

BY THE HONOURABLE  
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...and Command<sup>r</sup> in Chief, <sup>of</sup> His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-  
Bay in New-England.*

# A PROCLAMATION.

It having pleased Almighty God, the great Lord of Heaven and Earth, in a most awful and surprizing Manner, to manifest his righteous Anger against the heinous and provoking Sins of Men by terrible and destructive Earthquakes and Innundations in divers Parts of *Europe*, and by a late severe Shock of an Earthquake on this Continent, and in this Province in particular, which has been succeeded by several others although less violent than the first; All which loudly warn us of still greater Judgments to come, unless prevented by speedy Repentance and Reformation;

I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the House of Representatives, to appoint Thursday the Eighth Day of January next, to be observed as a Day of publick Humiliation and Prayer throughout this Province; hereby recommending to the several religious Assemblies of every Denomination, devoutly to attend on the Duties of the Day; and with humble penitent Confession of their Sins, and sincere Resolutions of Amendment, to implore the pardoning Mercy of GOD through JESUS CHRIST, and the gracious Removal of the divine Displeasure from us. And at the same Time, to offer our sincere Praises to the great Author and Preserver of our Beings, for his distinguishing Mercy to this People, that when Multitudes have been destroyed by Earthquakes and Innundations in other Parts of the World, yet among Us no Life has been lost by this amazing Providence.

And I take this Occasion to require all Persons in civil Authority to use their utmost Endeavour that the Laws for punishing Immorality and Prophaness be strictly observed; and to take effectual Care that all Breaches thereof be duly punished. And I earnestly recommend to Persons of every Age, and every Order, Amendment of Life; a due Sense of their entire Dependence upon the Favour of GOD for every Moment of their Lives, which being thus remarkably preserved, they are more than ever bound to devote to his Service;

and all idle Labour and Recreations are forbidden on the said Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Twenty-fourth Day of *December* 1755, and in the Twenty-ninth 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 Lieut. Governour,  
with the Advice of the Council,  
J. Willard, Sec'y.

S. Phips.

## GOD Save the KING.