



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Samuel Huntington Esquire.

GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF of the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

NOTWITHSTANDING the great and multiplied Favours which Almighty God in the dispensation of divine Providence hath graciously bestowed upon the People of these United States, and this State in particular, whereby we have been highly favoured and distinguished, among the Nations of the Earth: yet considering the misimprovement we have made of the Blessings which we enjoy: the disposition which hath appeared in some parts of the Union to oppose and resist the due execution of Government, and that righteous Administration which under our happy Constitution is essential to render us safe, prosperous and happy: the prevalence of Vice and Wickedness in a variety of Practices, and the proneness of Mankind to forfeit their distinguishing Favours and Privileges by abuse of them in Times of Prosperity.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint **FRIDAY, the THIRD DAY of APRIL next**, to be observed as a Day of **HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER**, throughout this State; earnestly exhorting Ministers and People of all Denominations in their religious and solemn Assemblies, with becoming Humility and sincere Repentance of past Offences; to implore the Forgiveness of all our Iniquities and Transgressions: Also, with united Desires to offer up fervent Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God the Father of Mercies; that it may graciously please HIM to continue to us the peculiar and distinguishing Blessings, which we enjoy as a free confederated Republic; direct the Administration of the Federal Government in all its Departments for the best Purposes; graciously prolong the important Life and usefulness of the President of these United States; preserve us from the Calamities of War, and make us a Nation of HIS praise: That it may graciously please HIM to manifest his abundant Goodness and Mercies to the People of this State; bless them with Health; inspire them with a Spirit of Unanimity and Harmony, and a becoming Zeal to promote the true Interest and Happiness of the State, and with just sentiments of the sacred Importance of supporting a steady and righteous Administration of our happy and free Government; to preserve our inestimable Privileges; give Wisdom and Integrity to our Rulers; bless and prosper us in our Agriculture, Trade, Navigation and Fisheries, and all our lawful Employments; succeed the means of Grace and means of Education for the promotion of Virtue, undefiled Religion and useful Literature; cause the Earth to yield her Increase, and crown the Year with HIS Goodness; dispose the contending Nations to be at Peace; cause Wars to cease among the Inhabitants of the Earth; dispose the whole Family of Mankind to dwell as Brethren in Amity, and fill the World with the Knowledge and Glory of God.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at Norwich, the 10th Day of March, in the nineteenth Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the United States of America, Annoque Domini 1795.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

By his Excellency's Command,
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.