



Norwalk

May 23/64

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 19th

did not reach me until

today - As it is now too

late, I shall be satisfied

to hear the decision of the

Committee - I do to Dalmeida



tomorrow

Mr. Newell

Chyler

Argyll, George Douglas Campbell, eighth Duke of (*b.* 1823), author and politician, was born at Ardenlapple Castle, Dumbartonshire. As Marquis of Lorne he took a strong interest in the question of ecclesiastical patronage then agitated in the Scottish Church, and which occasioned the secession of the Free Kirk, being a supporter of Dr. Chalmers and the evangelical party. He became duke in 1847, and in 1851 chancellor of the University of St. Andrew's. In the following year he was appointed Lord Privy Seal in the Cabinet of Lord Aberdeen, in 1856 Postmaster-General, and again in 1859 Lord Privy Seal in the Administration of Lord Palmerston. From 1868 to 1874 he was a member of Mr. Gladstone's Government as Secretary of State for India, and for the third time accepted the office of Lord Privy Seal in 1880, but resigned on certain clauses of the Irish Land Bill which he considered destructive of ownership. Besides much he has written of the land question, a subject with which he is intimately acquainted, his principal works are a history of the Scottish Church, and, in religious and scientific inquiry, the *Reign of Law* (1866), and the *Unity of Nature* (1844).