



BY HIS EXCELLENCY,
THOMAS H. SEYMOUR,
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

LOOKING to the SUPREME BEING for help and guidance under every vicissitude of life, it becomes us to humble ourselves in His presence.

Such being the conviction of rational and accountable beings, I do hereby set apart FRIDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL next, to be observed throughout this State as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

And to the end that it may be properly regarded, I invite the ministers of every denomination and all the people of this State, to meet for public worship on that day in the churches dedicated to the MOST HIGH.

That we may entreat Him to rescue us from the grasp of evil and restore us to the embrace of that which is good; and, whilst sorrowing for past offenses, with sincere desire to keep His perfect law, we may become, through the precepts and example of our SAVIOUR, better fitted for the sublime realities of the future world.

Also that He will direct us aright in the discharge of our various duties and callings, and so instruct us in the exercise of that charity which adorns whilst it facilitates every good work, that mankind may be benefited by our labors: that He will sanctify the means of affording relief and comfort to all who suffer in mind, body or estate; and bless and preserve the cause of truth and justice here and every where.

And finally, that He will bless our State, and the States which are linked with it in bands of fraternal strength; and graciously order all things for the true freedom and lasting happiness of the great whole, so that the example of our Country may become a light to the nations, and its altars of religion refulgent with the light which shineth unto the perfect day.

L. S.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State at Hartford, this eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-sixth.

THO. H. SEYMOUR.

By His Excellency's command,

JOHN P. C. MATHER,

SECRETARY OF STATE.