

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 FAST.

**F**ORASMUCH as the present Dispensations and Aspects of Divine Providence towards this People, as well as the common and usual Occasions of the Year (now ensuing) require our publick and solemn Supplications to Almighty GOD, that He would mercifully relieve us under our Troubles and Difficulties, and grant us his Direction and Blessing in all our Affairs and Interests;

**I** have thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Twenty-Sixth of March next, to be observed as a Day of Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province; hereby calling both upon Ministers and People to humble themselves under the hand of GOD, and with penitent Confession of Sin, earnestly to implore the Divine Majesty to turn away his Anger from us, and to confer upon us all necessary Blessings; In particular, That it would please GOD to stop the Progress of the infectious and mortal Sickness he has sent among us, or that he would thereby correct us with the Tenderness of a Father, that so this grievous Affliction may yield us (especially those who may be more immediately exercised therewith) the peaceable Fruits of Righteousness; That he would restore Health where it is wanted, and continue it where it is enjoyed; That he would please to maintain Peace on our Borders and deliver and return the Remainder of our Captives, and graciously succeed all Measures taken by this Government for those Purposes; That he would bless the Husbandry of this Land by giving us Rain from Heaven and fruitful Seasons; That he would revive and prosper our Trade, Navigation and Fishery; That he would graciously direct and succeed the Administration of the Government of this Province, and prolong our invaluable Privileges, Religious and Civil; That he would continue the Life of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and grant him the best of Blessings; That he would direct and succeed his Majesty's Councils and Administrations for preserving the Peace of EUROPE, and maintaining the Rights of his Crown, and the Liberties of his Subjects; That he would bless his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, the Duke, and the rest of the Royal Family; and that he would revive the Power of the Christian Religion in all his Majesty's Dominions, particularly in this Land, that so it may prevail over all Infidelity, Deism, Prophaness, and all Manner of Wickedness and Immorality; And that the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST may fill the whole 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 Twenty-fifth Day of *February* 1752, in the Twenty-fifth 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 Lieutenant-Governour,  
with the Advice of the Council,  
J. WILLARD, Secy.

*S. Phips.*

**G O D Save the KING.**

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