

BLACKHEATH PARK

May 24 [1867]

Dear Lady Amberley

Many thanks for
your kind invitation. I
should really like to look in
upon you any evening, but
I do not like rushing in
just at dinner time and
leaving almost before dinner

is over. I am afraid the
new arrangements in the
House for Tuesdays and Fridays
will make it more than ever
difficult to come to your nine
o'clock reception, as that
will be the time when the
House will resume its sittings

and get at once to its principal
business.

The division was a great
triumph, and especially Mr
Bright's voting with us.² We
should have had near 100 votes
if all had been present who
have told me that they would
have voted with us if they

had not paired, or been
too late. I am

Dear Lady Amberley
very truly yours
J.S. Mill

注 1 日本大学法学部所蔵自筆書簡。

キャサリン・ルイーザ・ラッセル (Katherine Louisa Russell. 1842-74) は、子爵ジョン・アンバーリー (John, Vicount Amberley) の妻で、ミルとヘレン・テラーの親友であった。

2 ジョン・ブライト (John Bright. 1811-98) は、バーミンガム選出の下院議員。改正法案に対するミルの修正案に賛成票を投じた (the Reform Bill. 30 & 31 Victoria, c. 102)。修正案は、婦人参政権を付与しようとするもの。その議論については、PD, Vol. 187, cols. 817-45 を見よ。修正案は、196 対 73 で敗れた。ミルの演説は、『全集』28 巻、151-162 頁。