



BY THE HONORABLE

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America.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,
For a Day of Public Fasting and Prayer.

AS the Favour of Almighty GOD, which is necessary to Our Welfare and Happiness, is only to be expected in a Way of Repentance and Obedience; and as Iniquity abounds, and the Dispensations of Providence are dark and gloomy; it becomes Us, with Humility, Seriousness and Solemnity, to look to the Disposer of all Things, for the Removal of His Frowns, and the Returns of his Smiles. Considering, that many Impieties and Abominations are to be found among Us, whereby a holy GOD is provoked, and the Grounds We have thence to apprehend his heavy Displeasure. Reflecting also, that by the Providence of GOD, Our public Affairs are involved in great Perplexity and Difficulty.

I HAVE thought Fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, Wednesday, the Nineteenth Day of APRIL next, to be observed throughout this Colony, as a Day of public Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer; directing and exhorting All, both Ministers and People, of every Denomination, devoutly to attend said Fast: With becoming Acknowledgments of divine Corrections, to humble themselves before the LORD, both in Public and Private; sincerely bewailing the many abounding Sins in the Land, which expose to the Judgments of Heaven: Unfeignedly to repent and turn to GOD, and his Ways; earnestly deprecating His Anger, and seeking Forgiveness, and the Bestowment of His Favours, and humbly waiting on Him for the Blessings we need.

ALSO, to offer up fervent Supplications to Almighty GOD, for the King's Most Excellent Majesty; Our Gracious Queen CHARLOTTE; Their Royal Highnesses, GEORGE, Prince of Wales, the Princess Dowager of Wales, and all the Royal Family. That GOD would mercifully guide and direct the King's Councils, smile on His Government; establish and maintain Peace and Liberty in our Nation and Land; remove His Judgments, and extricate Us from the Embarrassments with which Our Affairs are attended; and still own Us as His People; that His special Regards may be to this Colony; preserve Our Liberties, Rights and Privileges of a Civil and Religious Nature, inviolate; and cause Us wisely and thankfully to improve them; dispose the Heart of the King, and His Counsellors, to lend a favourable Ear to Our Petitions, and redress Our Grievances; succeed Our Agency at the Court of Great-Britain; render effectual a preached Gospel, and smile on the Interest of Learning; grant copious Effusions of His Spirit upon all Orders of Men; bless all in public Stations, Civil or Sacred; prosper Attempts to christianise the Heathen in the Land; favour Us with suitable Seasons; bring forward the Springing of the Year; cause the Earth to yield it's Increase; continue Health among Us; crown the Year with his Goodness; ever delight in Our Prosperity; and make Us a holy and happy People, to the Glory of His great and sacred Name.

And all Servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand in Hartford, the Ninth Day of March, in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord, GEORGE the Third, of GREAT-BITAIN, FRANCE and IRELAND, KING. Defender of the Faith, &c. Anno-que Domini, 1769.

WM. PITKIN.

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