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A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

FORASMUCH as all Mankind, and all Communities of Men, have an absolute, entire, and necessary Dependence on GOD for all the good Things they want, it is right and fit we should seek to him for all the Favours we need, and praise him for all the Blessings and Comforts we enjoy;---that we be humbled under his Frowns and Threatnings, and look and wait for his Salvation: Under them his holy Word, and the Examples of holy Men, teach us, that we should seek him with Fasting and Prayer, with penitent Confession of our Sins, and hope in his Mercy through JESUS CHRIST the Great REDEEMER. Although GOD has bestowed upon us in this Colony, many unmerited Favours in the Year past,---yet he has frowned upon us, in taking away several useful and valuable Men; and by grievous and distressing Sickness in some of our Towns; but especially considering our Sins against GOD, Contempt of the Grace of the Gospel, neglect of family Prayer, and of public Worship,---Profanation and Abuse of the Sabbath, and the increase of Vice, Irreligion and Impiety amongst us.



HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER throughout this Colony, by People of all Denominations;---hereby exhorting both Ministers and People, to humble themselves under the Frowns and Threatnings of GOD; to confess and mourn for our Sins,---our heinous Ingratitude to the Author of all Good,---for our Misimprovement and Abuse of his Mercies; and for all the Vices and Impieties that are found amongst us: And fervently to beg that the divine Grace and Spirit may awaken us all to a true and sincere Repentance, and thorough Reformation: That GOD will Pardon us---dwell amongst us---make his Face to shine upon us---and give us Peace.

And to offer up hearty Prayers to GOD for the Preservation of the precious Life of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Third, and make his Reign long and prosperous, glorious to Himself, and happy for all his People;---for our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, his Royal Highness GEORGE Prince of WALES, and for all the Royal Family.

That GOD will bless and succeed our Agency at the British Court, and incline the King to hear us when we call.

That He will bless our Civil Rulers, direct them in their Administrations, make them Terrors to Evil-doers, and a Praise them that do well,---and give them the Happiness to maintain and promote Peace, Righteousness and public Virtue amongst us.

That He will continue all our Civil and Religious Liberties as long as Time shall last; and teach us to make a just and wise Improvement of them. That He will bless the Gospel Ministers, and make the Weapons of their Warfare not carnal but mighty through GOD, to pull down the strong Holds of Sin and Satan, and every Thing that exalteth itself against the Knowledge of GOD, bringing into Captivity every Thought to the Obedience of CHRIST. That He will edify and confirm the Churches in the pure Doctrines and Obedience of the Gospel. That He will bless the College, and make it more and more a Blessing to the Colony and the Land; send his Salvation to the Heathen, and prosper the endeavours used to bring them to embrace Christianity: Give us Health and fruitful Seasons: Succeed our Labours, Trade, and Business, and give us a plentiful Harvest: Deliver us from our Burdens, and make us a People of his Praise, and fill the whole Earth with his Glory.

All servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand at the COUNCIL-CHAMBER at HARTFORD, the ninth Day of *March*, in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.
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G O D save the KING.