

By his EXCELLENCY

MOSES ROBINSON, Esquire,

Governor and Commander in Chief in and  
over the State of Vermont.

## A Proclamation.

*IT being the indispensable duty of a community to acknowledge their dependence on the supreme Disposer and Governor of all events, and humble themselves for their sins under the rebukes of his righteous laws; and particularly seasonable at the opening of the year, that the people of this state should unitedly supplicate his blessing, of which their multiplied transgressions render them unworthy.*

I HAVE thought fit to appoint, and by and with the advice of the COUNCIL, do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY, the twenty-eighth day of April next, to be observed throughout this state, as a day of PUBLIC HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER. And I do exhort both ministers and people of every religious denomination, to assemble in their respective congregations on that day, and with deep unfeigned contrition and penitence of heart to confess their sins to GOD; and implore the forgiveness of them, through the merits and mediation of JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR; at the same time resolving, by the assistance of grace, not only to forsake them, but to bring forth the positive fruits of a virtuous, holy life. Earnestly beseeching him that he would be pleased to suppress vice, immorality and error; that he would for this end grant the special influences of his holy spirit, to convert men from the error of their ways, and cause pure and undefiled religion, to revive and spread through the land; that he would build up churches in the simplicity, faith, order and fellowship of the gospel, and cause a spirit of mutual love, forbearance and charity to revive and prevail among the professors of our holy religion; that he would bless and succeed the instituted means of gospel instruction, and grant to destitute congregations and churches faithful and able pastors and teachers; that he would bless and direct the legislative, executive and judiciary departments of the state; that our rulers may be examples of virtue and piety to their subjects; that by a proper exercise of their authority, they may be a terror to the wicked, and the promoters and encouragers of virtue; that a spirit of union and obedience to the laws of the State, might prevail among all ranks of men; that he would build up and prosper seminaries and schools of learning within this state, that our youth may be trained up to all useful knowledge; that he would prosper our husbandry, manufactures, and every branch of useful commerce; bring forward the spring of the year in mercy; crown the year with health, peace, plenty and every needed effect of his goodness; save from droughts, frosts, insects and every desolating judgment; that he would remove every obstacle out of the way of the reception of this state into the federal union; that he would bless the united states of America, succeed their councils at home and negotiations abroad; preserve and strengthen their union, bless their allies, and render the connection formed with them mutually beneficial; that he would grant wisdom and council to their legislative, executive and judiciary departments; that he would prolong and render eminently useful the life of the president of the united states of America; and that he would establish and build up the peaceful, glorious kingdom of GOD our SAVIOUR throughout the world.

ALL SERVILE LABOUR and RECREATION is forbidden on said day.

*GIVEN at the COUNCIL CHAMBER in BENNINGTON, the 31st day of March, in the year of our Lord 1790, and in the 14th year of the INDEPENDENCE of VERMONT,*

MOSES ROBINSON.

By his EXCELLENCY'S command,

JOSEPH FAY, secretary.

**GOD save the PEOPLE.**

*Bennington, Vermont, 1790*