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A PROCLAMATION

ALTHOUGH we have great Reason to adore the Divine Goodness, for the Plenty, and general Health, we have enjoyed in the past Year; yet we ought, with humble Reverence, to take Notice of the Frowns of GOD, in visiting divers Towns and Places, with Sickness and Mortality, especially among state Children:——And also, in still holding his Rod of Correction over us, threatning the Loss of our Privileges and Liberty; and considering that we see not a spirit of Repentance and general Resormation, under his awful Threatnings,——and that all our Salvation, and the supply of all our Wants, depend on his Pleasure;——to whom we are to seek for all Good.



HAVE therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, to appoint, and do hereby appoint, Wednesday, the nineteenth Day of April next, to be observed as a Day of publick Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony, by all Christian Churches and Societies in it;---hereby exhorting both Ministers and People to humble themselves sincerely before GOD,---and mourn for all our Sins, which are the pro-

curing Cause of all the Tokens of Divine Displeasure that we are under ;---and deprecate the awful Judgments we are threatened with, in the loss of our inestimable Privileges. Particularly, to lament that carelesses and unteachableness of Spirit which appears amongst us ;---that we are no more awakened, humbled and reformed, when the awful Judgments of GOD are threatened to punish us :---Earnestly to beg the pardon of our Sins,---and that GOD would graciously pour out his HOLY SPIRIT on us, to bring us to a thorough Repentance and effectual Reformation, that our Iniquities may not be our Ruin:---That He would restore, preserve and secure the Liberties of this, and all the other British American Colonies, and make this Land a mountain of Holiness, and habitation of Righteousness forever.---That GOD would preserve and constirm the Union of the Colonies in the pursuit and practice of that Religion and Virtue which will honour Him,---and be our greatest Honour and Security.

And to offer up fervent Prayers to Almighty GOD for his Bleffing on our rightful Sovereign, King GEORGE the Third, that He may have the Divine Direction in all his Administrations; and his Government be just, benign, gracious and happy to the Nation, and these Colonies:--- That He would bless our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, the Prince of WALES, and the rest of the Royal Family: --- That He would bless, guide and affift the Rulers of this Colony; give them Wisdom and Firmness, in this dark and difficult Day; lead them into right Measures, in all the administrations of Government, and succeed them :--- Unite the Hearts of the People to live in all Godliness and Honesty; and preserve all our just Rights and Liberties:--- That He would bless and succeed the Gospel Ministry, and make it the Power of GOD to the Salvation of many Souls; and build up the Churches in Faith and Holiness: --- Bless and smile on the College and means of Education, that our Children may be trained up in the love of GOD and their Country, and in all useful Knowledge; --- and succeed the Endeavours used to civilize and christianize the Heathen: --- That it would please GOD to bring forward the springing of the Year, and give suitable Scasons; --- cause the Earth to yield its Fruits and Increase; --- smile upon the Labours of his People; --- dispose them to Industry and Frugality; --- give them Opportunity quietly to attend their Business; --- and crown the Year with his Bleffing ; --- cause Glory to dwell in our Land, and give Peace to Israel.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN under my Hand in Lebanon, the twenty-second Day of March, in the fifteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of GOD of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoque Domini, 1775.

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