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U.S. House of Representatives
to prepare instructions
to the Com. to the King
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In Congress,

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1775.

AS the GREAT GOVERNOR of the WORLD, by his supreme and universal Providence, not only conducts the course of nature with unerring wisdom and rectitude, but frequently influences the minds of men to serve the wise and gracious purposes of His providential Government; and it being, at all times, our indispensable duty, devoutly to acknowledge His superintending Providence, especially in times of impending danger, and public calamity, to reverence and adore his immutable Justice, as well as to implore his merciful Interposition for our deliverance.

THIS CONGRESS, therefore, considering the present critical, alarming and calamitous state of these Colonies, do earnestly recommend, that THURSDAY, the Twentieth day of July next, be observed by the INHABITANTS of all the English Colonies on this Continent, as a day of public HUMILIATION, FASTING, and PRAYER, that we may, with united hearts and voices, unfeigningly confess and deplore our many sins, and offer up our joint supplications to the All-wise, Omnipotent and Merciful Author of all Events, humbly beseeching Him, to forgive our iniquities, to remove our present calamities, to avert those desolating judgments with which we are threatened, and to bless our rightful Sovereign King GEORGE the III. and inspire him with wisdom to discern and pursue the true interest