

# Colony of New-Hampshire.

By the COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY of said COLONY,  
**A P R O C L A M A T I O N**  
For a General FAST.

**A**S we profess to believe, that the Providence of Almighty GOD over-rules and directs the Affairs of Mortals, and disposes of all Events according to his good Pleasure ; it is our indispensable Duty unitedly to confess our Sins before him, to implore his Forgiveness, to deprecate his Indignation, and to entreat his Aid and Protection : especially at a Time, when we are involved in the Calamities of a most unnatural War ; and the Snares of Death are spread around us : when the cruel Hand of Tyranny is endeavouring to wrest from us, our Rights & Privileges, civil, and sacred. Nor can we doubt of his gracious Interposition in our Behalf, if we properly apply for the same :

**W**E Have therefore thought fit to order and appoint THURSDAY the 15th Day of April next, to be set apart and observed as a Day of public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer, throughout this Colony ; requiring Ministers and People of all Denominations to assemble themselves at their respective Places of public Worship ; and with a due Sense of their Sins, with contrite Hearts, to prostrate their Souls, before the Throne of supreme Power and Goodness, and jointly to deplore their manifold Transgressions of his most holy Laws, and Offences against his divine Majesty : and most humbly and earnestly to entreat his Pardon, & merciful Forgiveness ; That he would turn away his Wrath from us and save us from the Power of our Enemies : That the Continental Congress may be endowed with Stability and Union, and inspired with Wisdom from on High, to direct the united Colonies at this important Crisis : That the several Assemblies and Conventions in the said Colonies may act with Prudence and Resolution ; That our GENERALS may be under the Guidance and Direction of the GOD of Armies, Vice banished our Camps, and our Troops established in Goodness ; That they may be animated with Courage, and their Heads covered in the Day of Battle ; That our Rulers may be just Men fearing GOD, and hating Covetousness, and that the People may be sober and peaceable ; That He in whose Hand are the Hearts of all Men would turn the Minds of our Enemies from their desperate Purposes, convince them of their unjust Measures, dispose them to Peace and Amity with us, and incline them without Reserve, to yield, that we and our Posterity *shall be free* ; And that GOD would yet bless and make happy the Land of our Forefathers Nativity ; That we may be preserved from wasting and Epidemical Distempers ; That we may be blessed with a suitable Seed Time, and a plentiful Harvest, and prospered by Sea and Land ; That Vice, Immorality and Profaneness may be suppressed, and pure Religion prevail throughout the World ; And also that our Hearts may be enlarged gratefully to acknowledge the many unmerited Favours we have received from the Hands of our Divine Benefactor. And may such a Fast be kept as GOD hath declared he will approve ; that so our united fervent humble Prayers may prevail with Him to Love, save and defend us.

And all servile Labour and Recreations are forbidden on said Day:

Given at the General Court at Exeter, the fifteenth Day of March, Anno Domini, 1776.

M. WEARE, President of the Council.

By Order, E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

**GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.**