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Sir

I take the liberty of informing you, that I have for a considerable length of time been endeavouring to render Aerostation subservient to Naval and Military purposes, and that I had completed a magnificent Balloon with all its requisites for that purpose, just as the first intelligence arrived of the late glorious change which renders my plans nugatory. It however occurs to me now that there is a capability in my invention to give an extraordinary and singularly novel effect to the ensuing grand Fete at Carlton House.

I would station my Balloon at any required height by means of machinery which I have for that purpose and would then take up an illuminated temple from the ground to be suspended at whatever height it would be deemed proper; or it might be made to ascend with majestic slowness up to the Balloon and even permitted to ascend till it disappeared entirely and afterwards brought back in the same way which would have an unprecedented extraordinary effect.

I would be happy of the honor to wait on you at an hour's notice by a line or message from you to

Sir

Your very respectful humble
servant

To The R. Honble John W. Maitland

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