



By the Honorable CADWALLADER COLDEN,  
Esq; His Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and  
Commander in Chief of the Province of New-  
York, and the Territories depending thereon in  
America.

## *A Proclamation,*

**W**HEREAS it hath pleased Almighty GOD to permit the sincere and incessant Labours of Our Most Gracious Sovereign to restore the publick Tranquility, to be frustrated by the Obstinacy of the French King, who, notwithstanding the visible Interposition of Heaven in owning the Justice of our Cause, by blessing His Majesty's Arms with so many signal Victories and important Conquests, not only persists in refusing the most reasonable Terms of Accommodation, but hath prevailed on the King of Spain to espouse his unjust Cause, whereby we are exposed to the Calamities of a new and more extensive War. And as it becomes us with all Humility to have Recourse to those Means which GOD hath graciously pointed out to us for securing the Continuance of His Divine Favour and Protection :

I HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT FIT TO APPOINT, And I DO, by and with the Advice of His Majesty's Council, Ordain and Appoint that FRIDAY the SEVENTH Day of *MAY* next be set apart and observed, throughout this Province, for the solemn Humiliation of ourselves before Almighty GOD with Prayer and Fasting ; to supplicate the Pardon of our Sins, thro' the Mediation of our Blessed Redeemer ; to deprecate those heavy Judgments which we have most justly deserved ; and to implore the Continuance of the Divine Blessing, on His Majesty's Arms, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity to His Majesty, His Kingdoms and Colonies. And all His Majesty's Subjects within this Province, are strictly commanded to observe the said publick FAST with becoming Reverence and Devotion, by attending the publick Worship of GOD, which is hereby directed and enjoined to be performed on that Day, in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Worship : Notice whereof is to be given by the several Incumbents and Ministers, by reading this Proclamation, in due Time, to their respective Congregations. And all servile Labour is prohibited on the said Day.

*GIVEN* under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Fort-George, in the City of *New-York*, the Fifteenth Day of *April*, 1762, in the Second 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, and so forth.

**Cadwallader Colden.**

By His Honour's Command,  
*Gw. Banyar*, Dep. Secry.

**GOD Save the KING.**