



By the H O N O R A B L E

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

ALTHOUGH we have great Reason to acknowledge, with Thankfulness, the unmerited Goodness of GOD to this Colony in the Year past, in the Peace and general Health we have enjoyed, and the Competency of Provision He has made for our Support,—yet we ought, with Humility, to take Notice of, and adore His Providence in His righteous Frowns upon us, in taking away by Death several worthy and useful Men in the Magistracy, and in the Ministry;—in cutting short our Hopes from the Prospect of a plentiful Harvest the last Year;—in the Continuance of the unhappy Difference in the Sentiments of the Mother-Country and the American Colonies, respecting our Constitutional Rights and Privileges; by which we Labour under many Difficulties and uncomfortable Prospects; and have especial Reason to be humbled,—for our Sins against, and Ingratitude to the Author of all our Blessings, and on whom must be placed our just Hopes of all the good Things we Want or Wish;—for the general Stupidity and Inattention to the most Important Concerns of Religion, and neglect of the Practice of true Godliness and Virtue, notwithstanding all the Mercies, Frowns and Threatnings of GOD.

IHAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY the TWENTY-FIRST Day of APRIL next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER; hereby exhorting both Ministers and People, of all Denominations, to humble themselves before GOD; sincerely to confess and lament our Sins, and fervently implore the Divine Mercy, to awaken us to a true Repentance—to Pardon us—to revive a Spirit of true Religion in all our Towns and Churches—to encline and enable us to live in Righteousness, Justice, Honesty, Purity, Sobriety, Temperance, Charity, Frugality, and all other Christian Virtues.

AND also to offer up devout Prayers, for the Preservation of the Life of Our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE the Third, and the Prosperity of His Reign; for Our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, His Royal Highness GEORGE Prince of WALES, and all the Royal Family:—That GOD would direct and bless the King in all his Administrations; guide his Ministers, and the Publick Councils to promote the Happiness of the Nation, and the Welfare, Peace and Prosperity of the British American Colonies.—That GOD would bless our Civil Rulers, direct and guide all their Administrations to promote and maintain Righteousness, Peace and publick Virtue in this Colony,—and repair the Breaches he has made among us, with Men of Wisdom, Religion, and Virtue;—bless and succeed the Gospel Ministry; enable the Ministers of CHRIST rightly to understand, and faithfully to declare the Counsels of GOD for the Salvation of Souls, and the Peace and Edification of the Churches:—That He would Smile on the College, and make it more and more a Blessing:—Prosper Endeavours for the Conversion of the Heathen:—Give suitable Seasons for our Health, and the Fruits of the Earth:—Succeed our Labours, Trade, and Business:—Cause the Earth to yield her Increase, and bless us with a plentiful Harvest:—Extricate us out of our Difficulties, and continue our inestimable Privileges, Civil and Religious; and make known CHRIST and His Salvation, to the Ends of the Earth.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

Given under my Hand in *Lebanon*, the Seventeenth Day of *March*, in the Thirteenth 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, 1773.

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