

By his EXCELLENCY

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Governor, Captain-General, and Commander in Chief, of and over the State of
Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations.

A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WH E R E A S the Sixth Article of the Constitution of the United States of *America* requires, that “ the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all Executive and “ Judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound “ by Oath or Affirmation to support this Constitution:” AND WHEREAS the Congress of the said United States, at their Session in *March*, A. D. 1789, passed an Act, enacting, “ That the Oath or Affirmation required by the Sixth Article of the Constitution of the United “ States shall be administered in the Form following, *to wit*: I A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm, “ as the Case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States:” And further enacting, that “ the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all Executive and Judicial Officers “ of the several States, who shall be chosen or appointed after the said First Day of *August*” next, “ shall, before they proceed to execute the Duties of their respective Offices, take the foregoing Oath “ or Affirmation; which shall be administered by the Person or Persons who by the Law of the “ State shall be authorized to administer the Oath of Office. And the Person or Persons so ad- “ ministering the Oath, hereby required to be taken, shall cause a Record or Certificate thereof to “ be made, in the same Manner as by the Law of the State he or they shall be directed to record or “ certify the Oath of Office.” AND WHEREAS the General Assembly, at the Session held at *New- port*, on *Monday* the Seventh Day of *June* inst. passed the following Act, *to wit*: “ W H E R E A S “ the Constitution of the United States hath been adopted by this State, and the Members of this “ General Assembly have qualified themselves, agreeably to the said Constitution and the Laws of “ Congress, by taking the Oath or Affirmation to support the said Constitution thereby prescribed; “ and the like Duty is incumbent upon all Executive and Judicial Officers of this State: It is “ THEREFORE VOTED AND RESOLVED, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby re- “ quested to issue his Proclamation, notifying all Executive and Judicial Officers of this State of “ the same; and that they are to qualify themselves in like Manner, within One Month after the “ Rising of this Assembly.”

I HAVE THEREFORE thought fit to issue this PROCLAMATION, to make known the same to all Executive and Judicial Officers of this State, that they may qualify themselves for the Execution of their respective Offices, agreeably to the said Constitution, the said Act of Congress, and the said recited Act of the General Assembly.

G I V E N under my Hand, at Providence, this Fourteenth Day of June, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety, and in the Fourteenth Year of Independence.

A R T H U R F E N N E R.

By his Excellency's Command,
HENRY WARD, Sec'ry.

G O D save the United States of *America.*