

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY,  
WILLIAM A. PALMER,**

Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Vermont,

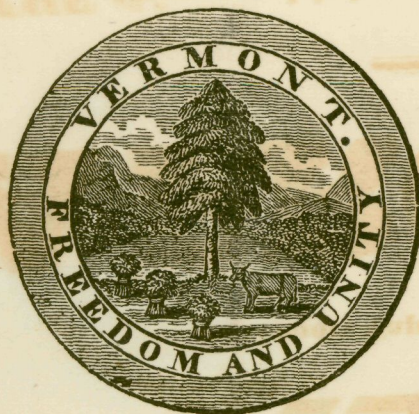
**A PROCLAMATION.**

**THE** things which are created and seen are a sufficient testimony to the contemplative mind, of the power of God, who doeth his pleasure in the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of the Earth—in whose all-seeing eye nations are but as a drop in the bucket and the small dust of the balance.

It behooveth, therefore, dying and dependant man, whose habitation is in the dust, to acknowledge Him in all his ways, and, when his judgments are abroad in the earth, to learn righteousness.—Life and death are in his hand—diseases are at his control—and as, in his sovereign pleasure, he has seen fit to suffer a desolating pestilence to waste the population of other portions of the earth—and, in his inscrutable providence, is now visiting, with this appalling judgment, sections of our own beloved country, carrying desolation and death to the habitations, and terror and dismay to the hearts, of our countrymen—it becomes the citizens of this State, with a pious confidence in his unerring wisdom and in humble dependence on his beneficence and mercy, to implore his gracious interposition and deliverance from this “pestilence which walketh in darkness and wasteth at noon day.” All christians believe in the efficacy of prayer—“the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much”—by it national judgments have been averted and national blessings secured.

In compliance, therefore, with the request of a respectable portion of the christian community of this State and in accordance with my own feelings, under a deep sense of our obligation to recognize, in all events, the controlling agency of Almighty God, the giver and preserver of life; and, more especially in seasons of publick calamity, to call on Him and Him only, who is able to save:—

I have thought proper to appoint and *do hereby appoint*, FRIDAY THE TWENTY FIRST DAY of September next, to be observed by the people of this State as a day of HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER; and I hereby earnestly recommend to the people of every religious denomination, to assemble on that day, at their respective places of public worship and supplicate, by humble and fervent prayer, the forgiving mercy of God, through the merits of his Son, our only Saviour, and implore his gracious interposition, to save us from the desolating scourge which is now visiting some of our sister states—that he would, in his infinite mercy and goodness, stay the progress of the destroying angel in every portion of the globe—that he would banish the pestilence from our shores—heal the sick,—comfort the broken hearted and sanctify his dealings to the bereaved—that he would prepare us as a people and as individuals for the allotments of his Holy will, both merciful and afflictive, and enable us, through divine grace, to resist the allurements of sin and to live as becomes accountable and dependent creatures in this present evil world—that we may be prepared, not only for all his providential dealings of a temporal nature, but also for the retributions of eternity.



*Given under my hand, at Danville, this twenty seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two, and of the Independence of the United States, the fifty-seventh.*

**WILLIAM A. PALMER.**

**By his Excellency the Governor,**

**EDWARD D. BARBER, Secretary.**