

Lebanon

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

By the Council and House of Representatives.

A PROCLAMATION For a General *F A S T*.

AS it is the indispenfible Duty of all who fincerely believe in the Being and univerfal Providence of GOD; that all Events in Heaven and in Earth are over-ruled by infinite Wifdom and Goodnefs, and directed to the moft glorious Ends, humbly and gratefully to acknowledge the fame, and fervently to implore the divine Favor and Protection: So at this feafon of public Diffrefs and Calamity; when the Hand of a cruel and remorselefs Enemy is ftretched out againft us; when the Banners of Slavery hang trembling over our Heads, and deftructive War in all its Horrors rages thro' this once peaceful Land, it is our more immediate Duty, as a People, unitedly and folemnly, in the Name of the great Mediator, to offer up our moft fervent Supplications to the Throne of Grace, humbly befeeching Almighty GOD to remove thefe defolating Judgments; to have Compaffion on the Vine which his own Right-Hand hath planted, and while the Hand of Violence is aiming to pluck it up by the Roots, to be its Defender and Shield, and in the End to caufe his People to rejoice in the GOD of their Salvation.

THE COUNCIL and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of this STATE, have therefore thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint WEDNESDAY the Twenty-ninth Day of January instant, to be obferved as a Day of public HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER throughout this STATE, calling upon all Ranks and Denominations of Men among us to unite, in humbly confeffing our manifold Sins againft the Majefty of Heaven; in devoutly imploring Pardon for them all, through the Mediation of the great Redeemer; in earnestly fupplicating for a Spirit of univerfal Reformation manifefting itfelf in the Fruits of Holinefs and Righteoufnefs. That it would please the Father of Lights to give Wifdom to the Continental CONGRESS, and to our feveral Affemblies; Prudence and Fortitude to our Generals, and military Officers; Courage and a Love of Difcipline to our Soldiers, and in all Encounters with the Enemy that he would be their Shield and Buckler: That HE would fave-guard our Fortreffes, and defend our Sea-Coafs and Frontiers; That HE would prosper the neceffary Ufe of our Arms to the important Purpofes of reftoring Peace, Liberty and Happinefs; That an End might be put to the Effufion of human Blood; that not only our own Hearts, but the Hearts of our Enemies might be turn'd to him from whom they have back-ftidden; and that in the End thefe States with all the States and Kingdoms of this World, may become the Kingdoms of our LORD and of his CHRIST, and there may be none to hurt or deftroy throughout the Earth.

And all fervile Labour and Recreation are forbidden on faid Day.

Given at the Council-Chamber in EXETER the 15th Day of January in the Year of our LORD One thousand feven hundred and feventy-feven.

M. Weare, | PRESIDENT.

E. THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

GOD Save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.