



By His Excellency

Benjamin Fletcher, Captain General and Governour in Chief of The Province of *New-York*, and the Territories and Tracts of Land depending thereon in *America*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, His Majesties Lieutenant and Commander in Chief of the Militia, and of all the Forces by Sea and Land within His Majesties Collony of *Connecticut*, and of all the Forts and places of Strength within the same.

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the manifold Sins and Transgressions that are committed against Almighty God, are a just Cause of Provocation, and a mean to frustrate Our Happiness and Welfare, I have therefore, from the great Sense thereof, by Advice and Consent of the Council, thought fit to appoint, That *Fryday*, the Twenty seventh Day of *March* next ensuing, be observed and kept a Solemn Day of Fasting and Humiliation throughout this Province, to prostrate our selves before Almighty God, with true Penitence, earnestly beseeching the Forgiveness of our Sins, Success and Victory to His Majesties Arms by Sea and Land, and the Preservation and Safety of His Royal Person, so frequently exposed to Danger for the Happiness and Welfare of *Europe*. And all Persons within this Province are hereby required strictly to observe and keep the same, and to desist from all Servile Labour and Employment thereon, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril.

Given at His Majesties Fort in New-York, the 27th Day of February, in the Eighth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, William the Third, by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno; Domini 1695, 6.

Ben. Fletcher.

God Save the KING

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