

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.
A PROCLAMATION.

REFLECTING on their past conduct towards a Bountiful and Gracious God,—and contrasting the unprofitable Returns which they make to HIM with the mercies and favors which they continually enjoy under his Divine influence and Indulgence.—The People may be led to ingenuous Repentance for all their Sins, and to sincere Contritions for their numerous Errors and Departure from the paths of Righteousness and Duty—

TO induce a serious consideration of these Ideas, I have thought proper to appoint, and do hereby appoint **FRIDAY** the Third Day of April next, to be set apart and observed throughout this State as a day of solemn and sincere **HUMILIATION, FASTING and PRAYER**. And I do earnestly entreat both Ministers and People, most seriously and devoutly to attend to the Duties of the Day; so that, by Divine Assistance, a Fast may be kept, such as the Lord our God may delight to own and accept;—and such as He may be pleased to bless with the Influences of his Gracious Spirit; whereby we may be led, not only to sincere Repentance for past sins, but to solemn and sincere Resolutions, by the help of Divine Grace, to conform our future lives to the Requirements of His sacred Law, and the Rules of his most Holy Religion. Under the same gracious and benign Influence, we may be led to lament the peculiar Sins and Follies of the present Day; our increasing Departure from the Religion, the Love, and acknowledgment of the God of our Fathers; our Impiety, Profaneness, Infidelity, and neglect of the Gospel of Grace, and its Divine Ordinances and Institutions; to consider and reflect upon the awful consequences of our Inattention to the Duties, the Privileges, and Benefits of the Sabbath, with the prevailing Influence of this Neglect upon the Morals, the Virtue, and Manners of the People at large; and more especially upon the Views, the Hopes and Expectations of the rising Generation; to lament the growing Disposition to Divisions and Opposition of Sentiments, to party Disputes and Animosities, which tend to weaken and destroy that Spirit of Love, Harmony, and social Benevolence, which ought to be our Practice and Delight; and the Influences of which are so conducive to our general and individual Happiness.

At the same time, to offer our sincere and ardent Prayers to **ALMIGHTY** God, through our Great Mediator, for the gracious pardon of all our Sins and Offences; for the Influences of his Holy Spirit to direct our future Conduct; for the more general Revival of true Religion, and a greater attention to its Interests and Duties; for his Blessing on the means of Learning and Science; that God would prosper us in all our Interests and concerns, both public and private; direct the Councils of our State, and animate all Orders of Men to a faithful Discharge of their several Duties and Offices; prosper the laudable pursuits of the People, in their Husbandry, Manufactures, Trade, Navigation, Commerce, Arts, and general Industry; continue Health in our Dwellings; give us Peace in our Borders; and influence our Minds under the enjoyment of all the Blessings of his kind Providence, to correspondent Returns of Gratitude and Praise.

Also, that He would graciously superintend the general Interests of our nation; continue to us the Enjoyment of Peace, with its numerous Advantages and rich Blessings; direct and harmonize our Councils; prosper and increase our Means of Defence; teach us to know and respect our National Honor; lead the People to that Harmony of Sentiment and Union of Action, which may produce a genuine Spirit of National Character and Dignity, truly independent of all foreign Predilections or Aversions; help us to know and acknowledge, that Righteousness exalteth a Nation, but that Sin, Disorder and Licentiousness are the sure reproach of any People; influence the Nation to reflect and consider, that, while seeking foreign Connections and distant support, we should never forget, that the **LORD** our God, the God of our Fathers, is the Rock of our Salvation, our Strong Tower and Defence against every Evil; and under this Impression, and trusting to this Divine Munition, that He would teach us to place Confidence in His Protection, and to cherish a Hope, that, amidst prevailing Tumults and Convulsions in the World, "we may be hid in the Day of God's fierce anger; When the **LORD** is gathering the Nations to experience his awful Judgments; and when He is pouring upon their Kingdoms, his Holy Indignation"; that God would commiserate the distresses of contending Nations, shorten the Days of their Calamity, and restore their general Peace; extend the knowledge and acknowledgment of the Saviour to all Nations and People, and fill the Earth with His Peace and Glory.

All sports, games and diversions on said Day are by Law forbidden.

Given under my Hand at Lebanon in said State, this 3d Day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the 25th.

JONATHAN TRUMBULL.

By His Excellency's Command,
SAMUEL WILBTS, Secretary.