

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

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PROCLAMATION

FOR A

PUBLIC FAST.

INASMUCH as it is our Duty to acknowledge our constant Dependence on the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and to seek to Him for Direction and Success in all our secular Affairs; and the approaches of the Spring more especially call upon us publicly to implore the Divine Blessing on the Concerns and Occurrences of the ensuing Year :

The COUNCIL and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the State of New-Hampshire, in GENERAL-COURT assembled, have appointed THURSDAY the Twenty-second Day of *April* current, to be observed and kept as a Day of general FASTING and PRAYER throughout this State; and do hereby call upon Ministers and People in their respective Religious Assemblies, devoutly to observe the same, and humbly and penitently confess their Sins and implore pardoning Mercy of God, through the Merits of the Redeemer, and to offer up fervent Prayers and Supplications to Almighty God, for all the Mercies we stand in need of: especially, that he would bless the Public Councils and Determinations of Congress, give them Wisdom, Firmness and Unanimity, and direct them to the best Measures for the public Good: That He would be pleased to preserve and strengthen the Union, bless our Allies, and render the Connections formed, lasting and mutually beneficial: That the Blessings of civil and religious Liberty, good Government and Order, may be the happy Portion of the People of this State, and that they may long enjoy the Blessings of Peace: That He would bless the Labor of the Husbandman, prosper our Merchandize and Fishery, continue Health amongst the People, and crown the Year with his goodness; and grant that Learning may flourish in our Land, and the Religion of our blessed Savior, in the Purity of it, prevail throughout the World.

And all servile Labor and Recreation are forbidden on said Day.

By Order of the COUNCIL and ASSEMBLY,

M. WEARE, *President.*

J. DUDLEY, *Speaker.*

JOSEPH PEARSON, *Deputy-Secretary.*