

Province of the  
Massachusetts-Bay  
in New-England.



By His EXCELLENCY,

Joseph Dudley Esq.

Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over  
Her Majesties said Province &c.

## A Proclamation for a general Fast.

**T**aking into Consideration Her Majesties necessary Entrance into a War with the French King, since Her happy Accession to the Crown, for the preservation of the liberties of Europe: And thereby the danger that this Province, and other Her Majesties Territories and Provinces in America are in of being exposed: As also the present calamitous and deadly Sickneses at New-York, and other English Plantations, the Infection whereof is spread in these parts.

**I** have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesties Council, to Appoint Thursday the Twenty-second of October instant, A day of publick FASTING and PRAYER, throughout this Province, to Implore the Divine Mercy; That Her Majesties Life and health may be long continued, and her just Armes prospered, for Subduing the Exorbitant power of France; That her Provinces and Territories in America may be preserved and defended; The present Infection removed from our Neighbours and our selves; And that all Divine and needful Blessings may be granted to us and them: Directing all Ministers and People in their respective Congregations, religiously to perform the Duties of the said Day, in offering up most ardent and fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD: And all servile Labour is Inhibited upon the same.

Given at Boston the First day of October, 1702. In the First Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Ex-  
cellency & Council,  
Isaac Addington Secr.

J. DUDLEY.

### G O D Save the Queen

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