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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Ryder, Alfred Phillipps, "Plan of a Floating Battery for  
Defense of the Bermudas," 1847

**LOCATION:**

Folio vols. "R"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

1 folio volume (12 leaves)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Gift of George Watson Cole, 1930s

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

Sir Alfred Phillipps Ryder (1820-1888) was a British Naval officer and admiral of the fleet in 1885. In 1847, he was commander of the H.M.S. Vixen and submitted this detailed written proposal and plans for a floating battery, to increase the northern defenses of the Bermuda islands in case of war with the United States.

This volume was apparently included in the collection of George Watson Cole (1850-1939) who collected "Bermudiana" and, in 1907, published Bermuda in Periodical Literature: With Occasional Reference to Other Works, a Bibliography.