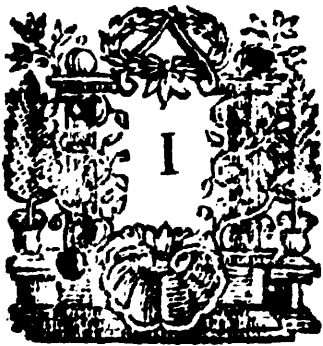




By His Excellency
Francis Bernard, Esq;
Captain General and Governor in Chief of the
Province of *Novæ-Cæsareæ*, or *New-Jersey*,
and Territories thereon depending in *America*,
Chancellor and Vice-Admiral in the same, &c.

A Proclamation.



IT having pleased Almighty GOD, to assist our Efforts, in Defence of our Religion and Liberty, against the common Enemies of both, and, with a visible Hand, to support the just Cause of His Majesty's Arms, notwithstanding our Unworthiness: It is our Duty, not only to return our sincere Thanks for these unmerited Favours, but also to pray for His Grace, that we may be enabled, in some Degree, to commend ourselves to the further Care of his Divine Providence. WHEREFORE, I Have thought it proper to appoint; and I DO, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint *Friday* the Thirtieth Day of this Instant *March*, to be a Day of *Fasting* and *Humiliation*; whereon all Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, with their several Congregations, shall prostrate themselves before the Throne of the Divine Mercy, humbly imploring Forgiveness for our manifold Sins, and earnestly beseeching Almighty GOD, to continue his gracious Aid and Assistance to us, who, without Him, are but weak Mortals, until the Work of our Deliverance shall be finished. And I do further Command and Enjoin all civil Magistrates and Officers, to take Order that the said Day be duly observed, as a Day set apart for the Service of GOD; and that no servile Labour be performed by any Person on the same.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at the City of *PERTH-AMBOY*,
the Ninth Day of *March*, in the *Thirty-second* Year of his Majesty's
Reign.

FRANCIS BERNARD.

By his Excellency's Command,
CHARLES READ, Secry.

God Save the King.