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My dear Miss Thurston — Yours sincerely
January 15th — Mary H. Thornhill

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Do not be alarmed my dear Miss Thurston at receiving a letter from me instead of grandmama as the increasing weakness in her hand is the only reason which obliges her to employ a Secretary. This office I willingly undertake and hope long to fill, at the same time I am fully sensible how much you will lose by the change. Papa wrote to Mr Thurston last Summer, this letter I trust ere received as it would relieve your anxiety on my dear grandmama's account after the severe illness she had last Spring, at her time of life people do not recover as speedily as in youth, and I am sorry to say she still feels some bad effects from it, she has no particular complaint but feels weak, and