

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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PRESIDENT OF THE STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A

PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC FASTING, HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

CONSIDERING the nature, state, and circumstances of mankind; our entire and necessary dependence on the Supreme Governor of the Universe: our ingratitude and multiplied transgressions, we have reason to humble ourselves in the dust before him, to repent of our sins, and implore his mercy:—

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, and at the desire of the General Court, to appoint, and do hereby appoint THURSDAY the FOURTH day of APRIL next, to be observed as a day of general FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER throughout this State: and I do hereby earnestly entreat Ministers and People of every denomination to assemble for divine service on that day, with penitent and contrite hearts—to implore the pardon of our aggravated transgressions, and fervently supplicate the divine mercy to bestow every needed blessing upon us:—Particularly that it would please GOD to guide, direct and animate the public Conductors of this State—succeed their administrations for the support of our rights and liberties, civil and sacred, and for the maintainance of peace, tranquility and order:—That He would favor with his continual presence and aid the President and Congress of the United States, that they may steadily, zealously and successfully pursue the welfare, honor and prosperity of the nation:—That he would give our Allies a due sense of the interposition of his providence in their important success, and influence them to the most happy improvement; That He would dispose the savage tribes to an honorable and lasting peace, tenderly regard our lives and health, bless our husbandry, rule the revolving seasons in mercy, and crown the year with his loving kindness:—That he would prosper our commerce, manufactories, and fisheries—smile upon our University, Academies and Schools of learning—promote the moral and christian virtues—suppress vice and immoralities; And above all, spread the cheering light and saving influence of the gospel of Jesus Christ, throughout all the earth, and cause the spirit and practice of it to reign over the whole race of man.—*And I do recommend that all persons religiously abstain from all servile labour and recreation on said day.*

GIVEN at the Council Chamber in EXETER, the ninth day of February, in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and in the seventeenth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

By His Excellency's Command,
with advice of Council,

JOSEPH PEARSON, Secretary.

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