



By His EXCELLENCY

FRANCIS BERNARD, Esq;

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

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of Publick Prayer.

IT having pleased Almighty God to cause a severe and distressing Drought to prevail generally throughout the Province, thereby cutting short the Fruits of the Earth, occasioning destructive Fire to rage in the open Country, and threatening a very great Scarcity, unless God should graciously interpose by sending Plenty of Rain ;

IHAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint *Thursday* the *Third Day of September* next, to be a Day of public Prayer throughout the Province, whereon we may humble ourselves before Almighty God ; acknowledging our Unworthiness of the extraordinary Plenty we have enjoyed for some Years past, and confessing our many Sins whereby we have provoked Him to withhold the like Blessing this present Year ;---And most humbly supplicate our heavenly Father, on whom we depend for our daily Bread, that He would visit us with such kind and refreshing Showers, as may still preserve the remaining Fruits of the Earth, and bring forward the withered Grass, that there may be Food for Man and Beast.

AND as God hath in Judgment remembered Mercy, and visited some Places with Rain from Heaven, and may see fit before the Day herein appointed to give us more effectual Relief, we ought likewise to return our unfeigned Thanks, for all his undeserved Mercies, while we humbly implore his further Favours.

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.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Twentieth Day of August, 1761, in the First 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, Secr.

Fra. Bernard.

G O D Save the KING.