt of sacred Things, Violence, Uncharitableness, corruption of Manners, Incurribleness, and other Immoralities and Abominations, prevalent in the Land: And that on account of such public Calamities, and prevailing Iniquities, it is highly incumbent on us, to reflect on our Woes; and with fervent acknowledgements of divine Chastisements, to humble ourselves before the LORD, with deep abasement of Soul;—implore the pardon of our Sins and Provocations;—supplicate the removal of his Judgments,—the returns of his Mercy,—and the enjoyment of those Blessings, Spiritual and Temporal, which, through the divine Goodness, we are encouraged to hope and trust in GOD for.

HAVE thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, Wednesday the *Sixteenth* Day of *April* next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer;—exhorting the Ministers and People, of every Denomination, with Decency, Sincerity and Devotion, to keep the said **FAST**;—humbling themselves before the **MOST HIGH**, in their public Solemnities, and private Retirements, under the righteous Judgments and Calamities, wherewith he is pleased to correct us;—lamenting and bewailing our Sins and Transgressions, which are so highly Provoking to GOD; and for which he is pleased to visit us with the Rod of his Anger; and to return unto the **LORD**, by true Repentance and Reformation: And with humble Dependence on the divine Mercy, to wait on him for the renewed Favours and Smiles of his Providence upon us.

LIKEWISE, to offer up fervent Prayers and Intercessions, to almighty GOD, for Our sovereign Lord 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 GOD would preside in, and direct the KING's Councils; succeed his Negotiations; over-rule the present Situation of the public Affairs, for the better Establishment of **LIBERTY** and **PEACE** in our Nation and Land;—scatter the Clouds that hang over us;—and avert impending Judgments:—That the GOD of our Fathers would vouchsafe to be our GOD, and bless this Colony, with the Blessings of his Goodness;—graciously continue to us our most valuable Liberties, Rights, and Privileges, civil and sacred;—dispose us to thankfulness for, and grant us Wisdom in, the Improvement of them;—give us Favour in the Sight of the King;—bless our Agency at the British Court;—succeed the Means of Religion and Education;—shed forth the efficacious Influences of the Spirit of Grace and Peace, more abundantly upon us;—heal our Divisions;—grant divine Council, Wisdom, and Faithfulness, to all in civil and sacred Employments;—spread the Gospel among the Heathen in this Land, and make the Name of **CHRIST** glorious through the Earth;—order Times and Seasons in Mercy;—prosper the Labour of our Hands;—advance the springing of the Year;—cause the Earth to yield its increase;—save from desolating Judgments;—grant us Health in our Dwellings;—bless us in all our Interests;—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 *Tenth* Day of *March*, in the Sixth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord **GEORGE** the Third, of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of Our LORD, *One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-six*.

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G O D save the KING.