

*In COMMITTEE of SAFETY, March 27th, 1778.*

ORDERED,

**T H A T** the following **P R O C L A M A T I O N** of the Hon'ble Continental **C O N G R E S S**, for a General **F A S T** throughout the **U N I T E D - S T A T E S**, be printed, and sent to the several Religious Societies in this State, to be observed agreeable to the Directions therein.

*M. WEARE*, Chairman,

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## A P R O C L A M A T I O N

*For a General F A S T,*

Throughout the United-States of **A M E R I C A**.

**I N C O N G R E S S**, March 7th, 1778.

**W** H E R E A S Almighty **G O D** in the righteous Dispensation of his Providence, hath permitted the continuation of a cruel and desolating **W A R** in our land ; and it being at all Times, the Duty of a People, to acknowledge **G O D** in all his Ways, and more especially to humble themselves before him when evident tokens of his Displeasure are manifested ;-- to acknowledge his righteous Government, confess and forsake their evil Ways, and implore his Mercy :

**R E S O L V E D,**

**T** H A T it be recommended to the **U N I T E D - S T A T E S** of **A M E R I C A** to set apart **W E D N E S D A Y** the 22d of **A P R I L** next, to be observed as a Day of **F A S T I N G**, **H U M I L I A T I O N** and **P R A Y E R** ; that at one time, and with one Voice, the Inhabitants may acknowledge the righteous Dispensations of Divine Providence, and confess their Iniquities and Transgressions for which the Land mourneth ; that they may implore the Mercy and Forgiveness of **G O D**, and beseech him that Vice, Profaneness, Extortion, and every Evil, may be done away, and that we may be a reformed and happy People ; that they may unite in humble and earnest Supplication ; that it may please Almighty **G O D** to guard and defend us against our enemies, and give Vigour and Success to our Military Operations by Sea and Land ; that it may please him to bless the Civil Rulers, and People, strengthen and perpetuate our Union, and in his own good Time, establish us in the peaceable Enjoyment of our Rights and Liberties ; that it may please him to bless our Schools and Seminaries of Learning, and make them Nurseries of true Piety, Virtue, and useful Knowledge ; that it may please him to cause the Earth to yield its Increase, and to crown the Year with his Goodness.

And it is recommended to the Inhabitants of the **U N I T E D - S T A T E S**, to abstain on that Day from Labour and Recreations.

By Order of **C O N G R E S S**,

**HENRY LAURENS**, President,

Attest,

**Charles Thomson**, Sec'ry.

**G O D S A V E T H E U N I T E D - S T A T E S O F A M E R I C A .**