

COMMONWEALTH OF



MASSACHUSETTS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GASTON,

Governor:

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF

FASTING, HUMILIATION, AND PRAYER.

With the advice and consent of the Council, I do hereby appoint Thursday, the Eighth day of April next, to be observed throughout this Commonwealth as a day of FASTING, HUMILIATION, and PRAYER.

And I respectfully invite the people of this Commonwealth, humbly recognizing their dependence upon the Providence of God, to consecrate the day to His service; and for that purpose to assemble in their respective places of public worship, and by prayer and supplication seek for the forgiveness of our sins and for the continuance of Divine Mercy towards us as individuals and as a people.

Remembering that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," let us by our service seek the aid of Him who is "our refuge and our strength," in establishing in the hearts of our rulers and of our people the love of truth, of religion, and of justice, and in destroying, wherever it may be found, the spirit of oppression, of hatred, and of strife.

Let us invoke Almighty God to remember us always in mercy, to continue to us the bounties and benefactions of His Providence, to be unto us as He was to our fathers, and to ever lead us in the paths of righteousness and of peace.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twenty-fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-ninth.

WILLIAM GASTON.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COUNCIL. }

OLIVER WARNER, Secretary.

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.