



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF in and over the STATE of CONNECTICUT in
NEW-ENGLAND.

A PROCLAMATION.

THE Season of the Year is again arrived, when, agreeably to the pious Example of our venerable Forefathers, the first Settlers of this pleasant and fruitful Land, we have been wont to be talk'd upon, publicly and unfeign'dly to seek the Favor of our GOD, sincerely repenting of our Sins and Ingratitude, devoutly asking His gracious Forgiveness, and humbly imploring His Divine Blessing and Influence on our Persons and Employments through the Course of the ensuing Year—

FOR this laudable Purpose therefore, I have thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint FRIDAY THE EIGHTH DAY of April next, to be kept and observed throughout this State, as a Day of PUBLIC HUMILIATION, SOLEMN FASTING AND DEVOUT PRAYER TO AMIGHTY GOD:— Earnestly entreating Ministers and People of all Denominations, with deep and serious Consideration, to attend to the appropriate Duties of the Day. That a Day of Humiliation may be solemnized, such as the LORD our GOD may be pleased to own and to bless: A Day on which the People may “rend their Hearts and not their Garments, and turn unto the LORD, from whom they have backslidden, with Fasting, with Weeping and with Mourning;”—weeping for their Sins, and mourning for their Iniquities and Ingratitude.—“For the LORD our GOD is gracious and merciful, slow to Anger, and of great Compassion.”—And who knoweth, if HE may return unto us with His Pardon and Blessing—even with His choice Blessing, the Influences of His Grace and Holy Spirit, from Heaven above,—and also the Blessings of the Earth and of the Sea,—even a Meat-Offering and a Drink-Offering, wherewith we may hereafter come before HIM, with Praise and Thanksgiving for all His Mercies.

At the same Time, may our Prayers ascend to Almighty GOD, the GOD of our Fathers, begging through the Intercession of our Divine Mediator, the free and gracious Pardon of all our Sins and Unworthiness, with the Influences of His Holy Spirit, to guide us in our future Walk, in the Fear and in the Favor of our GOD. That HE will be pleased to Bless us in our private Interests, and in our public Relations. That HE will guide the public Councils and Administration of these United States. Particularly bless by His Wisdom, and direct by His Counsel, the President of these United States; that in Wisdom and Integrity, he may be enabled to go out and to come in, before this so great People, over whom he is set to preside. That GOD may be pleased to bless the public and private Concerns of this State:—Direct our public Councils for the best good of the People,—and Influence all our Rulers and Officers to a faithful and upright discharge of their various and respective Duties. That he will invigorate the Cause of Religion and Virtue among us;—succeed a preached Gospel;—stay the Progress of Vice and Iniquity;—stop the growth of Immorality, Profaneness, and Infidelity;—and control the Influence of Impiety, Licentiousness, and every Practice displeasing to the Divine Mind and Will. That HE will prosper and succeed all lawful Pursuits in our Agriculture, Commerce, Trade, Navigation, Arts, and General Industry and Enterprise. Bless our Colleges and Schools of Learning. Continue to us the great Blessing of Health. Give us fruitful Seasons, clothing our Fields with Plenty;—and fill our Hearts with Love and Gratitude for all His Favors. Diffuse more generally the knowledge and the practice of true and genuine Liberty. Impress on the Minds of the People, a Spirit of Love and Benevolence towards each other, and all Mankind. Extend the Blessings of a pure and Holy Religion, and the acknowledgment of the SAVIOUR throughout the World;—and fill the Earth with His Glory.

All servile Labour 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 Three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, Twenty-Second.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By His Excellency's Command,

SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.

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