

By His EXCELLENCY

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Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief,
in and over his MAJESTY's Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in NEW-ENGLAND, and
VICE-ADMIRAL of the same, &c. &c.

A PROCLAMATION for a General FAST.

SINCE we are absolutely depending on the Divine BEING for every Mercy and Blessing, we enjoy ; our appointed Days for public FASTING and PRAYER shou'd be solemnized in the most devout and humble Manner ; thereby we may hope to obtain public and private Blessings, a Remission of our past Offences against our MAKER, upon sincere Repentance and Amendment of Life, that the Care of his good Providence will be extended towards us in the Year ensuing, and that the Judgments which our multiplied Transgressions most justly deserve, may be averted :

I HAVE therefore thought fit, with the Advice of his MAJESTY's COUNCIL, to order and appoint FRIDAY the Fifth Day of APRIL next, to be observed as a Day of FASTING and PRAYER throughout this Province, exhorting both Ministers and People, religiously to observe the same, by humble and importunate Addresses to the Throne of Grace, for the Pardon of our Sins, upon a sincere and unfeigned Repentance thereof, importunately supplicating the divine MAJESTY for all temporal and spiritual Blessings, so far as they may be for his Glory and our Good ; particularly, that his most sacred MAJESTY, his Kingdoms and Dominions may be under the Divine Protection. THAT his Councils may be under the kind influence of Heaven. THAT our most gracious Queen CHARLOTTE, their Royal Highnesses GEORGE Prince of Wales, the Princess DOWAGER of WALES, and the rest of the Royal Family may be the constant Care of his good Providence. THAT a Blessing may attend the Administration of this Government. THAT Epidemical and Contagious Diseases may not prevail and spread amongst us. That our Merchandize, Navigation and Husbandry may be attended with a Blessing. THAT the ALMIGHTY wou'd be pleased to give and preserve to our Use, the kindly Fruits of the Earth, so that in due Time we may enjoy them.

And all servile Labour and Recreation are strictly Forbidden on said Day.

*GIVEN at the COUNCIL-CHAMBER in PORTSMOUTH, the 14th Day of March, 1765,
and in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our most Gracious Sovereign Lord GEORGE
the Third, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,
With Advice of COUNCIL,
T. ATKINSON, junr. Secretary.

B. WENTWORTH.

GOD save the KING.