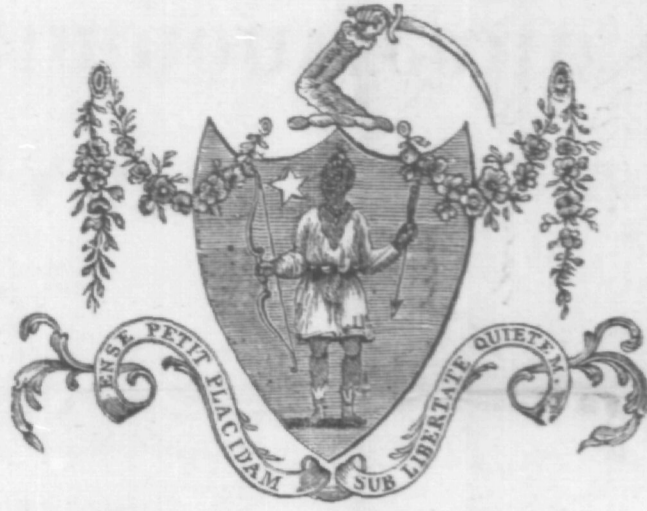


*Commonwealth*



*of Massachusetts.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

# JOHN BROOKS,

GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

## A PROCLAMATION,

FOR A DAY OF

### HUMILIATION, FASTING, AND PRAYER.

THE return of another year, bringing with it a renewal of our wants, and of a sense of our dependence on God, the fountain of all good, suggests to us the fitness and the duty of devoutly invoking the divine blessing on all our interests and undertakings.

I HAVE, therefore, thought fit to appoint, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, I do hereby appoint, THURSDAY, the FOURTH DAY OF APRIL next, to be observed as a day of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer, throughout this Commonwealth. And the people of every religious denomination, are requested to assemble on that day, in their respective places of public worship, unitedly to humble themselves before God, for their manifold transgressions, and to implore the remission of the same, through the merits and mediation of his SON;—that He will be pleased to bless and prosper the people of this State in all their interests and concerns, whether civil, religious, domestic, or personal; that He will be graciously pleased to smile on our Agriculture, in giving a favorable seed time, a fruitful

summer, and a plentiful harvest; that He will prosper our Manufactures, our Commerce, and Fisheries; that He will be pleased to vouchsafe to us, the blessings of health, of peace, and domestic tranquillity; that He will propitiously regard our national interests; that He will bless the President of the United States, the Ministers of Religion, our Colleges and Schools of learning, the rising generation of our land, all our institutions for promoting religious knowledge, humanity, public spirit, general benevolence, and christian morality; and that He will mercifully succeed all the efforts which are making to spread a knowledge of the pure, peaceful, and benign religion of his SON among all the branches of the great family of man, that in the name of JESUS every knee may be brought to bow, and every tongue to confess Him to be LORD, to the glory of GOD THE FATHER.

AND the people are requested to abstain from all labor and recreation inconsistent with the religious observances of the said day.

*Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this Twenty Fifth Day of February, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Two, and in the Forty Sixth Year of the Independence of the United States of America.*

**JOHN BROOKS.**

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

**ALDEN BRADFORD, Secretary.**

**God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!**