
STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

By His Excellency the PRESIDENT of the State of New-Hampshire, Captain-General and Commander in Chief, and Vice Admiral of the same.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For a GENERAL FAST.

AS it is the indispenfable duty of Individuals and Nations to humble themselves before ALMIGHTY GOD our HEAVENLY FATHER, to confider their ways with humble, lowly, penitent and obedient hearts, to confefs their fins and iniquities that they may obtain forgiveness of their manifold offences. As prayers and fupplications are the means to exprefs our general charity to all mankind, and for obtaining all thofe things that are neceffary for foul and body in time and through eternity ; The General Court have thought fit to give an opportunity to perform thefe great duties and obtain thefe great benefits, by appointing THURSDAY the *Fifteenth Day of April* next, to be obferved as a Day of GENERAL FASTING and PRAYER throughout this State ; and I do hereby, with the advice of Council, order and direct it to be obferved accordingly. Exhorting Minifters and People of every denomination folemnly to affemble and meet together, and with devout and united hearts, to befcech the Almighty and Everlafting GOD, that it would pleafe him to have mercy upon all Men, to infpire ALL who profefs and call themfelves chriftians with a fpirit of truth, underftanding and concord, to extend and preferve peace and Godly love among all nations, to fave and defend our Country, to blefs and protect the PRESIDENT and CONGRESS of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, and prosper them with all happinefs, granting his Holy aid to their Councils, that they may be his inftruments in advancing our general honour and fafety. Moreover I exhort that Prayers be made to the Fountain of all Goodnefs, that he would guide the Legislatures of all the States, and us in particular : That he would graciously enable the RULERS of this in the various Legislative, Executive and Judicial Duties, faithfully to execute Juftice and refolutely maintain the Truth.

That GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, would continue our general health, reward our induftry, increafe our unity, difufe the bleffings of piety and literature, and thereby enlighten a Free People and make their profperity permanent.

That he who is the Author of peace and lover of Concord, would cherish and increafe the fpirit of charity, liberality and patriotifm among us ; and that the poor, the widow, the orphan, the brave, and the unfortunate, may ever experience the protection of Heaven and the love of each other and all men. That our land may be as famous for guarding the great bleffings of equal religious and civil liberty, as it has been firm and fucceffful in obtaining of them. And I call upon all, to render moft humble and hearty thanks to the Father of all Mercies for the benefits already obtained by our new Government, for the order that pervades and actuates all ranks to extend love and harmony amidft us ; But above all, to Praise and magnify the Divine Majefty of Heaven and Earth, for the glad tidings of Salvation by a Redeemer, for the means of Grace and hope of Glory.

All Servile Labour and recreation are forbidden on faid day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the twenty third day of February, in the Year of our LQRD one thousand feven hundred and ninety.

JOHN SULLIVAN.

By His Excellency's Command with Advice of Council.

JOSEPH PEARSON, Sec'ry.