



By the Honourable
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New-England.

A Proclamation For a FAST.

After many and yet growing Provocations on our part, and among various humbling Corrections, and awful rebukes to our Military enterprizes laid on us: The Lord having stirred up the Spirit of our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN, to fit out an Expedition for the Suppression, of our French, and Pagan Inurious Neighbours, wherein in Obedience to Her Majesties Commands, this Government in concert with the Adjacent Provinces, are sending forth their Troops.

Therefore at the request of the General Assembly, and with the advice of the Council, I do hereby Order and appoint the last Wednesday of this Instant June, to be Religiously observed in the Dutys of a Publick Fast Throughout this Colony, exhorting and requiring all persons to endeavour a more thorough humiliation before God for, and Reformation of their provoking Evils; that Divine Anger may be Averted. As also fervently to Implore that Remission, Conduct, Aid and Success which we need, and must look unto our God for. That he would please to preserve and bless us in our Intrests, Civil, Sacred, Secular: Guide our Councils, Civil and Military, Support, Animate, Prosper our Forces, plead his own cause, Avenge our Blood, Rescue Captives, Secure his own Heritage, and enlarge his Dominions in these American Regions. Go on to Crown Her Majesties Councils and Arms, with those of Her Allies, with such Success as shall soon rescue Persecuted Protestants, from their bitter Sufferings, and restore Righteousness, and Peace to Europe, and hasten the Times of Refreshing wherein Peace, Truth, and Holiness shall be shewed down on the whole World. And I do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Servile Labour upon the said day.

Given under my Hand in *New Haven*, the Fifteenth Day of *June*, in the Eighth Year of Her Majesties Reign. *Annoque Domini. 1709.*

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God Save the Queen.