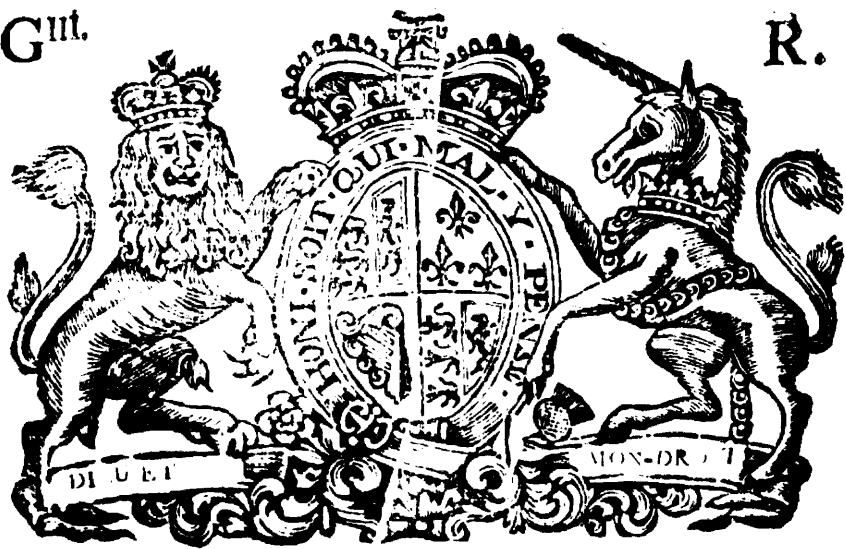


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By the Lieutenant-Governor
and Commander in Chief.

A PROCLAMATION
For a General FAST.

FROM a Sense of our Dependance upon the Blessing of Heaven for Success in
all our Affairs :

I HAVE thought fit to appoint, and I do, with the Advice of His Majesty's
Council, appoint Thursday the Eighteenth Day of *April* next, to be ob-
served as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province ; recom-
mending to Ministers and People a religious Observance of the said Day, by
a penitent Confession of their Sins, and by offering up their fervent Prayers for the
obtaining the Divine Favour, both in spiritual and temporal Regards : In an
especial Manner—that the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE
may long be continued—that the best of Blessings may descend and rest upon His
Sacred Person, and His illustrious Family—that the Administration of His Majes-
ty's Government throughout the *British* Dominions may be succeeded and prospere-
d—that the Rulers in this Province may be faithful to their Trusts—that the
People may lead quiet and peaceable Lives in all Godliness and Honesty—that
our civil and religious Liberties may be protected and preserved—that all who seek
our Prosperity may prosper—that, in the Course of the present Year, it may please
God to bless us in our Husbandry, Merchandize and Fishery, and in all the Works
of our Hands—to continue the general Health which of his great Mercy we now
enjoy—to prepare us by holy and righteous Lives to receive his most gracious Favours--
and to enlarge and extend the Kingdom of our blessed saviour 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, 1771, in the Eleventh 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.*

By His HONOR's Command,
A. OLIVER, Secy.

T. Hutchinson.

G O D Save the KING.