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## Proclamation for a day of Public Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer

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Proclamation  
for Regt. Peabody

# STATE OF MAINE.

BY THE



GOVERNOR.

## A PROCLAMATION.

The custom descended from our fathers, founded in a sense of the utter dependence of man upon his Maker, of setting apart, by public authority, a season for the confession of the sins of the people, commends itself at this time with unusual force and solemnity. Conforming thereto, I do, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, appoint

**THURSDAY**, the twentieth day of April next,

A DAY FOR

**Public Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer!**

I invite the people of this State on that day, foregoing their ordinary employments, to assemble, old and young, in the temple of the living God, and there, bowing before Him in a contrite and humble spirit, confess our manifold transgressions, and invoke His pardon through the grace of His son.

Let us on that day, in humility, give utterance to our gratitude for His goodness to our afflicted nation and beseech Him in His own good time to cause war to cease; let us thank Him that He has put it into the hearts of the people to accord that act of justice which breaks the rod of the oppressor and liberates the bondman from his chains; let us pray for His blessing upon all in authority, that they may have wisdom according to their necessity; that if it is His will the effusion of blood shall not yet be stayed, that He will be with our armies and navies in the day of battle, and crown them with victory; that He will, in His mercy, speed the day when those who have revolted against the authority of the government, shall be inclined to peace and obedience to the laws, and the United States shall become a restored and enfranchised nation, humbled by His stripes and purified by His chastisements.

GIVEN at the Council Chamber, Augusta, this the thirtieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

**SAMUEL CONY.**

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

**EPHRAIM FLINT, Jr.,** Secretary of State.