



BY THE HONORABLE

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, ESQUIRE.

Governor of the English Colony of *Connecticut*, in *New-England*, in
AMERICA;

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of public FASTING and PRAYER.

WH E R E A S the General Assembly of this Colony, at the Sessions in May last, considering that the threatening Aspect of Divine Providence, on the Liberties of the People, and the Dangers we are threatned with, do call for Humiliation and Prayer to the GOD of all Mercies, to avert his Judgments, and save his People---did therefore RESOLVE, That his Honor the Governor should be desired, and did accordingly desire him, to issue a PROCLAMATION for appointing a Day of public Fasting and Prayer to be observed throughout this Colony, at such Time as he (with the Advice of the Council) should think most proper, to humble Ourselves before GOD, for our Sins, and supplicate his Mercies, and that he would avert his Judgments which threaten us :

I H A V E therefore, with the Advice of the Council, thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint *Wednesday the Thirty-first Day of August* next, to be attended and observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Colony ; earnestly exhorting both Ministers and People, of every Denomination, to humble themselves deeply before GOD, for all our Sins ; and to mourn for our grievous Departings from the Religion and Virtue of the Gospel ; for our Worldliness, Carnality, Luxury, Idleness, Injustice, and growing Dissipation, and all our other Sins and Vices, whereby we have abused our Privileges, and provoked a holy GOD to threaten us with the Loss of those invaluable civil and religious Liberties, (which our Fathers came into this Land to enjoy, and spent their Blood and Treasure to secure to us) which ought to be dear to us as our Lives :---Sincerely to confess all our Sins, and return to GOD with our whole Hearts ; and to beg that he would pardon our Backslidings, make his Face to shine upon us, and give us :---Earnestly to implore his Mercies to this, and all the *British Colonies in America* ;---that GOD would guide and direct our Civil Rulers, and bless their Administrations for promoting Virtue, Peace, Liberty and Happiness among this People ;---that He would direct and govern all the Consultations of this and the other Colonies,---and unite them in such just, righteous, wise and good Measures, as will have the best Tendency to secure and continue our Privileges,---and to recover and preserve Harmony and Affection between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

Likewise, to offer up fervent Prayers to Almighty GOD, for the Life and Happiness of the KING, and his Royal Family :---that He would incline the Heart of the King to such Measures as are just, kind and equitable in the Administration of the Government of the Colonies ; ---prevent the mischievous Operation of the Misrepresentations made by ambitious, designing and evil Men ; and render his Reign glorious, prosperous and happy to all his Dominions :---That GOD would be pleased to shed abroad the efficacious Influences of the Divine Spirit upon us,---cause Religion and Virtue to revive and flourish in our Land ; and make us a People of his Praise and not of his Wrath ;---and grant Liberty and Peace may flourish through the Earth.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

G I V E N under my Hand at the Council-Chamber in Hartford, the twentieth Day of July, in the fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord G E O R G E the Third, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1774.

JONⁿ. TRUMBULL.

G O D save the KING.