



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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A PROCLAMATION.

IMPRESSED with a lively sense of our constant dependence on GOD for all our mercies both spiritual and temporal, and deeply lamenting the unworthy returns which we make to our Great Benefactor for all the favours with which we are indulged,—

I HAVE thought proper, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, FRIDAY the TWELFTH DAY of April next, to be observed throughout this State, as a day of **FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER**: That we may consider the evil of our ways, and repent us of all the ungodly deeds which we have committed against the laws and will of the LORD our GOD, the GOD of all our mercies,—our Great Preserver and Gracious Redeemer. Numerous are the sins, of a public and a private nature, with which we provoke the displeasure of a holy and heart-searching GOD.—An attempt to particularise them, would be fruitless and unavailing. Every one, on suitable reflection, may know the plague of his own heart. Let each individual, on that solemn day, examine his own conduct,—let him search out and discover his own sins and follies, and sincerely repenting, let him beg the pardoning grace and mercy of that GOD whom he has offended;—supplicating also HIS divine influence to direct him in future, to a better and more acceptable course of life.

In addition to these duties of private retirement, let us publicly and unitedly, in the public assemblies of the people, offer up our sincere and devout supplications, that GOD would be pleased to send us in a humble repentance for, and freely to pardon all our sins, through the mediation of our Great Redeemer. That GOD would direct us, by the teaching of HIS Holy Spirit, in all our ways: Influence us to a right discharge of all our duties, religious, moral and social, that we may be a nation to HIS praise, and a people to HIS glory. That GOD would be pleased to bless us in all our lawful concerns, of a public and a private nature. That HE would direct by HIS wisdom, the President of the United States, and influence him to a faithful and upright discharge of all his important duties. That GOD would superintend the legislative, administrative and judicial deliberations and decisions of the nation, and of the several states, and make them subservient to the best interests of the people: That HE would direct all orders of men, civil, religious and literary, fit them for their respective stations, and lead them to know and promote HIS Divine Will: Cherish our schools and seminaries of learning, and make them nurseries of religion, morality, good order, and social virtue. That GOD would be pleased to bless peculiarly the rising generation,—the hope of our country; that they may be virtuously prepared to take the places of their fathers who are passing off the stage, and be furnished to act worthily in their day, for their GOD and their country. Prosper the lawful undertakings of the people in their agriculture, trade, navigation, arts, and all their laudable pursuits: Give health in our dwellings and peace within our borders: And mercifully watch over our land for good.—Lead the people of this country to eye the Hand of GOD in our Providential government of the world; particularly in the various revolutions, troubles and confusions which are wonderfully prevalent at this day,—and with which distant nations are peculiarly agitated;—and teach us to adore the goodness of that GOD, who amidst all these convulsions, permits the people of these United States to dwell in so much security: Help also our people wisely to improve the safety and quiet which they enjoy, and devoutly to pray, that GOD who has hitherto done so great things for our country, may still bless us with HIS special presence and favor, and protect us from all dangers. Bless the world of mankind; and fill the earth with HIS glory.

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

GIVEN under my hand at Lebanon in said State, the Fourth day of March in the year of our LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-Ninth, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Twenty-Ninth.

JONATHAN

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

SAMUEL WYLLYS, SECRETARY.