



By the HONOURABLE

S P E N C E R P H I P S, Esq; .

Lieutenant-Governour and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a publick *F A S T*.

IT being our indispensible Duty to acknowledge our absolute Dependence on Almighty GOD, the supream Ruler of the World, by seeking to Him for Direction and Success in all our Affairs; and the Approaches of the Spring more especially calling upon us publickly to implore the divine Blessing on the Concerns and Occurrences of the Year ensuing;

I have thought fit, With the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Fifteenth of March next, to be observed as a Day of general Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province, hereby calling upon Ministers and People to humble themselves before GOD, and with penitent Confession of their Sins and the Sins of the People, humbly and fervently to supplicate the Divine Mercy in pardoning our Iniquities, and bestowing upon us all necessary Blessings; Particularly, That it would please GOD to grant the best of Blessings to our Sovereign Lord the KING, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, and the other Branches of the Royal Family; That he would long continue (even to the latest Posterity) the Protestant Succession to the Crown of Great-Britain in that illustrious House; That he would graciously direct and succeed all his Majesty's Councils, Negotiations and Enterprizes, both at Home and Abroad; That it would please GOD to bless this Land, and guide and prosper the Administration of the Government of this Province, and give Success to the Affairs thereof, depending in Great Britain; That he would afford his Presence with his Excellency our Governour, and would be pleased graciously to influence and overrule the present Controversy relating to the English and French Boundary on this Continent, the Issue or Determination of which nearly concerns the Interest of this Province, as also of his Majesty's other Colonies; That he would please to maintain our Peace, continue health among us, and restore it to such Places where Sickness may prevail; That he would bless our Husbandry, and mercifully prevent the diminishing of the Fruits of the Earth, by devouring Insects and unseasonable Weather, or other Judgments, that so our Land may yield it's Increase: That he would protect and prosper our Navigation, Trade and Fishery; That he would long continue our Religious and Civil Priviledges; and above all, That he would make us a truly penitent and reformed People; and that he would revive the Power and Spirit of Religion in all Parts of the Christian World; And that the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST may fill the Earth as the Waters cover the Sea: And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Sixteenth Day of February 1749. In the Twenty-third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Lieut. Governour with the Advice of the Council,

S. Phips.

J. WILLARD, Secr.

G O D save the K I N G.