STATE OF
NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A PROCLAMATION
For a public FAST.

WHEREAS it is our indiſpenſible Duty at all Times, to look up to the Supreme Governor of the Univerſe for his Direction and Aſſiſtance in all our Affairs, to implore his merciful Interpoſition in our Favour, and more eſpecially in Times of impending Danger and public Diſtreſs; and this being truely the Situation of our unhappy Country, now environ'd on ev'ry Quarter, by an inſidious, cruel, and unnatural Enemy, determined on our Ruin, or to reduce us to abject Slavery.

THE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY of this State, taking theſe Things into their ſerious Conſideration, have appointed and do earneſtly recommend to Miniſters and People of all Denominations that THURSDAY the Tenth Day of October next, be obſerved as a Day of public Humiliation, Faſting, and Prayer, through the State; That we may with united Hearts and Voices, ſincerely lament our paſt Sins and Tranſgreſſions, and jointly to ſupplicate Almighty GOD, the Lord of Hoſts through Jeſus Chriſt, to look down in mercy upon the American STATES: That HE wou'd take them under his gracious Protection, give Wiſdom to our Councils, Prudence and Fortitude to our Generals, Valour to our Soldiery: That Health may prevail through our Camps and ſucceſs attend our Arms: That HE wou'd defeat the malicious Deſigns of our cruel Adverſaries, convince them of the unrighteouſneſs of their Doings, and cauſe them to deſiſt from any further Attempts to diſtreſs us: That the Scene of Blood may ſpeedily be cloſed; our Rights and Privileges ſettled upon the beſt and ſureſt Foundations of equal Government: That Order, Harmony and Peace be effectually reſtored to the American STATES, and in particular that this State may be ever under the Care and Protection of a kind Providence: That the Divine Bleſſing may reſt upon all our Civil Rulers, and the Repreſentatives of the People in their Aſſembly be directed to wiſe and effectual Meaſures for the Proſperity of the People in all their Intereſts: And that Truth and Juſtice, Religion and Piety may prevail and flouriſh throughout the World.

And all ſervile Labour and Recreations are forbiden on ſaid Day.

Given at EXETER the 12th Day of September 1776.
By Order of the COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY.

M. Weare, } PRESIDENT of THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, Secretary.

GOD Save the United States of America.

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