



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*.

IT being our indispensable Duty to acknowledge our constant Dependance upon the sovereign, wise and gracious Providence of Almighty GOD, whose Kingdom ruleth over all, and by Prayer and Supplication to make known our Requests to Him; more especially for those publick Blessings which concern our Nation and Land, the universal Interests of Religion, and the Civil Peace and Tranquility throughout the World; and the advancing Spring reminding us of our Duty to implore the Divine Favour, respecting the Affairs and Concerns of the Year now ensuing; and the present Aspects of Divine Providence towards us, together with our many heinous Iniquities, demanding our deepest Humiliation and Repentance;

I have thought fit, With the Advice of his Majesty's Council, to appoint Thursday the Nineteenth Day of *April* next, to be observed throughout this Province as a Day of Fasting and Prayer; hereby calling upon Ministers and People, as well in private as in their publick Assemblies, religiously to solemnize the same by penitent Confession of their own Sins and the Sins of the People, earnestly imploring the Divine Mercy for the Pardon of **ALL** our heinous Offences and Provocations, and that he would turn away his Anger from us, and subdue all our Iniquities, and make us a reformed and happy People; more particularly, that it would please **GOD** mercifully to direct the Government of this Province in all the difficult Affairs which may come before them; that he would confer a publick Spirit on all Persons whatsoever, especially on such as are in Civil Authority, exciting them to pursue the great Interests of Religion, and the Peace and Prosperity of their Country; that he would grant us suitable Seasons for the husbandry of this Land, that so every Part of the Year may be crowned with his Goodness; that he would protect and prosper our Merchandize, Navigation and Fishery; that he would continue Peace on our Borders, and restore and preserve Health in our Towns and Villages; That **GOD** would graciously please long to continue the Life and Reign of our Sovereign Lord the KING, and protect and defend the Kingdoms and Dominions under his happy Government, and guide and succeed his Majesty's Councils for maintaining the Peace of *Europe*; that he would grant his especial Favour to their Royal Highnesses the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, and all the other Branches of the Royal Family; that he would cause the Protestant Religion to flourish in all parts of the Christian World; and that the true 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 prohibited on the said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the seventh Day of March, 1753. In the Twenty-sixth 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 His Honour the Lieutenant-Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. Willard, Secr.

S. Phips.

G O D Save the **K I N G**.