

Order for a day of
Humiliation



AT A
GENERAL COURT
ON ADJOURNMENT,

Held at Boston, March, 14. 1682.

His Court considering the Solemn Warnings of Providence; both by Signs in the Heavens, and the various Instances and Effects of Divine Dispensure, which we have felt formerly and of late, by Sword, Fire, Blastings, Losses at Sea, Sickneses and Deaths of many Eminent and Useful Persons amongst us; and those Difficult Circumstances we have been, and are yet labouring under, with respect to our Publick Affairs: As also the Troubles of the People of God, and Low and conflicting Condition of the Protestant Interest in Christendom; And knowing that our Sins against, and Provocations of the Lord (which yet visibly increase amongst us) are the procuring Causes thereof, and for which, without Reformation, we may yet justly expect greater and more Universal Calamities; And that the onely Means for the averting Impending Judgement, and lengthening out of our Tranquillity, are Sincere Humiliation and Repentance,

Do therefore Appoint the Tenth of May next for a Day of Solemn HUMILIATION throughout this Colony, therein humbly to implore the Mercy and Favour of God for our selves here in respect of our Sacred, Civil, and Temporal Concerns; and more especially those in the Hands of our Agents abroad; as also for those Kingdoms, upon whose Welfare our own doth so nearly depend; and for the Protestant Churches and Interest elsewhere. And all Ministers are desired to give timely Notice to their People in their respective Churches and Towns, that they may be the better Prepared to attend upon the Work of the Day, according to the Nature thereof, and the Solemn Calls of God thereunto. And all People are Forbidden servile Labour upon that Day.

By the Court,

Edward Rawson Secretary.