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By the SUPREME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
of the COMMON-WEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA,

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Honorable CONTINENTAL CONGRESS pointing out to public Bodies, as well as private Persons, the Duty of reverencing the Providence of Almighty God, and looking up to him as the Disposer of all Events, and the Arbiter of the Fate of Nations, did, on the 11th Day of *December* last, resolve to recommend to the several States, the Appointment of a Day of solemn Fasting and Humiliation, to implore of Almighty God the Forgiveness of many Sins prevailing among all Ranks, and the Countenance and Assistance of his Providence, in the Prosecution of the most just and necessary War into which the United States have been forced by *Great-Britain*, and which is still likely to be continued by the same Violence and Injustice that has hitherto animated the Enemies of *American* Freedom; and did also, in the most earnest Manner, recommend to all the Members of the United States, and particularly to the Officers Civil and Military under them, the Exercise of Repentance and Reformation, leaving to each State to fix on such Day for the same, as may be most proper for its Bounds :----

WE, therefore, do hereby recommend to all the People of this Common-Wealth, to observe and keep THURSDAY, the Third Day of APRIL next, as a Day of solemn FASTING, HUMILIATION, and PRAYER, for the Purposes before mentioned, of which the Inhabitants of this State are desired to take Notice.

THOMAS WHARTON, Jun. PRESIDENT.

Philadelphia, March the 7th, 1777.

ATTEST.

T. MATLACK, *Secretary.*
