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A PROCLAMATION.

INASMUCH as the Smiles of Heaven render a People prosperous, successful and happy; it highly concerns them with sincere, devout and ardent Supplications, to implore the Divine Favour, with Humility, to ask the Pardon of their Offences, the averting of his Judgments, and the Removal of Frowns they are visited with. Seriously therefore, reflecting upon the gloomy Aspect of the present Day, in that lamentable Inattention to divine Things, Unthoughtfulness and Security, while signal Instances of the Goodness and Tenderneſs of the ALL-WISE DISPOSER OF EVENTS, are very frequently and peculiarly renewed to us. Reflecting also upon the many Land-defiling, and Heave-provoking Sins, that are prevalent among us, as Infidelity, Pride, Impenitence, Neglects of Gospel-Grace, and Ordinances, Profanation of GOD'S holy Name and Sabbath, and the many other Iniquities to be found among us; which multiplied Sins and evident Tokens of the Displeasure of a Righteous GOD, call aloud upon a People professing HIS NAME, and HIS all-pure Religion, to humble themselves in the Dust before HIM; and for their united Supplications and earnest Addresses to the Throne of Grace, for the Pardon of Sin, the Return of divine Mercy, the Influences of the Spirit, and those temporal Favors we need; and that by Repentance unfeign'd and with all our Hearts we may return unto the LORD.

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint *Wednesday the Eighth Day of April next, to be observed as a Day of Public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer throughout this Colony*; exhorting and directing all his Majesty's Subjects, both Ministers and People, of all Denominations, in their respective religious Societies, and public worshipping Assemblies, and private Retirements, with serious, becoming Devotion to attend and FAST; humbling themselves before the MOST-HIGH GOD, under the Tokens of his Displeasure, in with-holding the Influences of his Spirit and Grace; and bewailing our many Sins and Transgressions, and with humble Dependence upon Divine Mercy, thro' *Jesus Christ*, to wait for his gracious Returns with renewed Favors and Smiles upon us.

Also, to offer up fervent Prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, for our *rightful Sovereign, King GEORGE the Third, our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, the Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family*; that HE would enrich their Royal Hearts, with princely Gifts, and heavenly Graces; that GOD would graciously direct the King's Councils, succeed his Negotiations, and prosper his Government; continue his Protection to the *British Dominions*, and lengthen out the Peace of the Nation; ever make *this Colony*, the Subject of his Care, secure to us our valuable Privileges, civil and religious, teach us duly to prize, and wisely to improve them; grant us Favour in the Sight of the KING and at the *British Court*, and succeed our Agency there; bless all in civil and sacred Characters; smile on the Means of Education; the *Collage* in special; succeed Attempts for spreading the Gospel among the *Heathen* on this Continent, and dispose them cordially to receive it: In Mercy preserve all our Liberties; grant a copious Effusion of his *Holy Spirit*, for the Revival of Religion in our Land; order the Seasons mercifully; advance the *springing of the Year*; bless and succeed us in all our lawful Employments, and give us a plentiful Supply of the precious Fruits of the Earth; the great Blessing of Health in our Habitations, Peace in our Borders; and that we may be qualified for, and have the Happiness of that People whose GOD is the LORD.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under MY HAND, in the Council-Chamber, in HARTFORD, the Fourth Day of March, in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, Defender of the Faith, &c. *Antique Design.*

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GOD SAVE THE KING.