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 Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief in
 and over the state of Vermont.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

It being the indispensable duty of us as a people, to acknowledge our absolute dependence on the supreme ruler of the universe, by seeking for direction and success in all our affairs; and the approaches of spring more especially calling upon us to implore the divine blessing, on the concerns and occurrences of the ensuing year, and to humble ourselves for our sins.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of the Council, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY the ninth day of April next, to be observed as a day of PUBLIC HUMILIATION, FASTING AND PRAYER, throughout this State. And do hereby exhort ministers and people of every religious denomination, to assemble on said day, at their respective places of public worship, humbly to acknowledge their sins, and supplicate divine forgiveness, through the merits of Jesus Christ. That he would bestow needed mercies: order in righteousness the internal government of the state: that he would secure the invaluable blessings of republicanism to the United States, the product of a righteous war, under the divine auspices: That he would graciously smile on the exertions of the great and first ally of America the republic of France, terminate their struggles in the advancement of his glory and the permanent establishment of a just and equal government, and defeat the machinations of despotism, throughout the world: that he would save our land from wasting sickness, pestilence, droughts, mildews, insects, and every desolating judgment: that he would favor agriculture, and cause the earth to yield its increase: that he would graciously bestow his blessing, on all schools and seminaries of learning, that they may be nurseries of piety, and extensively useful: that he would bless and direct the president of the united states, direct the national councils, granting them every necessary support, and leading them to integrity of heart and unity of sentiment: That he would cement the union of the states of America, bless their allies with wisdom, and guide them and us in the discharge of national contracts: that he would continue peace to us, defend our frontiers, and terminate our contest with the indians by lasting bonds of unity and reciprocal advantage: that he would extend the blessings of freedom and liberty, civil and religious among all nations; put an end to tyranny and arbitrary power, the bulwark of satan's kingdom, and humble the proud oppressors of mankind: That God would mercifully shed down the influences of his holy spirit, put an end to error, revive decaying religion through this land, and the world; that he would for this end bless the ministers of his holy word, grant them more abundant measures of knowledge and grace; that he would build up churches in the faith, purity and fellowship of the gospel, and advance the peaceful, glorious kingdom of God our Saviour throughout the world.

And I do earnestly recommend to the good people of this state, to abstain from all seivile labour and recreation, inconsistent with the duties of said day.

GIVEN under my hand at Williston, this 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-four, and of our independence the eighteenth.

Thomas Chittenden.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,

JOSEPH FAY, Secretary.

God save the people.