

# STATE OF VERMONT.

# A Proclamation BY THE GOVERNOR.

MAN, in his individual and associated capacity, is, and must ever be, entirely dependent upon the wise and beneficent Sovereign of the Universe. Being the subject of his creating power and preserving goodness, the obligation to acknowledge His authority, to obey His commands and submissively to acquiesce in His dispensations, will always remain: Nor is the term "Free and Independent," to which, as a people, we are so strongly attached, in any sense inconsistent with the profoundest acknowledgments of allegiance to the Providential and moral government of GOD:—Nor is freedom from these paramount duties and obligations either possible or desirable.

Agreeably to a long and wholesome usage, and in accordance with the principles and dictates of our Holy Religion which teach, not only the relation which individuals and communities sustain to GOD as subjects of his government, but also their dependance upon Him for mercy and pardon:—I do appoint FRIDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF APRIL NEXT, to be observed in offices of HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER.

And I would earnestly request all the inhabitants of this State to convene with their respective assemblies, and, in their temples dedicated to the worship of the MOST HIGH, with devout and contrite hearts, confess their sins and implore pardon and protection. And while we devoutly recognise our dependence upon the superintending Providence of ALMIGHTY GOD, and recount the blessings of the past year, let us seek his favor on the one upon which we have just entered, and with a deep sense of our unworthiness, with a spirit of sincere penitence, pray, that through the riches of the grace of our Divine Master we may receive forgiveness.

Let it be a day of faithful self examination; of holy resolutions to forsake all vicious practices, to resist temptations to sin by controlling every improper propensity and passion.

Let us commend ourselves with all our wants; our state, its government and concerns; our national rulers and all the interests of the Union, to the guidance and favor of Heaven.

Let us pray that peace may be enjoyed among ourselves and with all nations;—That plenty may abound in our storehouses and health in all our dwellings;—That the people may be prospered in all useful enterprises and callings;—That our colleges, academies and schools may be blest; that all who minister at the holy altar may feel their responsibility, faithfully discharge the duties of their high vocation and become instrumental in leading others in the "path that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day:" and finally, that all our fellow men who are either in physical, mental or moral slavery may enjoy the blessings of liberty and the opportunity of social and religious instruction.



*Given under my hand and the seal of said state,  
at Shoreham, this eighth day of March, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and thirty-nine, and of the Independence of  
the United States the sixty-third.*

SILAS H. JENISON.

By the Governor,

GEO. B. MANSER, Secretary.