

State of
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY. }

A PROCLAMATION

For a Day of public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

IT being at all Times our indispenfable Duty, as a People, devoutly to acknowledge the fuperintending Providence of GOD, efpecially in Times of public Calamity, to humble ourfelves before Him, penitently confeffing our Sins, and imploring His gracious Interpofition for our Deliverance. And whereas the CONGRESS have recommended to the feveral States that *Wednesday* the Twenty-fixth Day of *April* Inftant fhould be fet apart and obferved as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer :

WE have thought fit, with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint *WEDNESDAY* the Twenty-fixth Day of *April* Inft. to be a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, throughout this State; calling upon Minifters and People of all Denominations, with one Heart and one Voice, to implore the Sovereign Lord of Heaven and Earth, to remember Mercy in His Judgments;--to make us finceely penitent for our Tranfgreffions;--to prepare us for Deliverance, and to remove the Evils with which He hath been pleafed to vifit us;--to banifh Vice and Irreligion from among us, and eftablifh Virtue and Piety by His Divine Grace;--to blefs all public Councils throughout the United States, giving them Wifdom, Firmnefs and Unanimity, and directing them to the beft Meafures for the public Good;--to blefs the Magiftrates and People of every Rank, and animat and unite the Hearts of all to promote the Interests of their Country;--to blefs the public Defence; infpiring all Commanders and Soldiers with Magnanimity and Perfeverance, and giving Vigor and Succels to the Military Operations by Sea and Land;--to blefs the illuftrious Sovereign and the Nation in Alliance with thefe States, and all who intereft themfelves in the Support of our Rights and Liberties; to make that Alliance of perpetual and extenfive Ufefulness to thofe immediately concerned, and Mankind in general;--to grant fruitful Seasons, and to blefs our Induftry, Trade and Manufactures;--to blefs all fchools and Seminaries of Learning, and every Means of Inftitution and Education;--to caufe Wars to ceafe, and to eftablifh Peace among the Nations.

And all fervile Labour and Recreation are forbidden on faid Day.

G I V E N at the Council-Chamber in Bolton the Seventh Day of April, in the Year of our LORD One Thoufand Seven Hundred and Eighty.

By their Honor's Order,

JOHN AVERY, Dep. Sec'y.

Jeremiah Powell,
Artemas Ward,
Walter Spooner,
Thomas Cufhing,
Samuel Adams,
Jabez Fisher,
Mofes Gill,
Henry Gardner,
Benjamin White,
Nathan Cufhing,
Timothy Edwards,
Abraham Fuller,
Samuel Niles,
John Pitts,
Thomas Durfee.

GOD SAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!