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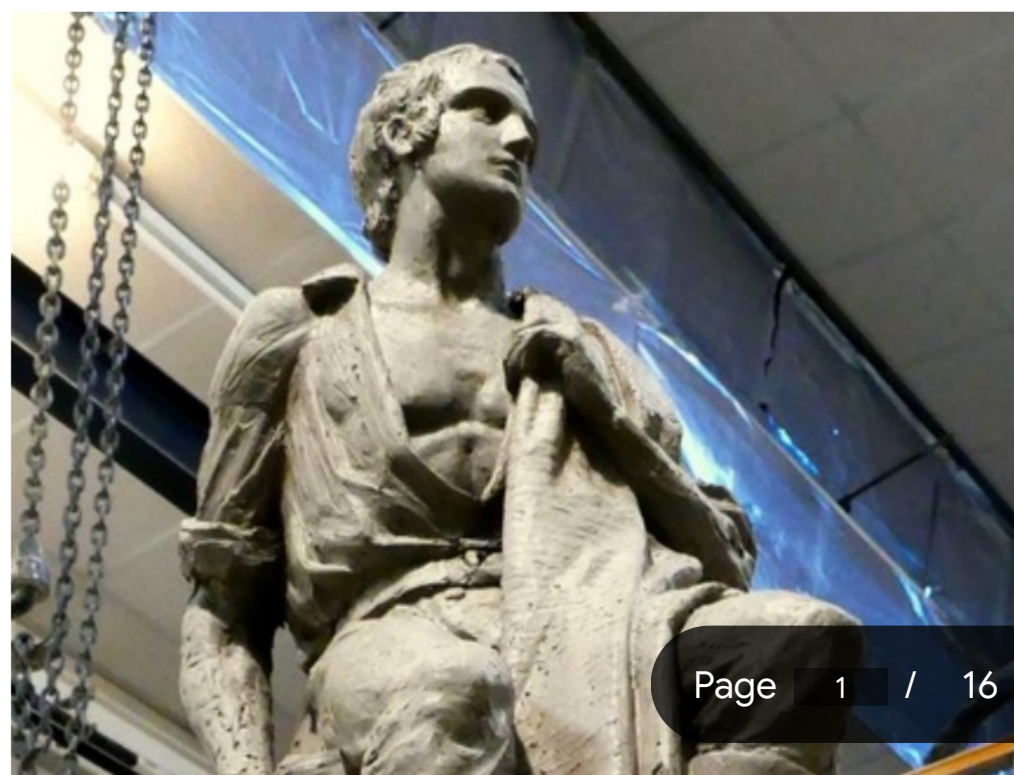
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## President's Appeal

At the RBWF's Conference 2023, the out-going President Alan Beck launched a 'President's Appeal' for a project to further our work of keeping the Memory of Robert Burns Immortal. The project title is the **National Statue of Robert Burns for the 21st Century**. The appeal intends to raise funds to enable a 10 foot bronze statue of Burns, to be placed on a 12 foot stone plinth, situated at the new Ocean Terminal in Greenock, where 200,000 people annually enter Scotland from cruise ships.



Appropriately, the statue is to be situated at the point from where Burns began his West Highland tour of June 1787 and where his beloved Highland Mary's grave originally lay. It is also the point from which Burns was to emigrate across the Atlantic and where thousands of Scots last stepped upon the soil of their native land before embarking to a new life in a new world.

Notable donations have already been given by many interested and well-known parties and a cheque for £25,000 was handed over during the summer. Organisations and individuals making a significant donation will have their names permanently engraved on the back of this magnificent work of art, which is to be created by