



entertain your Friend
consequently I am deprived
of that pleasure. It
would have been a
pleasure to us to have
opened our heart and
house to him, for Wife
and myself have listened
with a great deal of interest
at two different evenings
before our Lyceum.

As Mr Ashby is a fine
old English Gentleman
and Mr Vincent so
well informed on all
subject in that County
that his visit I doubt
not will add much
to the happiness of our
old and long tried Friend
Ashby. I unite in the hurry of business
excuse imperfections
J. J. [unclear]
R. Thorne

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]

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R. PLUMER, Postmaster.

Newburyport, Mass. Novth 11 1875

Dear Friend Gardner
I wrote you
this P.M. that Friend
Ashby could not wait
on our good English friend
Vincent. on my return
last eve in the rain
I sent to Mr Ashby and
made the enquiry if Mr
Vincent was to stop
with him, he sent me
word as I wrote you, this
eve he send me word
that he had just rec^d
your letter and
it would give him
great pleasure to