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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.

CONSIDERING the scorching Drought the Summer past: The early Frost in Autumn, whereby the latter Harvest, in various Parts, was cut short: The close, severe, and expensive Winter following, whereby our Substance hath been still more diminished; and other corrective Dispensations of Divine Providence, wherein it hath pleased Almighty God, to testify his Righteous Displeasure against a sinful and unthankful People: That Carelessness and Indifferency about the important Concerns of Religion: That Profaneness, Uncharitableness, Uncleaness, disregard of the Lord's Day, and the special Duties of it, and other Vices and Immoralities, visible among us, which are so highly provoking to a Holy God; and which have a threatening Aspect on the Land: Considering also, our Dependance on Him, whose open Hand satisfieth the desire of every living Thing, for Deliverance from Evils, and for the Bestowment and Continuation of all the Favours we need; whereby we are admonished, and called upon, to humble ourselves before God, and to turn unto Him with all our Hearts; and by Fasting and Prayer, to wait upon Him for the Blessings of His Goodness.

I HAVE thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, that *Wednesday the Seventeenth Day of April* next, be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of public FASTING and PRAYER; exhorting both Ministers and People, of every Denomination, with becoming Serioulness, Devotion, and Solemnity, to unite in keeping said FAST; abasing themselves before the Most High; under an affecting Sense of the Rebukes and Chastisements of Heaven, wherein it hath pleased the Lord in Righteousness to visit his People: And with full Purpote of Heart to turn unto him by Repentance and Amendment of Life.

Likewise to offer up devout and fervent Prayers 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 be pleased, from Time to Time, to direct the King's Councils; succeed his Negotiations; grant his Favours and Blessings to the *British Dominions in America*; smile on this Colony; give us Favour at the Court of *Great-Britain*, and bless our Agency there: In much Mercy continue to us our most valuable Privileges and Immunities, both Civil and Religious, intire; dispose his People to a thankful Improvement of them; bless our civil Administrations; abundantly succeed the Means of Grace and Education; pour out the efficacious Influences of the Divine Spirit more plentifully upon us; avert those Evils our Sins have deserved; grant us a Spirit of Repentance and Reformation; favour us with Health in our Habitations; advance the Springing of the Year; cause the Earth to yield it's Increase; save from Blasts, Droughts, and other desolating Judgments; order the Seasons in Mercy; reserve for us the appointed Weeks of Harvest; bless us in the Labour of our Hands, and in all our Interests, and crown the Year with Goodness; grant that the Knowledge of the true GOD, and our Saviour JESUS CHRIST, may be more extensively promulgated through this Land, and be received in the Purity thereof; and that the LORD our GOD would incline and enable us to improve the various Dispensations of his Providence, to his own Honour and Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbid on said Day.

G I V E N under my Hand in *Norwalk*, the *Eleventh 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, 1765.

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