

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER.

FROM the relation which mankind hold to the Supreme Being, it is their duty, by acts of devotion, to recognize their dependence on Him for all their enjoyments in this life, and for the hope of immortality and happiness in a future state of existence.

Influenced by these considerations, it has been a long established practice to devote particular days for this religious duty.

I have, therefore, by and with the advice of the Council, appointed **THURSDAY**, *the second day of April next*, to be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this State ; and the people of every religious denomination are requested to assemble at their respective places of publick worship on that day, and unitedly with devout affections of heart and deep humility, to acknowledge our numerous transgressions, and with sincere contrition to supplicate the pardoning mercy of God, and to implore Him to continue his blessings on all the interests of our highly favoured country, and that he would succour and support the oppressed in all parts of the earth, and extend the principles of liberty and true religion to the whole human race.

And the citizens of this State are requested to abstain from labour and recreations unbecoming the solemnities of the day.

Given at the Council Chamber in Concord, on the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States the fifty-third.

JOHN BELL.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,

WITH ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL.

RICHARD BARTLETT, *Secretary of State.*