

By his EXCELLENCY,
Thomas Chittenden, Esq;
 CAPTAIN-GENERAL, GOVERNOR and
 COMMANDER in CHIEF in and over
 the STATE of VERMONT.
A Proclamation.

AS it is the Duty of Individuals, so it is undoubtedly that of Communities unitedly to offer up Testimonials of their Acknowledgements to GOD, as the Source of all Good, the Supreme Governor of the Universe, and that Being on whom they universally and solely depend; and, under a grateful Sense of Divine Mercy, with unfeigned Penitence of Heart, for their Sins, most humbly to implore the Forgiveness thereof, and a continuance of Divine Favour.

I HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the advice of Council, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint, **WEDNESDAY the TWENTY SEVENTH DAY of APRIL next,** to be observed as a day of public **FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER to ALMIGHTY GOD,** throughout this State; and I earnestly recommend it to all Ministers of the GOSPEL, and Congregations of the people of every denomination, to meet together on said day, and duly observe the same, that we may unitedly lift up our hearts and voices to God by prayer and supplication, acknowledge the supreme right of universal divine government; humble ourselves under a sense of our manifold sins, and guilt as a people, imploring the forgiveness thereof; and a continuance of His mercy; that in particular, he would graciously please to continue and perfect a work of the divine spirit, begun in much mercy in sundry parts of this State; prevent declensions and error, and grant a universal spread of divine light and truth: That he would graciously please to bless us in our several characters and relations as rulers and ruled, ministers and people, giving to the former, with all necessary wisdom and prudence, the just spirit of their respective Stations, and to the latter all due obedience and subjection,

and that the fear of the LORD, which is the beginning of true wisdom, may ever be before our eyes as a people; that he would graciously please to perpetuate to this and the United States, the blessing of peace, and in mercy, prevent the effusion of blood, by the breaking out of war in Europe; that he would bless the administration of civil justice and government in this State, and endue our councils with wisdom, fidelity and love to universal justice, and ever direct them in such ways as he shall own and best shall preserve the safety, peace and blessing of this people; that he would graciously direct an important council of this State, whose deliberation is expected the ensuing year. That he would send upon and bless us in all our important interests and concerns; succeed the common means of education, and such further attempts as may be made for establishing seminaries; bless a preached GOSPEL; raise up and send forth faithful ministers of Jesus CHRIST, for the supply of the many destitute places; that he would cause vice and immorality to hide its head; the knowledge and love of truth, in the gospel view, to increase and abound; that we may universally become a truly virtuous and holy and (in the way) a happy people; and that His mercy may be poured out on all Nations. That he would graciously bless the labour of our hands, and bring forward the bringing of this year in mercy; cause the earth to yield due increase; granting us suitable feed-time, and plentiful harvests; preserve this land from pestilence, famine and death; that this year may be crowned with his loving kindness and tender mercies; Our hearts be filled with unfeigned gratitude, and the whole world be universally replete with displays of the DIVINE GLORY.

All servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand at Arlington, this Twenty-Fourth Day of March, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five.

And of our Independence the NINTH.

T. Chittender.

By his Excellency's Command.

THOMAS TOLMAN, Secretary.

GOD save the PEOPLE.