

Massachusetts-
Bay.



By the Governor.

A PROCLAMATION For a Publick *F A S T*.

IT having been the long uninterrupted Practice of the Authority of this Government to appoint and set apart, at the beginning of every Year, a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout the Province, and to exhort and require Ministers and People to assemble in the several Places of Religious Worship, and with penitent Hearts to confess their Sins to Almighty God, humbly imploring his Mercy and Forgiveness;—to offer up their devout and fervent Prayers—that the Life and Health of their Sovereign upon the Throne and of the whole Royal Family may be preserved—that the Publick Councils for promoting the Peace and Prosperity of the British Dominions may be under the favorable Influence and Guidance of Heaven—that the many Publick Mercies of a civil and of a religious Nature which the People of this Province enjoy may be continued—that such further Mercies as their State and Circumstances require may be conferred upon them—that it may please God to bless them with Peace and Health, to succeed their Husbandry, Merchandize and Fishery, and to make the Work of their Hands to prosper—that the Fruits of that Holy Religion which they profess may be made manifest in their Lives—and that the Kingdom of our blessed Saviour may prevail and spread through the World :

In Imitation of so pious and laudable an Example ;

IHAVE thought fit to appoint and I do, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the Fourteenth Day of *April* next to be religiously observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout the Province, by humbly imploring from the Giver of every good and perfect Gift such of the above enumerated Mercies and such other publick and private Blessings as in His Infinite Wisdom he knows to be fit and proper for us:

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 Fourteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1774.

By His Excellency's Command,
THO'S FLUCKER, Sec'y.

T. Hutchinson.

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