



BY HIS EXCELLENCY
SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, ESQ.
Governor and Commander in Chief of the
State of *Connecticut*.

A PROCLAMATION:

ALTHOUGH we have abundant reason gratefully to adore the Divine *Gifts*, for the degree of plenty, the general health and tranquility, and many other blessings which the People of this State have enjoyed in the year past; yet we ought with humble Reverence, to notice the Dispensations of Divine Providence, in permitting devouring Insects to destroy the fruits of the Earth, and disappoint the hopes of the Husbandman in many places, in the last, and some preceding years; and other tokens of the righteous displeasure of Almighty GOD: And considering the prevalence of Vice, the profanation of the Sabbath, neglect of the Gospel and means of Grace, and other Immoralities visible in the land:

I HAVE thought fit, by and with the advice of Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, THURSDAY, the 17th of *April* next, to be religiously observed as a day of FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER throughout this State, earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of all denominations, to assemble for Divine Service, and with sincere repentance of all their offences, and becoming humility, to implore the forgiveness of all our iniquities and transgressions.

Also, to offer up fervent supplications to Almighty GOD, the Father of Mercies, that he may be graciously pleased to bless these United States; give wisdom, integrity, and firmness to our Councils; direct and influence their consultations, in such manner as eventually to promote the greatest prosperity and happiness of the Nation: That it may graciously please *Him* to smile upon and bless the people of this State; inspire them with wisdom, virtue, and a proper sense of the many favours and privileges conferred upon us: That it may please *Him* to grant us health in all our dwellings, and continue our land a quiet habitation: Bless us in our agriculture, and in all the labour of our hands; grant fruitful seasons; prosper us in our trade, navigation, and fishery; succeed the means of education; continue to us the Gospel and means of Grace, and make us a people of his praise; extend the peaceful influence of the Redeemer's kingdom over all the nations of the earth, and fill the world with his glory.

And all servile labour and recreations, are forbidden on said day.

Given at *Norwich*, the 21st day of *March*, in the year of our LORD, *One thousand, seven hundred and eighty-eight*, and in the *twelfth* year of the Independence of the United States of *America*.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

By his Excellency's command,
GEORGE WYLLYS, Sec'ry.