



BY THE HONORABLE

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Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION

For a General FAST.

FROM a Sense of our absolute Dependance upon Almighty GOD, and of our indispenfable
Duty to acknowledge him in all our Ways :

I HAVE thought fit to appoint, and I do by and with the Advice and Consent of His Majesty's
Council, appoint Thursday the Fifth Day of *April* next ensuing to be a Day of Fasting and
Prayer throughout this Province; recommending both to Ministers and People in their
respective religious Assemblies devoutly to observe the same, and with humble penitent
Confession of Sins to offer up fervent Prayers and Supplications to Almighty GOD for all those
Mercies which we stand in need of, more especially—that the Life and Health of our Sovereign
Lord the KING may be long preserved—that His Majesty's Councils and Endeavours for the
Tranquility and Prosperity of his Kingdoms, of his American Colonies, and of all other his
Dominions, may be directed and succeeded of Heaven—that the Blessings of Civil and
Religious Liberty, of good Government and Order may be the happy Portion of the People of
this Province---that through the Course of the present Year the Administration of Civil Government,
the Husbandry, Merchandize and Fishery of the Province may be blessed and prospered---that the
general Health now enjoyed may be continued---that all Orders and Ages of Men may amend their
Lives---and that the Religion of our blessed Saviour in the Purity of it may prevail throughout
the World.

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

*GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Seventh Day of March: In the Tenth Year
of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-
Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of
our Lord 1770.*

By His HONOR'S Command,
A. OLIVER, Sec'y.

T. Hutchinson.

G O D Save the KING.