



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

Samuel Huntington Esquire.

GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

UPON due Consideration of the present critical Situation of our Public and National Concerns; the prevalence of Vice, Impiety and Irreligion; the distressing Sickness with which many Places have been and now are visited; and also considering our entire Dependence upon ALMIGHTY GOD, our Maker and Preserver, for all the Mercies and Favors we can hope for or expect to enjoy from the Divine Benificence, whether of a public or private nature.

I HAVE therefore thought fit by and with the advice of Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY the NINTH DAY 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 and social Worship; with becoming Humility and sincere Repentance to implore the Pardon and Forgiveness of all our Iniquities and Transgressions, whereby we have offended Almighty GOD, and become obnoxious to his Displeasure: Also, to offer up fervent Supplications to GOD the Father of Mercies; that it may graciously please HIM to bless the People of these United States; direct the Administration of the Federal Government in all its Departments; preserve us from the Calamities of War, and make us a Nation of his praise: That he may be graciously pleased 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 becoming Zeal to promote the Honor, true Interest and Happiness of the State; give Wisdom and Integrity to our Rulers; bless and prosper us in our Agriculture, Trade, Navigation and Fisheries, and in all our lawful Employments; succeed the means of Grace and means of Education for the promotion and increase of Virtue, undefiled Religion and useful Literature; cause the Earth to yield her increase, and crown the Year with his Goodness; dispose contending Nations to be at Peace on just and reasonable Terms, and fill the World with the Knowledge and Glory of God.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council Chamber in Hartford, the 12th Day of March, in the eighteenth Year of the Independence of the United States of America, Annoque Domini 1794.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON.

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