



By the HONOURABLE,

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GOVERNOUR of Her Majesties Colony of Connecticut.

A Proclamation for a general F A S T.

THE Present Distress upon us, by the Providence of GOD in the fore Drought, which has been so long continued throughout the Land; and more especially in some Parts of it, being, A Loud Voice from Heaven Awakening us, To a Deep Humiliation of our Selves before the LORD, whom we have Provoked to cut us Short of the Common Supports and Benefits of this Life; and,

To Address with *Fervent Supplication* our FATHER in Heaven, (who Mercifully disappointed our Fears, in the former part of the Summer, and Recovered to us, by Seasonable Showers, many of the Fruits of the Land, which were then greatly Languishing) that He would Graciously Visit the Earth, with the Latter Rains also, and preserve to us the Remaining Fruits of it.

UPON this Occasion, I have thought good, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council to appoint, and do hereby appoint, Wednesday, being the First Day of September next, to be Observed throughout this Colony by FASTING & PRAYER.

That we may all of us, with one heart, Seek the LORD, who is slow to Anger and of great Mercy; and Cry mightily to him,

That he would for his own Names Sake, Pour out his Spirit upon us, Pardon our many Transgressions, and particularly our great Abuse of those Blessings, in Respect of which, we are more especially under the Frown of his Providence at this Time.

That he would return to us in Mercy, Open his good Treasure, cause the Heaven to give Rain unto our Land, bless all the Work of our hands, and grant, That our hearts being filled with Food and Gladness, we may give Glory to his Great Name, and be more careful, to Serve him, in our Generation, with the Substance, which he is pleased to bestow upon us.

And I do earnestly Exhort all Persons, thus to pour out their Souls before the Lord on the said Day And add their Prayers, That GOD would graciously continue his Favour to Our Sovereign Lady the QUEEN, and grant that her Government may be under the constant Smiles of his Providence.

Hereby strictly Prohibiting all Servile Labour thereon.

Given under My Hand in New-*London*, the 24th. Day of August, Annoque Domini 1714. In the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady ANNE, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, QUEEN.

G. SALTONSTALL.

GOD Save the Queen.