

Dear Sir

I have made every enquiry respecting  
Materials for making and filling an in-  
flam<sup>ble</sup> Balloon sufficient for one person  
to ascend. Such a balloon might be made  
to contribute much to the effect of <sup>the</sup> illumination.  
The Balloon might ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~supported~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> a  
rope and <sup>be</sup> let up <sup>by a rope</sup> to different heights. The  
men in the car might exhibit transparencies  
fire works &c. in a great variety of different  
forms. — I should be extremely happy  
to superintend the construction of such  
a balloon for the ensuing celebration,  
but I am sorry to inform you that it  
could not be completed <sup>here</sup> in less than  
three months — With respect to small

Admiral  
of the Fleet  
to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Secy  
of the Admiralty  
or the Admiralty  
Problem



Balloons, I am of opinion that their effect would  
be trifling to be of any advantage to the  
Exhibition. Paper balloons in particular would  
not be returned <sup>without the risk of being burnt</sup> by a rope, if <sup>there</sup> should be  
the least breeze of wind, and if let off, <sup>go not only</sup> the effect  
would be <sup>of short duration</sup> ~~transient~~ and should the wind be  
easterly, which <sup>often happens</sup> is ~~very common~~ at this season  
of the year, the balloon might light on the eaves  
of a shop, which it <sup>would</sup> instantly set on fire.

In short I am confident that small balloons  
would do no credit either to the maker or the  
Exhibition —

Yours very truly

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