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Governor of His Majesty's 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.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Colony, at the Sessions in October last, (considering the present peculiar and perplexed Situation of public Affairs, relating to this Colony, and the dark Aspects of Divine Providence, with regard to our most dear and valuable Rights and Privileges, and the Difficulties and Distresses we are or may be involved in) desired me (as soon as might be convenient) to appoint a Day of public Fasting and Prayer, to be attended in this Colony, fervently to implore Divine Aid Direction and Wisdom, as the melancholy State of Affairs requires; and that I would issue a Proclamation therefor accordingly.

I HAVE therefore, in pursuance of the aforesaid special Request of the said Assembly, thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint, *Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of December next*, to be attended and observed as a Day of *public Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony*; earnestly exhorting the Ministers and People of every Denomination, to keep the said *Fast*, as unto the Lord; humbling themselves before the most High, under the Rebukes of his Hand; the Manifestations of his Anger; the Tokens of his righteous Displeasure against us, and the threatening Aspects of his Providence, whereby the Days of Calamity seem to be at Hand; lamenting and mourning for their own Sins, and the Iniquities of the Land, which are so highly provoking to GOD; and to turn unto the LORD our GOD, with whom there is Mercy and Forgiveness, by sincere Repentance and Amendment of Life.

Likewise to offer up most fervent and devout Prayers and Supplications to the God of all Grace that he would, of his abundant Goodness, be pleased to shed abroad the efficacious Influences of the divine Spirit upon us; awaken us to a proper Sense of Duty; direct to serious and becoming Reflections on the Dispensations of his Providence; pour out upon us a Spirit of Prayer and Reformation; and prepare us for the Receipt of his Mercies; scatter the Clouds which are gathered so thick and dark over us; avert deserved and impending Judgments. That he who is the Fountain of Wisdom and Knowledge would be graciously pleased to grant to all Ranks and Orders of Men, that divine Aid, Direction and Wisdom, so especially needful in such a Day as this; smile on and bless this Colony in all its Interest; Give us Favour in the Sight of the King, and the great Councils of the Nation; still continue our most valuable Rights and Privileges; dispose us to a wise Improvement of them, and to an humble Trust in Him who rules over all, and to a becoming Acknowledgement of, and Submission to Him in all Things.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in *Norwalk*, the 25th Day of *November*, 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. *Annoque Domini, 1765.*

THO'S FITCH.

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