



By the **Honorable**

J O S E P H W A N T O N, Esquire,

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 P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the colony aforesaid, at their session held in *Newport*, on the second Monday in *June* instant, made and passed the following act; 'Whereas a certain act of the *British* Parliament, for stopping up the port of *Boston*, is now in its full operation, to the great distress of that town, in particular, and the province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in general: AND WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly, that the said act is in direct violation of the rights and liberties of that people, and, as such, is truly alarming to every colony upon the continent of *British America*, with a sense whereof this Assembly is deeply impressed: AND WHEREAS the Supreme Being, upon account of our manifold sins, may have permitted the present invasions of *American* liberty, and every public evil with which we are threatened: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Thursday, the thirtieth day of this instant *June*, be set apart as a day of public fasting, prayer, and supplication, throughout this colony, to beseech Almighty GOD to grant us sincere repentance; to avert every threatened judgment from us, and restore us to the full enjoyment of our rights and privileges; and, in particular, that he would appear for the relief and recovery of the town of *Boston*, from their present distressed situation: And that his Honor the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a Proclamation accordingly, recommending a decent and due observance hereof by all public, religious, societies, as well as individuals:'

I HAVE THEREFORE, in conformity to the said act of Assembly, issued this Proclamation, setting apart Thursday, the thirtieth day of this instant *June*, as a day of fasting, prayer, & supplication, to beseech Almighty GOD, that he would bless, & preserve, our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King George, and his Royal Consort, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family: That he would grant us sincere repentance; avert every judgment with which we are threatened, and restore to us the full enjoyment of our rights and privileges; and in particular, that he would appear for the relief and recovery of the town of *Boston*, from their present distressed situation. And I do hereby recommend a decent and due observance hereof, by all public, religious, societies, as well as individuals, throughout this colony.

GIVEN under my hand, and the seal of the said colony, at Newport, this twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four, and in the fourteenth year of the reign of his most sacred Majesty, GEORGE the third, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, &c.

BY HIS HONOR'S COMMAND:
HENRY WARD, Sec'y.

J. WANTON.

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