



BY THE HONORABLE

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## A PROCLAMATION, For a Day of public Fasting and Prayer.

*WHEREAS* it hath pleased the most high GOD, blessed forever, the supreme and righteous Ruler of the World, to bring upon this Colony, and the other British Colonies on this Continent, grievous and distressing Troubles, by permitting the Administration and Rulers of our Parent State, to make a solemn Declaration, that the Parliament of Great-Britain hath a Right to make Laws binding upon the Colonies in all Cases whatsoever,---and in Pursuance thereof have imposed Taxes upon us without our Consent ; deprived one of the Colonies of their most essential and chartered Priviledges ; sent over a Fleet and Army which have engaged us in a Civil War ; destroyed many Lives, burnt two of our flourishing Towns ; captured many of our Vessels that fell in their Way ; prohibited and destroyed our Fishery and Trade ; hostilely taken from the Inhabitants on our Sea Coast and Islands, Live Stock, and other Articles of private Property, and threaten us with general Destruction, for no other Reason known to us, than that we will not surrender our Liberties, Properties and Priviledges, which we believe GOD and Nature, the British Constitution, and our sacred Charters give us a just Right to enjoy.---And in the midst of these Calamities it hath pleased GOD to visit many of our Towns with Sickness and Mortality in the last Autumn.---All which call for extraordinary Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, and sheweth us that GOD demands our sincere Repentance and Return to Him.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives, in General Court assembled, to appoint, and do hereby appoint *Wednesday* the *Seventeenth* Day of *January* next, to be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Colony, hereby exhorting Ministers and People of all Denominations of Christians to observe the same ; unfeignedly to humble themselves before GOD, penitently to confess their Sins ; earnestly to beseech the Mercy of GOD, and His gracious Return to us.---That He would pardon our Iniquities, pour out His Holy Spirit upon us, and effect a thorough and general Reformation.---That he would please to remove the awful Calamities we are under ; put an End to the Miseries of Civil War ; restore, preserve, and secure our Liberties and Priviledges, and settle them upon a lasting Foundation.---That He would bless and direct the Rulers and Guides of His People in all the Colonies, and particularly guide the Continental Congress, and make all their Counsels, Advice and Determinations such as will be pleasing to Him, and will promote the Union and Happiness of the People and secure the Enjoyment of our just Rights, and more and more unite and engage the Hearts of this People in the Things of GOD, and their own Peace ; succeed all just Endeavours to obtain the Restoration of our Liberties and Priviledges, and go on to restore and establish Health among us.---That He would particularly dwell in this Colony, give His Presence and Blessing to our Civil Rulers, strengthen, direct and assist them in this dark and difficult Day to understand and pursue the Things of our Welfare,---build up the Churches in Faith, Unity and Holiness,---prosper the Gospel Dispensations,---give His Presence with the Ministers of Christ,---make them greatly successful in gathering in Souls to Him. Bless the College and Schools of Learning, succeed Endeavours used for promoting Christianity among the Heathen,---preserve their Peace and Friendship with us,---continue to turn the Counsel of our Enemies to foolishness, and blast every evil Design against us.---And to offer up fervent Prayers for our Sovereign Lord King George the Third, our Gracious Queen Charlotte, the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family.---That GOD would direct the King's Councils, teach him ever to discern and incline him to pursue and promote the Things of GOD's Will, and the true Interests, Happiness and just Rights of His People,---remove evil Counsellors far from him, and bless him with such Ministers as fear GOD, hate Covetousness, and are sincere Lovers of the People.---That He would pardon, enlighten, and save the Nation, and fill the Earth with his Praise. And all Servile Work is forbidden on said Day.

*Given under my Hand in the Council Chamber in New-Haven, the Nineteenth Day of December, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, &c.*  
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