

PROCLAMATION,

For a Day of public Fasting, HUMILIATION and PRAYER.

TO a People who believe the superintending Providence of the divine Being over all human Affairs, that even a Sparrow cannot fall to the Ground without his Permission, it will not be unexpected that their Civil Rulers should call upon them in a Day of public Calamity and Enterprize, to seek the divine Protection and Assistance. The reduction of *Charlestown*, the Collection of the British Forces to the Centre of the United States, their Endeavours to ravage and make Inroads upon our Settlements, to depopulate our Towns, to abuse the Innocent and Defenceless, and finally to subjugate the AMERICAN STATES to the Tyranny of British Government, are Matters that loudly call upon us to consider the Error of our Ways, to humble ourselves before the Face of Almighty GOD, and implore his gracious Assistance and Direction.

WE have therefore thought fit to appoint, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, and with the Advice of Council, do appoint **THURSDAY** the **TWENTIETH DAY** of **JULY** next, to be observed as a Day of **HUMILIATION** and **PRAYER**; hereby calling upon Ministers and People to devote that Day to the religious Exercises of Prayer, Humiliation and Repentance, and to assemble themselves for religious Worship and Prayer to GOD, that he would in great Mercy to this Land, cause the Inhabitants thereof to repent and return from their Iniquities, that they may be prepared for his divine Blessing; that all the Endeavours of this and of the United States, whether of a civil or a military Nature, to promote their Welfare, may be blessed;—that the Congress and the several Assemblies of these States may be directed and prospered in their Deliberations and Determinations; that their Army may be strengthened and rendered victorious; that the Rage of our Enemy may be restrained, and our Towns be defended from their Ravages and Insult; that GOD would bless our illustrious Ally, and succeed all his Endeavours to prevent British Tyranny, and establish the **INDEPENDENCY** of these States; that he would prosper the combined Fleet of our Allies; that he would bless us in the Season of the Year, granting such Rains and Heat as may be necessary to increase and ripen the Fruits of the Earth, and that he would preserve from Sickness and desolating Judgments; that the present War may be brought to a speedy and happy Issue; that all Orders of Men may study those Things which make for public Happiness; that Infidelity and Immorality may cease from among us, and the Practice of the true Religion of Jesus Christ be increased in this Land.

And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on the said Day.

GIVEN at the COUNCIL-CHAMBER, in BOSTON, the Twenty-seventh Day of JUNE, in the Year of our LORD, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, and in the fourth Year of the INDEPENDENCE of the United States of AMERICA.

Jeremiah Powell,
Walter Spooner,
Thomas Cushing,
Robert-Treat Paine,
Benjamin White,
Timothy Danielson,
Josiah Stone,
Benjamin Austin,
Samuel Niles,
Samuel Baker,
Joseph Simpson,
John Pitts,
Eleazer Brooks,
Aaron Wood,
Thomas Durfee,
Stephen Choate.

By their Honor's Order.

JOHN AVERY, Dep. Sec'y.

GOD Save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA!