BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, Efq;

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

A PROCLAMATION,

For a public FAST.

IT being our Duty humbly to acknowledge our Dependance upon the Mercies of Almighty GOD, with penitent and contrite Hearts to confess and repent of our manifold Sins, which render us unworthy of the divine Favor, and by fervent Prayer

to supplicate Forgiveness and Grace to amend our Lives.

HAVE therefore thought fit to order and appoint, and I do, by the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, order and appoint Thursday the Fifteenth L Day of April next, to be solemnly kept as a Day of general Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province, hereby calling upon all Ministers and People, seriously to devote the said Day to public Worship, in their several religious Assemblies, devoutly praying that the Life of his most facred Majesty King GEORGE may be long preferved, and blessed with the divine Favor. That the Lives of our most gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; His royal Highness GEORGE Prince of Wales and all the royal Family may be under the special Care of Heaven. That GOD would smile upon and prosper the Administration of Government, in all it's Branches in this Province. That our civil and religious Privileges may be continued. That the various Employments of our Lives may be prospered. That the Voice of Health be long heard in our Habitations. That Wisdom and Piety may spread over this Land. That the faving Power of the Redeemer may be acknowleded through the whole World; and that fincerely repenting, by the Grace of GOD, we may be made Partakers of his Kingdom.

And all Servile LABOR and RECREATION are strictly forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the 19th Day of March, in the 13th 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. And in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three.

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

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, Secry.

GOD SAVE THE KING.