B Y H I S E X C E L L E N C Y

JOHN WENTWORTH, Efq;

Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province aforesaid, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A PUBLIC FAST.

FORASMUCH as it is our indispensible Duty humbly to confess, and seek Forgivness of our Sins, and devoutly to implore the Blessings of Heaven, upon all Occasions;

HAVE thought fit to order and appoint, and I do, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, order and appoint Thursday the second of April next, to be religiously and devoutly observed, and kept as a Day of Public FASTING and PRAYER, throughout this Province: HERFEY enjoining both Ministers and People, in their several religious Assemblies, to devote a reasonable part of said Day for that purpose, carnestly praying that the Life of his most sacred MA JESTY, may be long continued an eminent Blessing to the British Dominions; That the Lives of our gracious QUEEN CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses George PRINCE of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales and all the Royal Family, may be in the especial Care and Favour of Divine Providence: Than the Administration of this Government may be under the merciful Influence and direction of Heaven; That our Sacred and Civil Liberties and Privileges may remain a Bleffing to this Land; That our Agriculture and Commerce may be bleffed with Profperity and Success; That we may be preserved from PLAGUES and PESTILENCE; That all our Institutions for promoting Learning and Christian Knowledge may be favoured with the Divine Protection, and our Hearts charitably inclined towards them; That Unity, Peace and Concord, may ever prevail among us, and that the Grace of HEAVEN, may enable us to amend our Lives, and attend us in all our Affairs.

And all Servile LABOUR and Recreation are strictly forbidden on that Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the Thirteenth Day of March, in the 12th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command, with Advice of COUNCIL,

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, Secry.

GOD SAVE THE KING.