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George Walpole, 3rd Earl of Orford,  
Letter Regarding Early Ballooning

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	George Walpole, 3rd Earl of Orford, Letter Regarding Early Ballooning
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<b>Date:</b>	(bulk 1785)
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<b>Creator:</b>	Walpole, George. Earl of Orford
<b>Language:</b>	English

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Unknown, Gift, Unknown

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## Biographical / Historical

George Walpole succeeded his father as Earl of Oxford in 1751. Lord Oxford served as a Lord of the Bedchamber to King George II until the latter's death, and then to King George III until 1782, and was Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk from 1757 until his own death. George Walpole never married and at his death all of his titles, except the title of Baron Clinton, were passed to his uncle Horace Walpole.

## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of one 16 x 12 inch folded, handwritten letter, with a partial wax seal. In this letter to Lord Sydney, written less than three months after Jean-Pierre Blanchard's successful crossing of the English Channel with Dr. John Jeffries, Walpole expresses confidence in the importance of ballooning as a military advancement.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aeronautics  
Aeronautics, Military  
Balloons

Types of Materials:

Correspondence