



BY THE HONORABLE

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Governor of the English Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*, in
AMERICA;

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of Fasting and Prayer.

CONSIDERING the present unhappy and increasing Difference between Great-Britain, and the English Colonies in America, will be a Subject of the wise Deliberation and Counsel of the British Parliament, in the present Session ;---and considering the awful Frowns of Divine Providence, in threatening these Colonies with the loss of their Liberties,---and of that Harmony, which hath so long subsisted between the Parent-State and them, so necessary for the mutual Interests of both Countries ;---we are loudly called upon, with true Humility, Sincerity and Fervey to look up to Almighty GOD, the Fountain of all Wisdom and Goodness,---to give Wisdom,---to forgive our Sins,---to avert the Tokens of His Anger,---and to remember Mercy for His People.



HAVE therefore, by and with the Advice of the Council, thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT, to be observed as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER throughout this Colony :---Hereby exhorting both Ministers and People of all Denominations, to humble themselves before GOD,---confessing our Sins, and entreating His Grace and Favour.

Particularly, to confess and lament our past neglects, and misimprovement of the inestimable Privileges of the Gospel, and trifling with the Liberties wherewith CHRIST hath made us free ;---mourn for our Pride, Sensuality, Worldliness, Security, and insensibility of the Obligations we are under to the Divine Author of all our Blessings :---To consider how far we have abused our Civil Liberties, and made them the occasion and means of Vanity, Luxury and Dissipation.

To offer up fervent Supplications to GOD, for His gracious Presence with us---to give us true Repentance and Reformation---to make us fully sensible that our Dependence must be on His Power and Grace alone, to deliver us from all the Evils we feel or fear ;---that He would not leave us to trust in an Arm of Flesh ;---that He would preserve us from a Spirit of Licentiousness, and from all unlawful and unjustifiable Means to obtain Redress ;---that GOD would dwell in and bless this Colony,---preserve all our Rights and Privileges,---bless and guide the Civil Rulers, in this, and the other Colonies,---dispose them to exert their Authority and Influence to suppress Vice, and every Thing offensive to GOD,---to promote Virtue, and stedfastly pursue the best Means to restore Tranquility to the Colonies,---Harmony between the Mother-Country and them,---and to preserve, secure and establish their Liberties.

And likewise to offer up fervent Prayers, for His Majesty King GEORGE the Third, for our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, the Prince of WALES, and the rest of the Royal Family :---That GOD would direct and incline the Heart of the King, and British Parliament, to such wise, equitable and righteous Measures as may preserve and secure the just Rights and Liberties---the Prosperity and Tranquility of the whole *British Empire*.

In our present dark and distressed State, I do heartily recommend to the several Churches, and Societies of Christians in this Colony, as frequently as their Circumstances will permit, Seasons of Prayer to Him, who has graciously stiled Himself a GOD hearing Prayer. And do further exhort all, on the Day of our Humiliation, to pray fervently for the effusion of the HOLY SPIRIT, the revival of Religion and Virtue, in this and all the Colonies, in our Nation, and through the Christian World ;---and that all Nations may be given to CHRIST, and be made free in Him.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand in the Council-Chamber in Hartford, the fifth Day of January, in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini,

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G O D save the KING.