



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 general FAST.

IT being our indispenfible Duty, by Prayer and Supplication, to acknowledge our Dependence on Almighty GOD, and to feek unto Him for all neceffary Blessings; and particularly, in a more publick and folemn Manner, to implore the Divine Favour upon all the Concerns and Interests of our Nation and Land; And the Season of the Year now approaching, wherein our Affairs do more immediately require our united Supplications for Direction and Succes;

I have therefore thought fit, With the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to order that Thursday the Twenty-first of March next be observed as a Day of general Fasting and Prayer thro'out this Province; Hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to solemnize the same, by penitent Confession of our many aggravated Sins and Offences (committed under the gracious Dispensation of Divine Providence, in granting many remarkable and undeserved Blessings to us in the Course of the Year past) and by humble and fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD, to sanctify his fatherly Corrections to us, that by these our Iniquities may be purg'd, and that all the Fruit thereof may be to take away our Sins; And that it would please the Divine Majesty to confer upon us all needful Blessings; Particularly, That he would bless our sovereign Lord the KING, and grant him Health and long Life, and direct and succeed his Majesty's Councils and Negotiations for advancing the general Prosperity of the Kingdoms and Dominions under his happy Government, and for preserving & increasing the Tranquility of Europe; Also that GOD would preserve and bless their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke, and the other Branches of the Royal Family, and continue the Protestant Succession to the Crown of Great-Britain, to the latest Posterity; That it would please GOD graciously to direct and prosper the Administrations of the Government of this Province, and continue to us the enjoyment of our invaluable Privileges, Religious and Civil; That he would command his Blessing upon our Husbandry, Merchandize and Fishery, and prosper the Works of our hands; That he would maintain Peace on our Borders, and restore and preserve health in our habitations; And above all that he would grant the gracious Influences of his HOLY SPIRIT to all Orders of Persons among us, that we may reform what is amiss, and find Grace in his Sight, and be prepared for a thankful Reception of these and all other Blessings; And that the Spiritual Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST may come with great Power and Glory: And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on the said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Twenty-seventh Day of February 1750, in the Twenty-fourth 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 His Honour's Command, with the Advice of the Council,
J. WILLARD, Secr.

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G O D Save the KING.