

By the HONOURABLE

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

# A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a general *F A S T*.



*IT IS MUCH* as it hath pleased Almighty GOD, in his holy and righteous Providence, to visit the capital Town of this Province, and other Towns within the same, with the contagious Disease of the Small-Pox, as also with a malignant Fever, which have proved mortal to great Numbers of Persons, (by which the Divine Anger hath been manifested against this People); And whereas there is great Hazard of the spreading of these Diseases in other Parts of this Province, whereby we are loudly called upon to humble ourselves under the mighty Hand of GOD;

**I** have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint Thursday the Second Day of July next, to be observed as a Day of General-Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province; hereby calling on both Ministers and People to solemnize the same by penitent Confession of our many and aggravated Iniquities (the procuring Cause of these and other Judgments and Calamities inflicted on Us,) and by humble and fervent Supplications to the Divine Majesty to sanctify the Dispensations of his Providence, both merciful and afflictive, to the purging away of our Iniquities, and to the bringing about a sincere and thorough Reformation in Persons of all Orders among us; and that GOD would turn away his Anger from us; restore health, and prosper us in all our religious and civil Interests; and that the Spiritual Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour *JESUS CHRIST* may be advanced, and the Whole Earth be filled with his Glory. And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

*AND* upon due Consideration of the present distressed Circumstances of the Town of Boston;

**I**t is earnestly recommended to all charitable and well-disposed Persons to contribute on the Day aforesaid, for the Relief of the Poor of said Town as they judge proper; that so our Alms, as well as our Prayers, may come up for a Memorial before GOD.

*GIVEN* at the Council-Chamber in Concord, the Fifth Day of June, 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.

*Witness* my hand and the Seal of the Province, this Fifth Day of June, 1752.  
S. Phips,  
Lieutenant-Governour,  
in and over the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay,  
in New-England.

S. Phips.

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