



By the HONOURABLE

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GOVERNOUR of His MAJESTY'S Colony of CONNECTICUT,

A Proclamation for a Publick FAST.

THOUGH the various Influences of Divine Goodness that we are yet Favoured with, demand a Tribute of Gratitude and Praise to the Bountifull AUTHOR of them; Yet in as much as GOD'S Hand has been stretched out against us, and the Tokens of His Displeasure have been and are still so Evident in the Dispensations of His Providence towards us; *Particularly*, In cutting short the Former and the Latter Harvest in the Year past, in many parts of the Land, so that where Much was looked for it came to Little, and when it was brought Home He did Blow upon it; As also in the Length and Uncommon Severity of the Winter, by reason of which our Land Mourneeth, Many of our People are greatly Distressed, the Herds of Cattle are Perplexed, the Flocks of Sheep made Destitute; and further Calamities yet to be Feared: It is high Time for us to Seek the LORD till He send and rain Righteousness upon us.

I have therefore 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 publick Fasting and Prayer throughout this Colony; Exhorting both Ministers and People deeply to humble themselves before the Lord under a sense of our manifold Sins that have provoked his Displeasure against us, and earnestly to supplicate the turning away of his Wrath from us.

And also that fervent supplications be made to Almighty GOD, That he would bless, prosper and preserve Our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, Their Royal Highnesses the PRINCE and PRINCESS of Wales, and the rest of the ROYAL FAMILY; That all the publick Affairs of our Nation may be under the Conduct and Smiles of Heaven: That GOD would direct and bless his Majesty's Counsels, succeed his Arms in the just and necessary War he is engaged in; Especially that Success and Victory may attend his Majesty's Forces in the West-Indies, that GOD would preserve them from Sin, Sickness and the danger of the Seas, cover their heads in the day of Battle, and give them the shield of his Salvation, and that the present War may speedily terminate in a just and honourable Peace: That GOD would guard our Sea Coasts, relieve us under our Distresses, hasten and bless the Springing of the Year; preserve our Civil and Religious Privileges, and dis appoint all unjust disturbers of the publick Peace: That GOD would bless the Magistracy and Ministry, smile upon our College, and preserve peace and purity in our Churches, and succeed means used for Christianizing the Remains of the Indian Natives of this Land, and that the divine Blessing may attend our husbandry, Trade and Navigation; That GOD would give us a suitable Seed time, and reserve to us the appointed Weeks of a plentiful harvest, save us from his Judgments, and crown us with his loving Kindness and tender Mercy.

And all service Labour on said Day is hereby strictly forbidden.

Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber in Hartford, this Tenth Day of March, in the fourth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, of GREAT BRITAIN, God Save the King. Anno Domini, 1742, 43.

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