

[June 30, 1817]

To his Excellency the President of the United
States of America.



Pursuing that the motion made by a
member of the Senate, was in regard to a day
of humiliation and prayer, has prevailed, and
that the selection of the day has been left to
your Excellency, I take the liberty of mak-
ing the following statement.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian
Church in the United States, during
their session in May last, recommended to all
the churches under their care, to observe the
last Thursday in July next as a day of hu-
miliation, fasting, and prayer. The Synod

Journal kept
Norfolk at this season. They all declare preference of a march to Canada.

of the Associate Reformed Church, which was sitting in this City at the same time, concurred in the measure: and the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church, which lately met at Albany, adopted it, and have recommended the observance of that day by their churches. And I have been informed that, at the request of the last body presented, through the Legislature of the State of New York, to the Governor, he has consented to recommend the observance of the same day to all religious denominations in that State. A petition is now preparing to be sent to the Governor of this State, requesting him to recommend a concurrence in the religious exercises of that day to the people throughout this State.

From the preceding statement, it will be
seen, that a large portion of the citizens of
these United States, will be engaged in the
observance of the day already mentioned: and
I take the liberty of suggesting, that it will
be an accommodation to them, as well as
secure a more general concurrence in
the devotions of the day, if your Excellency
should think it proper to select that
as the day to be recommended to the people
of the United States of America, as a day of
humiliation and prayer to Almighty
God. What has been written must be the apo-
logy for his intrusion, by
Your Excellency's humble & obedient servant
Philad^a, June 30. 1812 J. F. Janeway

know to me that nobody is

To his Excellency

James Madison

President of the U. States.

Washington

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