



BY THE HONORABLE

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A PROCLAMATION.

It being an acknowledged Duty, highly becoming a sinful People, to consider the Error of their Ways, to humble themselves before God, for their manifold offences against His Holy Laws and Righteous Government;—and to turn from their Sins and Ingratitude, by sincere Repentance, and deep Contrition of Spirit:—

IN pursuance of this Idea, and in conformity to the ancient and very laudable practice of this State, I have thought proper, with Advice of Council, to appoint, and Do hereby appoint, FRIDAY the SIXTH DAY of APRIL next, to be set apart, and observed as a Day of Solemn FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER:—Hereby earnestly calling on Ministers and People, of all Denominations, not only in their Public and Solemn Assemblies, but in their private retirements on that day, to commune with their own Hearts; to consider the Errors of their Ways;—to humble themselves before GOD, for their many and provoking Sins, of which they have been guilty;—and to form with themselves sincere resolutions, by the Aids of Divine Grace, to amend their Ways and turn to GOD, in the Spirit of Divine Love and new Obedience; in humble Hope, that GOD may pardon their Sins, and heal their Iniquities—that they may live before him.—At the same time, to consider and lament the many heinous Vices, which are prevalent in our Land at this Day:—particularly the increase of Infidelity and Profaneness;—the neglect of the Gospel of our GREAT REDEEMER;—the growing Indifference to the Institution of the Sabbath, and Public Divine Worship;—with the increasing neglect of Gospel Ordinances and Benefits,—and our aggravated Ingratitude to GOD, and unfruitfulness towards HIM, under the receipt of all the rich Mercies, both of Providence and Grace, with which HE has been pleased to indulge us.

Also to offer up our fervent and sincere Prayers and Supplications to Almighty GOD,—the GOD of all Grace and Mercy—That HE will be pleased to shower down upon us the Influences of His Holy Spirit;—give us true and genuine Repentance for all our many Sins and Offences against HIM, together with the Spirit of sincere Amendment in our future Lives and Practice; promote the Cause of Truth and Righteousness among the People;—and revive the genuine spirit and practice of Gospel Religion in our Land.—That HE will bless the public Interests of the State, and the private Concerns of the People;—give Wisdom and Stability to our public Councils, and prosper our Agriculture, Trade, Arts, and internal laudable pursuits;—succeed our Commerce, Navigation, and external enterprise;—and fill our Hearts with holy Gratitude for all HIS Mercies. That HE will teach us to consider and wisely to improve His late Providential Dispensations towards this State;—and help us devoutly to pray, that, while Death is removing from among us, one and another of our Eminent Men,—Eminent for Character, Wisdom and Usefulness in Church and State, it may please that GOD, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, to raise up others, who may take the places of their civil and clerical Fathers, who are gone;—and like them, conduct themselves worthily in their day, for the Glory of GOD, and the best good of the People. Help the People of this State, and of the United States, wisely and seriously to contemplate the great Events of Providence which are taking place on the other Continent:—and while we view the troubles and calamities in which the Nations there are involved, teach us to adore the Goodness of GOD, which has permitted us to dwell in so much Safety, Peace, and Tranquillity as we have hitherto experienced:—and lead us devoutly to pray, that GOD will be pleased, still to continue to our Nation, the enjoyment of these inestimable blessings. Give Wisdom to the President of the United States; support and animate him in the Execution of those arduous Duties to which he is called at this critical and eventful period. Direct the Legislature of the United States in their Deliberations;—and influence them in the Spirit of Union and Harmony, to adopt such measures as may best tend to secure and preserve to our Country the continuance of Peace; and to increase and establish our general happiness and prosperity. Bless our public Colleges and private Seminaries of Learning;—Extend Light and Knowledge to the dark and remote parts of the Earth;—Still the tumults of contending Nations:—Give Peace to the World; and Fill the Earth with his Glory.

All servile Labour and Recreations on said Day are forbidden.

GIVEN under my Hand at Lebanon, in said State, this first Day of March, 1798.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By His Honour's Command,
SAMUEL WYLLIS, Sec'y.