



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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A PROCLAMATION.

REVERING the wise and pious Example of our venerable Forefathers, in their Institution of appropriate Days to be set apart for solemn, social and religious Duties :

I HAVE thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint **FRIDAY THE THIRTIETH DAY** of March next, to be observed throughout this State, as a Day of **PUBLIC FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER.** And I do hereby recommend to Ministers and People of all Denominations, in their solemn assemblies, and in their private retirements, to attend devoutly to the religious Duties of the Day ; particularly to recollect, and seriously to reflect upon the many and various Sins whereby we provoke the just displeasure of a **Holy GOD**, who hateth all Iniquity, and will punish with **HIS** righteous Indignation every Sinner who continueth unrepentant in his sinful and ungodly Deeds :—to consider and lament, our public and national, as well as private and individual Errors and Vices, which are displeasing to **GOD**, and injurious to ourselves and to our Country :—To add also to these reflections our sincere Repentance for all our Sins and Backslidings from the ways of Truth, Virtue and Righteousness ; devoutly imploring; through our Great Mediator, the pardoning Mercy of our **GOD** for past offences, and **HIS** Divine Influence and Aid in our future conduct and walk before **HIM.**

At the same time, let us offer our joint and fervent petitions to Almighty **GOD**, the **GOD** of our Fathers, for **HIS** Blessing on our Persons, our State, our Nation and Land.—That **HE** would afford us the Influences of **HIS** Divine Grace, and the Guidance of **HIS** Holy Spirit ;—That **HE** would enlighten us in the Knowledge of **HIS** Mind and Will ; more especially as regards our Religious Duties towards our **GOD**, and to our fellow men, and make us conscientiously observant of our several Duties and Relations :—That **HE** would continue to us, in its purity, the Enjoyment of **HIS** blessed Gospel, and lead the People to a careful and faithful observance of its Doctrines, Precepts and Institutions :—That **HE** would bless our Ministers of the Gospel, and make them wise and prudent Expositors of **HIS** revealed Truths :—Regard with **HIS** peculiar Grace and Favor the Youth of our Land, the rising Generation, to which end, that **HE** would bless our Colleges and all Schools of Learning, and cause that they be furnished with pious and upright Professors, Teachers and Instructors, who, in aid of the Parents' early endeavors, may faithfully store the minds of the Youths with the Doctrines of Religion and Morality, as well as instruct them in the knowledge of common Learning, Arts, Sciences and their social Duties.—Also that our God would smile on and prosper the public and private concerns of the United States and of this State :—That **HE** would grant **HIS** special presence with and direction to the President of these United States, and superintend the general welfare of the Nation. That **HE** would bless the Administration of this State, and succeed its Counsels and all our public Concerns. Smile on the lawful Industry of our People in their various Labors and Employments, and make us to rejoice in general Health, Plenty and Peace. Harmonize the minds of the People in the pursuit of their best Interests,—the cause and practice of Religion, Morality, civil order and Righteousness. That **HE** would enlighten all Nations with the Influences of **HIS** Gracious Gospel ;—enlarge the hearts of men with Love and universal Benevolence, and fill the Earth with **HIS** Glorious Goodness.

All servile Labor and Recreations on said Day are by Law forbidden.

GIVEN under my Hand at Lebanon in said State, this Twenty-Fifth Day of February in the Year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Four, and of the Independence of the United States the Twenty-Eighth.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By his Excellency's Command,

SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.