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Day of Public Humiliation,
Fasting and Prayer.
March 9, 1842.

"humiliations, fasts and prayers," become
a matter, not only of obvious propriety, but of
moral necessity.

At the opening season of the year
also, how forcibly are we reminded of our
dependence, and of the indispensableness of God's
blessings to crown our various labors and
enterprises with success.

Well may we therefore, while pursuing
ably, acknowledging past errors and seeking
their forgiveness, unitedly present our supplica-
tions to the Throne of Grace for all needed
future good.

In accordance therefore, with a
long established and venerated custom, I have
appointed, by the advice of the Executive Coun-
cil, Thursday, the seventh day of April next,
as a day for public humiliation, fasting
and prayer. And the good people of this
State are requested to assemble, on that day,
in their respective places of public worship,
for the usual religious services of the occasion;
and to abstain from all labor and recre-
ation inconsistent therewith.

Given at the Council Chamber,
in Augusta, the ninth day of March,
in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and forty-two, and in the
sixty-sixth year of the Independence
of the United States.

John Fairfield

By the Governor:

Philip C. Johnson,

Secretary of State.



State of Maine.

By the Governor.

A Proclamation

For a day of
Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer.

There is a beautiful propriety in the observance of customs instituted by our Pilgrim Fathers, independently of their object. It may be regarded as a respectful and affectionate tribute to their memory - and as tending to keep bright some of the interesting links, that connect us with those remarkably endowed and noble men.

Our annual fast, however, involves additional & higher considerations. When we reflect upon our manifold sins - how far we fall short of a faithful fulfillment of the duties and obligations resulting from our relation to God, and which the reception and enjoyment of His blessings impose upon us, we see abundant cause for deep humility, sincere penitence and need of Divine forgive-