

Province of *N E W-H A M P S H I R E,*

B Y H I S E X C E L L E N C Y

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Captain-General Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province aforesaid, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N,

For a general F A S T.

IT being our Duty to prostrate Ourselves before GOD, with truly penitent and contrite Hearts, humbly to acknowledge and entreat Forgiveness of all our Sins ; also ; to supplicate divine Mercy to bless our temporal and spiritual Interests :

I Have therefore thought fit, and do hereby (with the Advice of his Majesty's Council) appoint Thursday the Fourteenth Day of April next, to be set apart and solemnly devoted as a Day of general Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province ; and do seriously call upon and exhort both Ministers and People earnestly to employ said Day in religious Worship ; most humbly imploring of Almighty GOD, that he would graciously bless the British Nation and Colonies.

That the Lives of our most sacred Sovereign King GEORGE, and his Royal Consort the Queen, may be long preserved an inestimable Blessing to all the British Dominions.

That the Lives of his Royal Highness GEORGE Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family may be mercifully protected.

That the Administration of Government may be guided in Wisdom and Justice under the benignant and ruling Influence of kind Providence.

That Peace may be continued, and universal Harmony prevail,

That our Seed Time and Harvest may be blessed.

That we may be preserved from all contagious and mortal Sickness, and from every ~~destroying Calamity~~.

That through divine Grace, we may sincerely repent of our Sins, and be enabled to pass the Remainder of Time as becomes our Christian Profession ; and through the infinite Merits and Mediation of our SAVIOUR may be received into Joys everlasting.

All Servile *Labour* and *Recreation* are strictly forbidden on said Day.

GIVEN at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the Tenth Day of March, in the 14th 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, One Thousand seven Hundred and seventy four.

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
with Advice of Council.

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, Sec^{ry},

GOD SAVE THE KING.