

Commonwealth of



1830
Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

LEVI LINCOLN,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC FASTING, HUMILIATION, AND PRAYER.

WITH the advice of the Executive Council, I appoint the Annual FAST, recommended by the Example of pious Ancestors, and sanctioned by the Precepts of a pure and holy Religion, which teaches the dependence of individual Man upon the mercy of his Creator, and the relation of Communities to the overruling Providence of the Sovereign of the Universe, to be observed on THURSDAY, the EIGHTH DAY of APRIL next, by the People of this Commonwealth.

A faithful Review of the past, Humiliation, Penitence, Supplication, and Prayer, are the appropriate offices of such an occasion. May the People be sincere and devout in these observances; and assembling together, in their respective places of Public Worship, in the Name and as Disciples of Jesus Christ, their common Lord and Master, may

they be instructed by his Gospel, and influenced by its spirit, to deep contrition for Sin, and animated and strengthened to Resolutions of future Amendment, Obedience and Fidelity to Duty. May they commend themselves, in their weakness and wants; their Country, in all its interests; the State and National Governments, in their need of divine direction and guidance, to the continued Favor and Blessing of Heaven. And remembering in their Prayers, the Ignorant, the Injured, and the Enslaved of their Fellow Men, may they implore for them, the communications of Knowledge, relief from Oppression, the enjoyment of Civil and Religious Liberty, and Social, Moral and Christian Improvement.

The People are requested to abstain from recreation and unnecessary labor, on the day of the appointed Fast.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this First day of March, in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, and the fifty fourth of the Independence of the United States of America.

LEVI LINCOLN.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice }
and consent of the Council. }

EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!