

By His EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM SHIRLEY, Esq;

Captain-General and Governor in Chief of His Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*,
in *New-England*.

A Proclamation for a publick *FAST*.

WHEREAS divers Expeditions have been projected, and are now in Prosecution for the Removal of the Encroachments made upon His Majesty's Territories, and for the Preservation and Security of the Rights and Possessions of His Majesty's Subjects in *North-America*; and whereas it is incumbent on Us, in a more especial Manner, to implore the Divine Favour and Blessing when we are engaged in Affairs of great Moment and Importance;

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, and at the Desire of the Assembly, to appoint Thursday the third Day of July next, to be observed throughout this Province as a Day of publick Fasting and Prayer; hereby calling upon Ministers and People religiously to solemnize the same, by a humble and penitent Confession of our manifold aggravated Sins, whereby We have provoked the just Anger of Almighty GOD; and by earnest Supplication to him, that he would grant us his pardoning Mercy, thro' the great Mediator, with the powerful Aids of his Holy Spirit, to work a thorough Reformation in the Hearts and Lives of this People; That he would graciously smile upon the Measures which are now in Prosecution for the Recovery and Security of His Majesty's Territories in America, which have been so unjustly and perfidiously invaded by our French Neighbours; That he would direct the Counsels, and succeed the Endeavours of this Government, for the Protection of our Frontiers, against the Inroads of the Indian Savages; that he would mercifully prevent the Calamity of a general War, and that he would hasten the happy Times when the Nations shall learn War no more, when our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, the blessed and only Potentate, and the Prince of Peace, shall subdue all Nations to himself. And all seivile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Ninth Day of *June* 1755. In the Twenty eighth 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 Faith, &c.

By His Excellency's Command,
with the Advice of the Council,
J. WILLARD, Secr'y.

W. Shirley.

G O D Save the KING.