



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

THOMAS H. SEYMOUR,

Governor of the State of Connecticut,

A PROCLAMATION.



In compliance with a custom of our honored ancestors, I do hereby appoint *FRIDAY*, the eighteenth day of *April next*, to be observed throughout this State as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer.

For that purpose, I invite the clergy to have meetings for public worship in the several Churches under their charge: and I invite the people of the State to abstain from worldly pursuits on that day, and to attend religious exercises in our Churches suitable to the solemnities of the occasion, and its penitential sorrowing for sin: that with contrite hearts and prayerful minds we may be reconciled unto God.

When thus assembled in the places of prayer and praise, let us beseech Him to turn our hearts from the things which defile, and the objects which mislead, to those only which shall purify and rightly direct: and that He who "knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are dust," will graciously enable us to correct the errors to which we are subject, restrain our passions, limit our desires, subdue our pride, and safely conduct us by the light of His Gospel in the paths of truth and Heavenly wisdom.

The necessities of our dependent condition, call for a renewal of our supplications to God that He will continue to give us the kindly fruits of the earth in their season; and let us beseech Him to reward labor abundantly in all its multiform pursuits of honest enterprise and hardy industry; and whilst blessed and prospered in our earthly affairs, that He will teach us the luxury of doing good to others, and prepare us for the felicities of a world where the good has no mixture of evil.

Let us also beseech Him to bless our Schools, Seminaries of Learning, and charitable Institutions of every kind,---Asylums and all our Churches;---and invoke his blessing upon our State and its co-States of the Union; and that He who conducted our fathers to these shores, and watched over them, and the Colonies and States which they founded, will continue to watch over the fruits of their labors, and make their descendants a truly free, a just, and a Christian People.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Hartford, this 14th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the seventy-fifth.

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THOMAS H. SEYMOUR.

By His Excellency's command,

JOHN P. C. MATHER,

Secretary of State.