



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN AND OVER THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

A PROCLAMATION.

TO call the attention of the People of this State to a serious consideration and review of their moral and religious conduct—to solemn reflections on the errors of their ways—and to sincere repentance for their numerous sins against the Divine Laws of a holy and righteous GOD—

I HAVE thought proper to appoint and I do hereby appoint FRIDAY the Eleventh Day of APRIL next, to be set apart and observed, throughout this State, as a Day of solemn HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER: And I do earnestly recommend to ministers and people, seriously to consider and call to mind their many and heinous offences, whereby they have provoked the displeasure of that GOD, who is a jealous GOD—jealous for the honor of his holy law, and the support of his righteous government:—Sincerely to repent them for their many transgressions—devoutly to implore the pardoning mercy and favor of GOD, who is gracious and long-suffering, and who delighteth to forgive the iniquities of repentant and returning sinners; and humbly to supplicate the assistance of Divine Grace to direct them in their future ways. Also seriously to consider our public and national situation and relations, together with the tumults and convulsions which so singularly shake the nations of the earth at this day: And to reflect and consider, what may be the sins and the crimes which prevail in our land, and which, if unlamented and not forsaken, may bring our nation to a participation in the judgments of an offended GOD, “when the LORD cometh out of his place, to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.”

At the same time, to devoutly offer our prayers to ALMIGHTY GOD, for his continued blessing on our State, our Nation, and our Land. Particularly, that he will be pleased graciously to direct, by the influences of his Holy Spirit, our rising and the risen generations, that they may walk in his fear and be guided by his counsel; that he would revive the declining interests of religion and virtue; dispose the people to reverence his Sabbath, his gospel, his institutions and his ordinances; teach them to respect and support the government of their own choice; to regard and practise *family government*, social order, and internal harmony; that he would pour his choice blessings on our Schools and Seminaries of learning, and make them rich fountains of useful science, *good order*, pure morals, and true religion; prosper and succeed our agriculture, manufactures, commerce, navigation, arts, and general industry; direct and influence all orders of men, in their several stations, to a faithful discharge of their respective duties; continue the great blessing of health, and graciously defend us in future, from the wasting destruction of the pestilence; and fill our hearts with gratitude, joy and gladness for all His mercies.

Also that He would mercifully preside over the general welfare of our nation; preserve these United States from external wars and violence of men, and from internal discords and disunion; prosper our national means of defence; give us harmony in council, with a general spirit of love and benevolence towards each other; and make us a people to fear and to praise the LORD, that we may be a nation exalted by His blessing and protection.

And that He would teach the nation to adore His sovereignty in the late dispensation of his wise and holy Providence, in the death of our revered and beloved *Washington*; and while, with humble submission, we bow before his Divine will in this event, may we be led to look up to him, with whom is the residue of the Spirit, and to pray—That, since our *Moses* is taken from us into heaven, his spirit may rest upon our present and future civil fathers, and that, like him, they may be enabled to lead us, in the wisdom, integrity and uprightness of their hearts, and to guide us with the skilfulness of their hands.

ALL servile labor and recreations on said day are by law forbidden.

Given under my hand at *Lebanon* in said state, this first day of March, in the year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred, and of the independence of the United States of America, the twenty-fourth.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By his Excellency's Command,

SAMUEL WYLLYS, *Secretary.*