

BY THE HONOURABLE

Oliver Wolcott Esquire,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF of the STATE of CONNECTICUT.

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

CONSIDERING that it becomes Mankind in their social relations to assemble at special and particular seasons, and publicly acknowledge their dependence upon their ALMIGHTY CREATOR.—to deprecate his displeasure, and with true repentance to implore the Divine Mercy, favour and forgiveness;—and that it would please GOD to grant them every Spiritual and Temporal Blessing which their Condition requires.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by advice of Council, and according to the pious and laudable practice of our *Ancestors*, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint THURSDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY of APRIL NEXT, to be observed as a Day of PUBLICK HUMILIATION, FASTING, and PRAYER to ALMIGHTY GOD, throughout this State; hereby recommending to Ministers and People of every Society, Church and Congregation, that they respectively assemble on said day, and with true devotion, supplicate the divine mercy and favour towards us.—That GOD would be pleased to pardon our Ingratitude to HIM, who is our Creator and Preserver, who hath supplied our wants from the bounties of HIS providence, has furnished us with the knowledge of HIS will, and provided for us a SAVIOUR.—That GOD would be graciously pleased to pardon all our violations of HIS holy law, and ever incline us to obey HIS Will.—That it would please GOD to direct the *Public Councils*, and *Administration of this State*, and duly impress the minds of HIS People with the adverse dispensation of HIS providence in removing the *Chief Magistrate* thereof by death.—That GOD would preserve the health of HIS People;—grant them suitable seasons;—cause the Earth to yield her increase;—prosper and bless us in our husbandry and commerce, and in all our other lawful vocations;—and cause that the *Ministers of the glorious Gospel of Christ Jesus* may ever be the instruments of HIS praise.—That the *United States of America* may be under the protection of the ALMIGHTY, be preserved from the calamities of War, and continue richly to participate in the favours of divine providence.—That our *National Council* may be under the guidance of *unerring Wisdom*.—That it may please GOD to grant his direction and support to the *President of the United States*, prolong his important life, and continue him a blessing to our Nation.—That GOD would controul the rage of contending Nations, prepare them for, and establish them in the permanent enjoyment of their just rights and liberties.—And that GOD would cause the knowledge of the *great Salvation* to be spread throughout the world, and establish the *peaceful Kingdom of Christ Jesus* universally among Mankind.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my hand in Littlefield this 16th day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety six, and in the twentieth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

By His Excellency's Command,
GEORGE WYLLYS, Secretary.