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

AS all Kingdoms, States, and Societies of Men have a necessary, and absolute Dependence on GOD, who is the Source of all Good, and the Author of all their Happiness, his professing People are under infinite Obligations to look to him for all they want, or can reasonably wish ; to Mourn for all their Sins and Offences against him, and under the Tokens of his Displeasure—We in this Colony have just Reason to be seriously Affected with the Testimonies of Divine Providence in the past Year, against our Sins and Ingratitude :—Particularly, in his removing by Death, our very worthy and honorable Governor PITKIN ; in cutting short the former Harvest ; in disappointing our Hopes of Relief from the Burthens laid upon us, and the threatenng Prospect of the continuance of our Distresses. As Sin is the procuring Cause of all our Calamities it greatly concerns us to inquire after, and lament the Evils we are guilty of, from a Regard to the Glory of the Divine Majesty ; our dependence on, and obligations to GOD, and the Danger of offending Him—Wherefore, considering our Abuse of the most precious Privileges of the Gospel, our stupid forgetfulness of GOD, the abounding of Sensuality and Unrighteousness, and our general neglect (under all our Struggles and Concern) of the only effectual Way of Deliverance from all the Calamities we feel or fear :

IH A V E thought fit, with Advice of the Council, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, WEDNESDAY the EIGHTEENTH DAY of APRIL next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of solemn FASTING and PRAYER ; exhorting both Ministers and People of every Denomination, to observe the same, with deep Humiliation of themselves before the Most High GOD, under his righteous Judgments and Threatnings for our Sins ;—sincerely Mourning for the Iniquities by which we have provoked him, and to return to the LORD by unfeigned Repentance, and thorough Reformation ; looking for Pardon and Acceptance through the all-sufficient and availing Mediation of our blessed and only Saviour JESUS CHRIST ; seeking for the Sanctification of the Frowns of Divine Providence, and Threatnings we are under. Likewise, to offer up fervent Prayers, to the GOD of our Salvation, for our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Third, our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses GEORGE Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, and all the Royal Family : That GOD would preside in, and graciously direct the King's Council, guide and succeed his Negotiations ; and overrule the dark Situation of Affairs to bring about, and more abundantly secure the Liberty and Peace of our Nation and Land :—dissipate the Clouds which hang over us ; and avert impending and deserved Judgments.—That he would be favourable to *America*, and this Colony in particular ; continue our precious and invaluable Liberties : Give us one Heart to love, fear and serve GOD : Guide us in the most happy Ways to preserve and improve our Privileges : Give us favour in the Eyes of the King : Succeed our Agency at the British Court : Guide our civil Rulers ; make them Protectors and Examples of Virtue, the Terror of Vice, and happy Instruments of the public Peace and Prosperity.—That GOD would abundantly pour out his Spirit upon us ; succeed the Ministry of the Gospel ; build up the Churches in Peace and Holiness : Smile on the College, and make it more and more a Blessing : Prosper endeavours for Christianizing the Heathen : Give us healthful and fruitful Seasons : Shed his Blessing on our Business and Labours : Crown the Year with the Riches of his Goodness : Cause true and undefiled Religion to Flourish : And fill the Earth with the Knowledge and Glory of the REDEEMER.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand, in Norwich, the Twenty-Eighth Day of March, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of GREAT-BRITAIN, FRANCE, and IRELAND KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1770.

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