

Province of the
Massachusetts-
Bay in New-
England.



By the HONORABLE,
The Lieut. Governour,
And Commander in Chief, and the COUNCIL

A PROCLAMATION for a general FAST.

WHEREAS in the midst of many Wonderful Mercies
wherewith the Divine Goodness hath surrounded us, this
Province is attended with very notable Causes of Humili-
ation and Supplication.

It is therefore Ordered, That Thursday the Three and Twentieth
of March next be set apart for the Duties of extraordinary
PRAYER with FASTING before the Lord; That through-
out Lord JESUS CHRIST, imploring the Pardon and Redress of
the Sins offensive to the Eyes of his Glory among us, we may also
obtain the manifold Blessings of the Almighty upon all our Affairs in
the Year ensuing; That the expected Arrival of his EXCELLENCY
our Governour unto this part of his Government, may be under the
Care and Smile of Heaven; That all our Concerns both by Sea and
Land, and particularly those of the Husbandry, may be prospered;
That our Peace and health may be continued: And above all, That
plentiful Effusions of the Spirit of Grace upon all Orders among us,
may prepare us for the Salvations of our God; With further and fer-
vent Petitions, That our Sovereign Lord the KING may be pre-
served, and his Kingdoms with his Parliaments in them Enjoy the
happy Symptoms of God Returning with Favour to the Nations:
That the Flock of our Lord Jesus Christ where 'tis Languishing un-
der horrible Persecutions, may be Delivered; And that the Interest
of his True Religion may exceedingly prevail in all, and particularly
in the American parts of the Earth.

Which Duties being thus Recommended unto the several Minist-
ers and Assemblies of this Province, All servile Labour on the day
pointed, is therefore hereby inhibited.

Given at the Council Chamber in
February, 1698. In Eleventh
Year of Lord WILLI

the Sixteenth