



BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JONATHAN TRUMBULL, ESQUIRE,

GOVERNOR and COMMANDER in CHIEF in and over the STATE of CONNECTICUT,

A PROCLAMATION.

UNDER a serious recollection of the various and countless mercies, which by the Divine Blessing we enjoy, we are struck with a sense of the base and unworthy requitals which we make to our Gracious Benefactor for all his Favors, and should be led to deep Humiliation and Repentance for our Vileness and Ingratitude.

WITH a view to this Idea, I have thought proper to appoint, and I do hereby appoint FRIDAY the SIXTEENTH DAY of APRIL next, to be set apart and observed, throughout this State, as a Day of FASTING, HUMILIATION and PRAYER: Earnestly hoping, that we may, individually and collectively, consider with seriousness and sincerity, the Error of our Ways and our Doings, be humbled before our Beneficent Father, for all our Sins and Unworthiness,—and devoutly entreat our God, that, by the assistance of his Gracious Spirit, we may be enabled to keep such a Fast as may be acceptable to Him;—and such as may influence our future Lives in his Fear and to his Glory. We shall do well on that Day, very seriously and deeply to consider our Conduct and Feelings in relation to God and to our Fellow-Men; to search diligently our Hearts, with a view to find out, whether any evil Dispositions, or unruly passions are lurking therein, or discovering themselves in unworthy actions, either of a public or private nature, and if any thing wrong is perceived, for who among us will dare to think, or to say before his God, that he is free from faults? Let us lament over those our Sins and Follies, and sincerely supplicate the Divine Pardon and Mercy for all our Offences, with his Gracious Aid and Assistance, that our future Conduct may be more conformable to our Christian Profession, and to the Divine Mind and Will.

Also let us offer up to God, through our Great Mediator, our sincere Prayers and Supplications for the continuance of His Grace and Favor towards us, with the influences of His Spirit to guide us in the Paths of Wisdom and Virtue:—That He would Bless us in our Public and General Interests, and in our private and individual Concerns,—that we may be a People to praise Him, and a Nation to Glorify His Great Name:—That He will graciously counsel, influence and direct, by His Wisdom, the President of the United States,—with all in Authority, Legislative, Executive and Judicial, in the General Government and in the several States:—That He will mercifully be pleased to cause, that under a wise, steady and faithful Administration of Government, grounded on a due Observance of our happy Constitution, the People may be induced to live quiet and peaceable lives of Obedience, in all Godliness and honesty, knowing and practically acknowledging, that Godliness exalteth a Nation, but that sin and evil-workings are the Reproach of any People, and tend assuredly to their ruin and destruction. That He will Bless the Ministers of the Gospel; make them wise and learned, faithful, prudent and useful Dispensers to the People, of the Divine Mind and Will, as made known in the Oracles of Divine Revelation: Grant His special Blessing on our Colleges and Schools of Learning, and make them eminently subservient to the best Interests and happiness of this State and the United States:—Continue the great Blessing of Health in our Land:—Extend his Favor to all Nations;—and fill the Earth with his Praise and Glory.

ALL servile Labour and Recreations on said Day, are by Law forbidden.

GIVEN under my Hand at Lebanon in said State, this 8th day of March, in the Year of our Lord 1802, and of the Independence of the United States the 26th.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By His Excellency's Command

SAMUEL WYLLYS, Secretary.