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In CONGRESS,
MARCH 7, 1778.

WHEREAS Almighty GOD, in the righteous Dispensation of his Providence, hath permitted the Continuation of a cruel and defolating War in our Land ; and it being at all Times the Duty of a People, to acknowledge GOD in all his Ways, and more especially to humble themselves before Him, when evident Tokens of his Displeasure are manifested ; to acknowledge His righteous Government, confess and forsake their evil Ways, and implore his Mercy :

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, to set apart **WEDNESDAY** the Twenty-second Day of *April* next, to be observed as a Day of **FASTING, HUMILIATION** and **PRAYER** ; that at one Time and with one Voice, the Inhabitants may acknowledge the righteous Dispensations of Divine Providence, and confess their Iniquities and Transgressions, for which the Land mourneth ; that they may implore the Mercy and Forgiveness of GOD, and beseech Him that Vice, Profaneness, Extortion, and every Evil, may be done away, and that we may be a reformed and happy People ; that they may unite in humble and earnest Supplication, that it may please Almighty GOD to guard and defend us against our Enemies, and give Vigour and Success to our Military Operations by Sea and Land ; that it may please Him to bless the Civil Rulers and People, strengthen and perpetuate our Union, and in His own good Time, establish us in the peaceable Enjoyment of our Rights and Liberties ; that it may please Him to bless our Schools and Seminaries of Learning, and make them Nurseries of true Piety, Virtue, and useful Knowledge : that it may please Him to cause the Earth to yield its Increase, and to crown the Year with his Goodness.

AND it is recommended to the Inhabitants of the UNITED STATES, to abstain on that Day from Labour and Recreations.

By Order of CONGRESS,

HENRY LAURENS, President.

Attest.

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.

COUNCIL-CHAMBER, in BOSTON, *March 21, 1778.*

IN Pursuance of the foregoing Recommendation of the honorable CONGRESS, as well as the Desire of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES of this State, at the late Session of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY, for the setting apart a Day of public **FASTING** and **PRAYER**, conformable to ancient and uninterrupted Practice at this Season of the Year :

WE have thought fit, and by and with the Advice of the COUNCIL, do hereby appoint **WEDNESDAY** the Twenty-second Day of *April* next, for the Purpose aforesaid : Exhorting Ministers and People in their respective religious Congregations, to observe the same accordingly.

By Order of the Major Part of the COUNCIL,
SAMUEL ADAMS, Sec'y.

Jeremiah Powell,
Artemas Ward,
Richard Derby, Junr.
Thomas Cushing,
Samuel Holton,
Moses Gill,
John Taylor,
Benjamin White,
Benjamin Aullin,
Henry Gardner,
Daniel Hopkins,
Nathan Cushing,
Timothy Danielsfor,
Oliver Prescott,
Abraham Fuller.

GOD Save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA !