

By His EXCELLENCY,

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Captain-General and Governor in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY in NEW-ENGLAND, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
For a Day of Public Prayer.

IT having pleased Almighty God to visit this Province with another severe Drought, which, if it should continue much longer cannot fail of bringing great Distress upon the Inhabitants thereof --- We are again called upon to supplicate the Interposition of Divine Providence to relieve this Country from the imminent Danger with which it is threatned, by dispensing timely and plentiful Rain;

I HAVE therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Wednesday the Twenty-eighth Day of this Instant JULY to be a Day of Public Prayer throughout the Province: Whereon the whole People may as at one Time humble themselves before Almighty God, acknowledging their great Unworthiness, and confessing their manifold Sins, and imploring the Supreme Dispenser of all Good, that He would be graciously pleased not to withhold from them the Fruits of the Earth, but by seasonable and refreshing Rains bring what yet remains undestroyed to a due and seasonable Maturity.

AND WHEREAS some Places have been exempted from the general Want of Rain; and it is to be hoped that before the Day appointed as aforesaid, many others, and possibly the whole Province may have a gracious and timely Relief: It will be our Duty to intermix Thanksgiving with Humiliation, in such a Manner as the State of the Province, and particular Parts thereof, shall at that Time require.

AND I do order the said Day to be observed as a Day set apart for Religious Worship, and that no servile Labour or Recreation be permitted thereon.

G I V E N at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Ninth Day of July, 1762, in the Second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

Fra. Bernard.

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