



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 having pleas'd Almighty GOD, the sovereign Disposer of all Events, to permit the ancient and perfidious Enemy of His Majesty's Kingdoms and Dominions, to obtain some signal Advantages against them, in the Course of the Year past, both in *Europe* and *America*; thereby manifesting His righteous Displeasure at our provoking Sins, and calling upon us to humble ourselves under his mighty Hand, to repent of our evil Deeds, and amend our Lives;

AND as it becomes us to own the Dispensation of Divine Providence in these great Events; it is incumbent on Us also to acknowledge GOD in all our Ways, by offering up our Prayers and Supplications to Him for his Blessing upon all our Concerns and Undertakings;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint Thursday the Twenty-first Day of *April* next, to be observ'd as a Day of Publick Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province; urging it upon all Ranks and Orders of Men among us religiously to solemnize the same, by approaching the Throne of Grace, with humble penitent Confessions of our many Sins, and with fervent Prayers for the Pardon of them; by presenting also our devout Supplications to Almighty GOD for his Blessing upon Us, and upon all Men; More especially,

That He would bless our Sovereign Lord the KING, and that in great Mercy to the Nation and its Dependencies, He would be pleas'd still to preserve his Majesty's most important Life, to strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his Enemies; and to grant, that finally after this Life he may attain everlasting Joy and Felicity:

That He would bless the Prince of *Wales*, the Princess Dowager of *Wales*, the Duke, and the Rest of the Royal Family:

That He would direct and govern his Majesty's Councils, and the Resolutions of the British Parliament; and over-rule the present Commotions to bring about a firm, safe and lasting Peace; to strengthen the Protestant Cause and Interest; and to spread the Reformation universally among the Christian States and Nations:

That He would conduct his Majesty's Fleets and Armies; and give Wisdom, Firmness and Courage to all in Command; and that He would in a particular manner direct and succeed the Measures of the General and Commander in Chief of the Forces in *North-America*, at this most interesting Crisis of Affairs:

That He would guide the Councils of this Government:

That He would preserve and confirm Health among us; defend the Lives and Properties of such of our Inhabitants as may be more immediately expos'd, whether by Sea or Land; and return those who are in Captivity:

That He would grant his Blessing on our Navigation, Trade and Husbandry; and upon all our lawful Occupations and Employments:

That He would succeed the Means of Grace among us, and cause the Gospel of his SON to be received and owned by the several Indian Tribes in the Land; and to have its genuine Influence and Effect upon their Hearts and Lives: And finally grant,

That the Redeemer's Kingdom may universally take Place, and be established; and that all Men may be brought to know the only true GOD, and JESUS CHRIST, whom He hath sent.

And all Recreations and unnecessary Labour are forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Boston, the Eighteenth Day of March, 1757, In the Thirtieth 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 Honourable the Lieutenant-Governour,
with the Advice of the Council,
A. Diber, Secr.*

S. Phips.

GOD Save the KING.