



By the Honourable

JAMES DE LANCEY, Esq;

His Majesty's Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of New-York, and the Territories depending thereon in America.

A Proclamation.

WHEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD, in His most Righteous and Holy Providence, to continue to afflict our Nation and its Colonies, with a tedious and expensive War, and to permit an ambitious Enemy, to persist in their unjust Encroachments on His Majesty's Territories, and to become the Scourge of our Iniquities: That therefore the gracious Design of these grievous Dispensations may speedily be answered, by a general and thorough Reformation, and our Calamities happily terminate in an honourable and lasting Peace; I HAVE thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to order and appoint, that *Wednesday the Thirteenth Day of July* next, be observed as a Day of *solemn publick Prayer, Fasting, and Humiliation* throughout this Province. And I DO earnestly exhort all His Majesty's Subjects under my Government, that, seriously considering the fatal Consequences which must attend a State of Obduracy and Impenitence, under the Continuance of the Divine Judgments, they would have a speedy Recourse to the Mercy of GOD, through the Intercession of our Blessed Redeemer, by a sincere Repentance and Amendment of Life; that so we may, with an humble Confidence, implore the Divine Blessing on His Majesty's Arms, by Sea and Land, especially those employed more immediately for the Security of these Colonies. And I DO also order and direct, that the said Day be religiously observed, by abstaining from all servile Labour, and the Performance of Divine Service suitable to the Occasion, in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of publick Worship; and that Notice be given thereof by the several Rectors and Ministers, by reading this Proclamation to their respective Congregations, in due Time.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Fort-George, in the City of New-York, the Twenty-first Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

By His Honour's Command,
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JAMES DE LANCEY.

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