



By the Honorable STEPHEN HOPKINS, Esq; Governor,
Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the *English*
Colony of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in *New-England*,
in AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

ALL, who acknowledge GOD's moral Government of the World, believe that the Sins of Mankind draw down his Judgments upon them. And, as the *English* Colonies on this Continent, are fallen under the chastising Hand of HEAVEN, who has permitted the barbarous and cruel Savages of the Wildernels, to spoil and destroy their Borders, to murder their young Men, and to carry their Sons and Daughters into the most calamitous Captivity; and are threat'ned with Wars, still more general, and Judgments, which portend their utter Ruination: Under such Circumstances, Reason suggests, and Revelation demonstrates, that our whole Safety depends on deeply humbling ourselves before GOD, sincerely repenting of our Sins, and religiously resolving to reform our Lives and Actions for the Time to come.

SUCH Considerations, moved the General Assembly of the said Colony, to direct me to proclaim Thursday, the twentieth of this Instant *May*, to be observed as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER, throughout the Colony, and that no servile Labor be done on that Day; but that all Societies of Christians, within the same, assemble themselves together, at their several usual Places of public Worship, and there humbly Address the Throne of Grace, for the Preservation of GEORGE the Second, our present King, of his ROYAL FAMILY, of the BRITISH CONSTITUTION, and of the PEACE and SAFETY of all his COLONIES; and principally, that we may break off from our Sins, by hearty Repentance, and may avert the Judgments of GOD, and obtain his Favor, by true Amendment of Life. AND I do hereby Order, that the said twentieth Day of *May*, be observed as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER, throughout this Colony, and strictly require all the Inhabitants thereof, to abstain from all servile Labor, and duly conform themselves to all that is above-written.

GIVEN under my Hand, at Providence, the twelfth Day of May, One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Fifty-six, and in the Twenty-ninth Year of His Majesty's Reign.

By his Honor's Command,
THO. WARD, Secry.

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GOD Save the KING.