

BOSTON.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 1832.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
LEVI LINCOLN,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A PROCLAMATION,  
FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC FASTING, HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

The Almighty Creator and Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, having permitted a dreadful Pestilence to waste the population of other portions of the Earth, and in his inscrutable Providence now visited with this fearful Judgment parts of our beloved country, bringing sickness and death to the *Habitations*, and apprehension and dismay to the *Hearts* of the People, it becomes the Citizens of this Commonwealth, with religious confidence in his unerring Wisdom, and in humble dependence upon his superintending mercy, to implore His gracious interposition for their deliverance and safety. Acknowledging, in penitence, their sins, and with a contrite sense of that unworthiness by which they have incurred the Divine Displeasure, may they prostrate themselves in filial submission before his impending correction, and with pious resignation to his Most Holy Will, seek, by Supplication and Repentance, his Forgiveness and Favor.

Under a deep sentiment of obligation to recognize, in all events, the Controlling Agency of the GIVER and PRESERVER of Life, and especially, in periods of great public calamity, to call upon Him, who alone is able to save, I appoint THURSDAY, THE NINTH OF AUGUST NEXT, to be observed as a Day of FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER, throughout the Commonwealth. And I invite the People of every Denomination, to assemble on that occasion, in their respective places of Public Worship, and commending themselves to the mercy which they need, fervently pray to God, through faith in his Blessed Son, for His *Gracious PARDON*, and His *Compassion* to SPARE and BLESS THEM;—That in His INFINITE GOODNESS, He would arrest, every where, the progress of the DESTROYING ANGEL, and deliver the places, which are now visited with mortal disease, from the further scourge of the Pestilence;—that He would restore Health to the Sick;—give Consolation to the Afflicted;—and inspire the minds of all Men with a sense of dependence upon the Administrations of His Providence, and of responsibility to His Most Righteous Government and Laws;—that their Hearts being more deeply touched with a near view, both of His JUDGMENTS and His MERCIES, they may hereafter serve Him with better purposes, and by purer lives.

And I earnestly recommend to the People of the Commonwealth to abstain from all labor and recreation, on the day of the appointed Fast, which may be inconsistent with the appropriate solemn observance and religious improvement of such an occasion.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and the fifty-seventh of the Independence of the United States.

LEVI LINCOLN.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council.

EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.  
*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

*Boston, Secretary's Office, July 27, 1832.*

The Reverend Clergy of all Denominations, are respectfully requested to communicate the foregoing Appointment of a Fast to their respective Congregations.

By His Excellency's Command,  
EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.

This sheet was issued so suddenly, that no printed Proclamation was sent out, as usual.