

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, ESQUIRE,
Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of
Connecticut, in America;

A PROCLAMATION.

ALTHOUGH we have great Reason to adore the Divine Goodness for the Restoration of Peace and Establishment of Independence to the United States, and for the Plenty and general Health we have enjoyed in the past Year :--- Yet considering that in all our Affairs it becomes us to have the greatest Regard to GOD the Supreme Disposer of all Things, and earnestly to seek his Favour and Blessing upon our Labours, and upon all our Undertakings, and especially upon the Public Affairs of this and the Rest of the United States ;---and that all our Salvation and the Supply of all our Wants, spiritual and temporal, depend on his good Pleasure, to whom we are to seek for all Good.

I HAVE therefore, by and with Advice of Council, thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint, THURSDAY the fifteenth Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of Public FASTING and PRAYER throughout this State ; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People of all Denominations, sincerely to humble themselves before GOD, with Contrition of Soul confessing their Sins and humbly intreating his Divine Grace, Protection, Wisdom and Blessing. Particularly, to confess and bewail their Neglect and Abuses of Gospel Grace, Profanation of the Lord's Day, and Contempt of Sacred Things ;---to mourn over all the Immoralities and Abominations prevalent in the Land. Upon this Day of our Solemnity, every one to humble himself for his own Iniquities with the several Aggravations of them, and to know every one the Plague of his own Heart, to turn from his Sins and to return unto the Lord, that we may fear him all the Days which we live in the Land which he gave to our Fathers, and wherein he hath established our Freedom and Independence ;---to offer up fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD for plentiful Out-pourings of his Holy Spirit and Grace upon us, to work in us unfeigned Repentance, Faith, Love and Trust in GOD ; that he would preserve and confirm that Religion and Virtue which will honor him and be our greatest Honor and Security.

And likewise to offer up devout Prayers for the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, that God would give them Wisdom, direct their Councils, and the Councils of the respective States, and lead them into such just and righteous Measures as shall terminate in the Glory of GOD, and the Establishment of the Government, Peace and Tranquility of this new rising Nation---bless and guide our Civil Rulers---succeed the Gospel Ministry---smile on and bless the College and Schools of Learning---prosper Endeavours for Peace with, and the Conversion of the Heathen---give suitable Seasons for our Health and for the Fruits of the Earth---succeed our Labours and Husbandry---cause the Earth to yield her Increase, and bless us with a plentiful Harvest---prosper our Trade and Commerce---cause true and undefiled Religion to flourish, and make known Christ and his Salvation to the Ends of the Earth.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

G I V E N under my Hand at Lebanon, this 22d Day of March, in the Year of our Lord, one Thousand seven Hundred and Eighty-four, and in the eighth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.