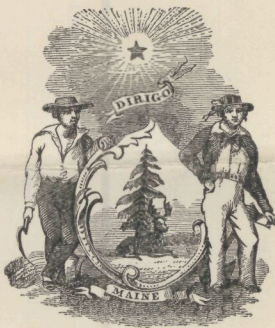


State of Maine.

BY THE



GOVERNOR.

A PROCLAMATION.

In seasons of sorrow and calamity, whether of individuals or of nations, the heart of man, recognizing them as God's judgments, confesses the impotence of human power, and instinctively casts itself on the Almighty for support and consolation.

Obedient to this sentiment, and conforming to the custom of our fathers, by the advice of the Executive Council, I do appoint

THURSDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF APRIL NEXT,

as a Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

On that day I do respectfully request the people of this State, magistrates and citizens, laying aside the pursuit of ordinary vocations, both of business and pleasure, to repair to our accustomed places of worship, and there in humility and contrition confess our numerous transgressions of the laws of God for which He is chastising us, and, invoking His merciful pardon, pray that all in authority may be clothed with wisdom and godly fear, that our armies may be endued with strength in the day of battle and fortitude under all their trials, and that peace founded in righteousness may be speedily restored to the nation.

Given at the Council Chamber, Augusta, this, the nineteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-eighth.

By the Governor.

SAMUEL CONY.

EPHRAIM FLINT, JR., Secretary of State.