

BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
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Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over His MAJESTY'S Province of  
NEW-HAMPSHIRE, in NEW ENGLAND.

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

**I**NASMUCH as our Dependance for every Blessing we hope to enjoy, is entirely upon the kind Providence of ALMIGHTY GOD, which by our repeated Offences against the Divine Commands, we have often forfeited; it is therefore not only our Duty to confess and forsake our Sins, but to implore the Pardon of them, and with all Humility to supplicate His merciful Appearance for us in the Course of the Year ensuing; and that the Solemnity may be performed in the most publick and becoming Manner,

**I** Have thought fit, with the Advice of His MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, to order and appoint, That *Friday* the Fourteenth Day of *April* be observed and kept as a Day of Publick Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer throughout this Province, hereby Exhorting both Ministers and People Religiously to solemnize the same, humbly confessing and sincerely repenting of our manifold Transgressions, and earnestly imploring the Forgiveness thereof, and devoutly praying that GOD would mercifully be pleased to be reconciled to us and bless us.

That in an especial Manner the Life of his most sacred Majesty King GEORGE the Second may be lengthened out in much Mercy to His Kingdoms and Plantations.--- That the Death of her Royal Highness Princess CAROLINE, may be sanctified to His MAJESTY and the Nation.--- That their Royal Highnesses GEORGE Prince of *Wales*,--- The Princess DOWAGER of *Wales*,--- The DUKE,--- The PRINCESSES,--- and the Rest of the ROYAL FAMILY, may be the peculiar Favourites of Heaven.

That GOD would graciously be pleased to smile upon all His Majesty's Undertakings, go forth with his Fleets and Armies, and cause them to be Victorious; that he would save this Land from the threatened Devastations of its cruel and inveterate Enemies, and defend it against all their wicked and unjust Designs: That the Arms of the KING OF PRUSSIA may be under the Divine Direction, in Favour of the *Protestant Cause in Germany*: That He would restore to us the Blessing of a lasting Peace; and that He would by His HOLY SPIRIT influence us to walk as becomes a People whose God is the LORD OF HOSTS;--- That the Administration of this Government may at all Times be under the Direction and Guidance of Heaven;--- That we may be graciously favoured with a suitable Seed Time, and a plentiful Harvest,--- That we may be preserved from epidemical and contagious Distempers,--- And that our Civil and Sacred Priviledges may be continued to us.

And all Servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

*Given at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the Twenty eighth Day of March 1758, In the Thirty-first 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, &c.*

By His Excellency's Command,  
With Advice of Council,  
THEODORE ATKINSON, Sec<sup>y</sup>

**B. WENTWORTH.**

**G O D Save the KING.**