

**Province of the
Massachusetts-
Bay.**

By the HONORABLE, the
C O U N C I L

Of said Province.

A Proclamation for a general F A S T.

WHEREAS the Voice of Providence loudly calls on this People to fall in the dust, with deep Humiliation before G O D, under the sense of the late awful repeated breach made upon the Government, by the Death of the truly Honourable William Stoughton Esq. our Lieutenant Governour : As also under the Rebukes of GOD on sundry of the Fruits of the Earth : Withal considering the great and growing distress that those of the Reformed Religion in Germany, France, and other Nations in Europe are reduced to.

WE have therefore thought fit to Appoint & Order, and at the motion and desire of the Representatives in their last Session, Do Appoint and Order, That Thursday the Eighteenth of
Sep-

September next, be Solemnly Observed
and Celebrated as a day of publick
PRAYER With FASTING throughout this
Province, in the severall Congregations
and Assemblies within the same; for
the sincere Confessing and Forsaking of
our provoking Sins & Transgressions
against GOD, and for the abetting of
His heavy Judgments; for His blessing
on the remaining Fruits of the Earth;
That GOD would give us Favour
with His Majesty, and so become a
Repairer of our breaches: That GOD
would Save our R I B; and return
the Captivity of the remaining perse-
cuted and banished Protestants, as
streams in the South; And revive
Religion in all parts of the World;
and give being to the glorious things
that are spoken of the City of GOD.

And the Ministers and People are
Exhorted to an earnest and zealous
performance of the Duties of the Day.
And all Servile Labour is forbidden
thereupon.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the
Twenty-third Day of *August* 1701. And
in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our
Sovereign Lord *WILLIAM* the Third, by the
Grace of GOD of *England, Scotland, France*
& *Ireland*, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Isaac Addington, Secy.
GOD Save the King.