
Commonwealth of



Massachusetts.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts :

A PROCLAMATION

FOR A DAY OF PUBLIC

FASTING, HUMILIATION, AND PRAYER.

Divine worship is an individual duty, yet it is appropriate that States acknowledge the existence and recognize the superintending power of the Creator of men and Disposer of nations.

I do, therefore, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, appoint Thursday, the eighth day of April next, to be observed by the people of Massachusetts, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer.

And I earnestly invite the people of the Commonwealth to examine and consider the errors of individual and associated life, the dangers to which as a sovereign State we are thereby exposed, and the nature of our duty to the vicious, the ignorant, the unfortunate among us.

May all invoke the Divine blessing upon our State :—

Upon its institutions of Reformation, Humanity, Education, Religion ;—

Upon its Interests of Labor, of Art, of Commerce ;—

Upon its Relations to the American Union,—that they may be Just, Peaceful, Perpetual ;—

Upon its principles of Government and Religious Freedom,—that they may be finally accepted by the Nations and Races of Men.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this eleventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-sixth.

GEORGE S. BOUTWELL.

By His Excellency the Governor, with the advice }
and consent of the Council. }

AMASA WALKER, Secretary.

God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts !