



By the HONOURABLE

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GOVERNOR of His Majesty's English Colony of Connecticut, in New-England, in America.

A PROCLAMATION For a Day of public Fasting and Prayer.

CONSIDERING the Displeasure of the most High, Manifest, not only in permitting our Nation and Land to be involved in a dangerous War, with a powerful antichristian Enemy, assailed with numerous Tribes of Indians, but also in permitting them to make frequent, and most effecting Depredations on several Parts of the Frontiers of the British Settlements, and more lately suffering them to take one of our important Fortresses with the Stores thereof from us, at the same Time permitting great Numbers of the unhappy Garrison to fall a Sacrifice to the Barbarous Savages of the Wilderness, who exercised their inhuman Cruelties in violation of the public Faith, and the most solemn Capitulation, whereby GOD hath in a more especial and awful Manner testified His Anger ag ist us.

Considering also, the many Distresses and Calamities brought on the Land now greatly Exhausted, Weakened, and Alarmed with fearful Expectations, and that it is a Day of great Perplexity and awful Rebuke, big with the most interesting and threatening Events of Providence, it becomes us before it be too Late to hear the Voice of the LORD in His Judgments, and deeply to Humble Ourselves before Him for our Own and our Land and Nations sins and Provocations; and with fervent supplications to seek the Favour and Blessing of Almighty GOD, who only is able to grant Deliverance and Salvation.

I have therefore, by, and With the Advice of the Council, thought fit to Appoint, and do hereby Appoint Wednesday the Thirty first Day of this Instant August, to be observed as a Day of solemn Fasting, Prayer and Humiliation throughout this Colony, earnestly Exhorting both Ministers and People to humble and abase themselves before the LORD under the awful Rebukes of his Holy Hand stretched out against us, and with unfeigned Repentance of their Sins and Abominations, whereby his Anger hath been kindled against us, to forsake their Evil Ways and turn unto him lest he utterly Destroy us.

And likewise to offer up most ardent Cries and Supplications to GOD, the GOD of Armies, that he would be graciously pleased to stay his Hand, mercifully prevent the further Progress of our Enemies against us, smile on, and bless the British Fleets and Arms in Europe and America, and especially those Preparations and Enterprizes which at this critical Conjuncture may be of highest Importance; vouchsafe his Allwise Council and most powerful Protection to the Officers and Soldiery, save them from Sickness and from Sin, cover their heads in the Day of Battle, crown them with Success and Victory, and Bless us in all our Interests.

And all servile Labour is hereby forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand at the Council Chamber in Hartford, this nineteenth Day of August in the Thirty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

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GOD save the KING.