

PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, *Esq;*

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.

## A Proclamation for a General FAST.

**F**ORASMUCH as all the Blessings we unworthily enjoy, flow entirely from the Mercy and Goodness of our most gracious Creator ; 'tis therefore our indispensable Duty, in a grateful, unfeigned and humble Manner, by duly recognizing the Commission of our great and manifold Sins, to offer our united and sincere Petitions to Almighty GOD for the Pardon of them ; and that through his wonted benignity, he would mercifully appear for us the ensuing Year :

**I**HAVE thought fit, by and with the Advice of his MAJESTY'S COUNCIL, to Order and Appoint THURSDAY, the FIFTH Day of APRIL next, to be religiously and devoutly observed and kept as a Day of Publick FASTING and PRAYER throughout this Province : Herby ~~enjoining and~~ exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Congregations, to devote a reasonable part of said Day, with a becoming Solemnity, ~~for~~ that purpose ; humbly imploring the Divine Blessing on the Kingdom of Great-Britain, and the Territories thereon depending : And that he would be graciously pleased in a more particular Manner, to preserve the inestimable Life of his sacred Majesty King GEORGE ; the Lives of our gracious Queen CHARLOTTE ; their Royal Highnesses GEORGE PRINCE OF WALES, the PRINCESS DOWAGER OF WALES, and all the Royal Family. That the Administration of this Government may be under the special Guidance and Influence of Almighty God. That our sacred and civil Liberties and Priviledges may be continued to us. That the Times for Seed and Harvest may be order'd in great Favour and Mercy. That we may be preserved from contagious and epidemical Distempers. That the glad Tidings of Salvation revealed in the Gospel may be promulgated to all Nations.

And all servile Labour and Recreations are strictly forbidden on the said Day.

*G I V E N* at the Council-Chamber in Portsmouth, the 19th Day of March in the Tenth 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. And in the Year of our LORD CHRIST One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy.

By His EXCELLENCY'S Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

J. WENTWORTH.

Theodore Atkinson, *Sec<sup>ry</sup>*.

G O D SAVE THE KING.