

BY HIS EXCELLENCY  
**JOHN LANGDON, Esq.**

PRESIDENT of the STATE of NEW-HAMPSHIRE,

A  
**PROCLAMATION**

F O R A

Day of public **F A S T I N G** and **P R A Y E R**

Throughout this State.

**V**AIN is the acknowledgement of a supreme Ruler of the Universe, unless such acknowledgements influence our practice, and call forth those expressions of homage and adoration that are due to his character and providential government, agreeably to the light of nature, enforced by revelation, and countenanced by the practice of civilized nations, in humble and fervent application to the throne of grace for needed mercies, and gratitude for favours received.

It having been the laudable practice of this State, at the opening of the Spring, to set apart a day for such reasonable service, and the General-Court having appointed **THURSDAY** the sixth day of **APRIL** next, to be observed as a Day of **HUMILIATION, FASTING, and PRAYER**, throughout this State :

I do therefore issue this **PROCLAMATION**, and recommend to Ministers and People of every denomination, to assemble together on said day, in their respective places of public worship ; that the citizens of this State, may, with one heart and voice, penitently confess their manifold sins and transgressions, and fervently implore the divine benediction, that a true spirit of repentance and humiliation may be poured out upon all orders and degrees of men, and a compleat and universal reformation take place : that he who gave wisdom and fortitude in the trying scenes of battle, would give prudence and discretion to extricate us from succeeding embarrassments, build up, support and establish this rising Empire ; particularly, that he would be pleased to bless the great Council of the United-States of America, and direct their deliberations to the wisest and best determinations, succeed our embassies at foreign Courts, bless our Allies, and national Benefactors : that he would always be pleased to keep this State under his most holy protection : that all in the legislative, executive and judicial departments, may be guided and supported by wisdom, integrity and firmness : that all the people through this State, and through the land, may be animated by a true estimation of their privileges, and taught to secure, by their patriotism and virtue, what they have acquired by their valour : that a spirit of emulation, industry, œconomy and frugality, may be diffused abroad, and that we may all be disposed to lead quiet and peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty : that he would be graciously pleased to bless us in the seasons of the year, and cause the earth to yield her increase, prosper our husbandry, merchandize, navigation and fishery, and all the labour of our hands, and give us to hear the voice of health in our habitations, and enjoy plenty in our borders : that unanimity, peace and harmony, may be promoted and continue, and a spirit of universal philanthropy pervade the land : that he would be pleased to smile upon the means of education, and bless every institution of useful knowledge ; and above all, that he would rain down righteousness upon the earth, revive religion, and spread abroad the knowledge of the true **GOD**, the Saviour of man, throughout the world.

And all servile labour and recreations are forbidden on said day.

*G I V E N* at the COUNCIL-CHAMBER in PORTSMOUTH, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our **L O R D**, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and in the tenth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**.

**JOHN LANGDON.**

By His Excellency's Command, with advice of Council,  
**E. THOMPSON**, Secretary.

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