

S T A T E O F N E W - H A M P S H I R E .
By the C O U N C I L and House of REPRESENTATIVES.
A P R O C L A M A T I O N .
For a General F A S T .

WHETHER SO MUCH as our absolute Dependence for all the Mercies we need in the course of every Year, and every Character and circumstance of Life rest entirely upon the unmerited Favour of Almighty GOD, as the Seasons of the Year are under his immediate Direction, and all the Events of War at his disposal: And whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler notwithstanding the many signal Interpositions of his gracious Providence in the vigorous and noble Stand made for our invaluable Liberties and Rights to suffer the cruel Sword of our unnatural Foes to remain unsheathed in our Land; and under a deep Sense of the Tokens of GOD's righteous Displeasure occasioned by the Unrighteousness and Impiety found in the midst of us, and the absolute Necessity of immediate Repentance, and Reformation:

WE Have thought fit to appoint, and do hereby appoint THURSDAY the Twenty-ninth Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of Public HUMILIATION, FASTING, and PRAYER throughout this STATE, earnestly recommending that People of all Ranks and Denominations do assemble themselves at their respective Places of public Worship, to make humble and penitent Confession of their manifold and aggravated Transgressions against the Majesty of Heaven, a devout Application for Pardon and Forgiveness through the Mediation of our great Redeemer, and that Confession and Prayer be accompanied with immediate and universal Reformation, as the only rational ground of Hope that GOD will remove the desolating Judgments we feel, and divert those our aggravated Guilt deserve. And while at the Throne of Grace, it is most earnestly recommended, that this whole People ardently pray that GOD would most graciously order the ensuing Year, granting us a suitable Seed Time and a plentiful Harvest. That the Health of this People may be precious in his Sight. That he would preside in the Congress of these United States. That he would preserve our Civil Liberties, and have upon the Legislature and Executive Powers in this State. That in which is our Reproach and Ruin, may be taken from us, and that by Righteousness we may be exalted. That the blessing of JEHOVAH may rest upon us, and our benevolent and respectable ALLIES. That the LORD of HOSTS and GOD of ARMIES would inspire our Generals, and other Military Officers with Prudence and Fortitude, and our Soldiers with undaunted Courage. That it would please the righteous Ruler of the World, the common Parent of Mankind, to command an End to the Effusion of Human Blood, restore and establish on just and lasting Foundations desirable Tranquility. That Peace, Truth, and Righteousness, may reign through all the Earth. That the glorious Gospel of JESUS CHRIST may be published and received among all Nations, and the Knowledge and Love of GOD fill the Earth, as the Waters cover the Sea.

And all servile LABOUR and RECREATION are forbidden on said Day.

*Given at the Council-Chamber in EXETER, the nineteenth day of March, in the Third Year of
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE, A. D. 1779.*

By Order of the COUNCIL and House of REPRESENTATIVES

M. WEARE, President.

E. THOMPSON, Secretary.

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