

## **David Hartley Obelisk Inscriptions**

### **Front Face**

The Rt. Hon. John Sawbridge SQRE. Lord Mayor of London  
laid the foundation stone of this obelisk  
one hundred and ten years after the fire of London  
on the anniversary of that dreadful event in memory of an invention  
for securing buildings against fire

### **Left Side Face**

Hallifax Mayor

A common council holden in the chamber of the Guild-Hall of the City of London  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1776. Resolved . That John Sawbridge Esq. The late Lord Mayor  
of this city having laid a foundation stone for erecting an obelisk on Putney common  
to commemorate the invention of fire plates for securing buildings from fire  
by David Hartley Esq. The committee of city lands be empowered to erect  
and compleat the same

### **Rear Face**

By the commons of Great Britain in parliament assembled

Lunae 16<sup>o</sup> Die Maii 1774

Resolved Nemine Contradicente

that a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds

be granted to his majesty to be paid to David Hartley Esq.

towards enabling him to defray the charge of experiments in order

to ascertain the practicability and utility of his invention for securing buildings  
from fire and that the same be paid without fee or reward

confirmed by act of parliament anno 14<sup>o</sup> Georgii 31<sup>ii</sup> Regis

### **Right Side Face**

By virtue of an order of the Right Hon. The Lord Mayor Aldermen and Commons of  
the City of London in common council assembled dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1776

David Hartley Esq. was admitted into the freedom of the said city in the company of goldsmiths in the time of Rt. Honble. S. Thomas Hallifax. Knt. Lord Mayor and Benjamin Hopkins Esq. Chamberlain in consideration of the advantages likely to accrue to the public by his invention of fire plates for securing buildings from fire and for his respectful attention to this city in his repeated experiments performed before many of the members of the court. The record of which experiments and also of his admission into the freedom of the said City of London is entered in the book signed with the letter R&c in witness whereof of the seal of the office of Chamberlain thereunto affixed dated in the Guild.Hall of the same city the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March in the 17<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our sovereign lord George the Third &c and in the year of our Lord MDCCLXXVII (L S)