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ARTHUR PHILLIP ROYAL NAVY MEMORIALS AND LEGACY APPEAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ADMIRAL ARTHUR PHILLIP ROYAL NAVY

I am writing to you on behalf of the Britain-Australia Education Trust to ask for your financial support for this worthy project as you have a connection with, or affection for, Australia. I am confident that recognising the huge contribution Arthur Phillip has made to this great continent will resonate clearly with you and that you will want to help and be a part of this important anniversary celebration and commemoration.

Admiral Arthur Phillip, Royal Navy, was responsible for taking the historic First Fleet and its many reluctant passengers safely to Australia. As Captain Arthur Phillip RN he became the founder of New South Wales and first Governor of modern Australia. Many in both Australia and the United Kingdom believe that Arthur Phillip's achievements have never been fully recognised. Please help us to set the record straight.

The Trustees of the Britain-Australia Education Trust and its supporters have developed plans to commemorate Arthur Phillip's achievements in the following ways;

- The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey have agreed that a significant memorial stone will be installed in the floor of the nave close to the tomb of the Unknown Warrior
- Planning consent has been granted for a tribute memorial sculpture in Bath. Bathampton Church, where he is buried, will also benefit.
- An enduring bursary is to be established to make educational grants and award scholarships in Phillip's name to young Britons and Australians qualified and keen to deepen their knowledge of the other country.

The unveiling of the Westminster Abbey stone and the Bath memorial sculpture will be celebrated at major events in July next year when donors and supporters will be acknowledged and thanked.

I am enclosing a copy for you of our descriptive brochure and enclosure, which contain details of the benefits of becoming a supporter of these important projects and information on how you can contribute.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Christopher Benson'.

Sir Christopher Benson DL

Chairman, The Britain-Australia Society Education Trust