The holy God having by a long and continued series of his afflictive dispensations intermitted with the Heathen Nations of this Land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness, yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgments he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular intimations of his Fatherly compassion, and regard; reserving many of our towns from desolation threatened, and attempted by the enemy, and giving us especially of late with our confederates many signal advantages against them, without such disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, it is be of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, it certainly bespeaks our positive thankfulness, when our enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed: and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many intimations of his returning mercy, we should be found an insensible people, as not standing before him with thanksgiving, as well as laying him with our complaints in the time of pressing afflictions:

The Council have thought meet to appoint and set apart the 26th. day of this instant June, as a day of solemn thanksgiving and praise to God for such his goodness and favour, many particulars of which mercy might be instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's afflictions, have been as diligent to enjoy him returning to us, and that the Lord may behold us as a people offering praise and thereby glorifying him; The Council doth commend it to the respective ministers, elders, and people of this jurisdiction, Solemnly and seriously to keep the same. Beseeching that being persuaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and souls as a living and acceptable service unto God by Jesus Christ.

By the Council, Edward Ramson Secretary.