

Massachusetts-
Bay.



By the Governor.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a General F A S T.

FORASMUCH as our Peace and Prosperity depend upon the Favour and Blessing of GOD, of which we have rendered ourselves unworthy by many and aggravated Sins :

IHAVE therefore thought fit to appoint, and I do with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, appoint Thursday the *Fifteenth* Day of *April* next to be a Day of Publick Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province ; and I exhort Ministers and People religiously to observe the same, by humbly and penitently confessing their Sins, and imploring the pardoning Mercy of God, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, and by sincere and earnest supplications to the Throne of Divine Grace—that God may be pleased to enable this whole People to amend their Ways and to return unto Him by a sincere and thorough Reformation—that those Mercies which we have long undeservedly enjoyed may still remain to us, and that those which we have justly been deprived of by the Demerit of our open Impieties and Infidelity, may be restored to us—that in the Course of the ensuing Year we may be prospered in our Husbandry, Merchandize and Fishery, and be preserved from mortal contagious Sickness—that the Divine Conduct may accompany every Part of the Administration of Government—that the Life and Health of our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE may be long continued—that the Blessings of Heaven may descend and rest upon His Sacred Person and upon all the Branches of His illustrious Family—that His Majesty's Councils may be directed to the further promoting of the Weal of the Kingdoms and Dominions under His most happy Government—and that the Kingdom of our blessed Saviour may be enlarged and extend throughout the World.

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

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Tenth Day of March 1773, in the Thirteenth 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 Excellency's Command,
THO'S FLUCKER, Secr'y.

T. Hutchinson.

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