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that William was not willing that she should adopt the plan which I was anxious for, that she should remain with me until they could have their own house, thus enabling him to have something ahead towards the furnishing and keeping of that house. But no he thinks that it is beneath her to live at service and that "she ought to be willing to bear with any difficulty she may have from his family." She told him that she had written about it to her family and would give him no answer until she heard from them whereupon he sat the whole afternoon (hardly a word passing between them) hoping she would give him a different answer. And only to think of his intending had it been a suitable day to have come in the boat expecting to have taken her home with him? She told him she could not under any circumstances go without giving me some notice. Well he is to come back on Sunday for his answer and I believe she will go with him, it has all come upon me so suddenly that I hardly know what I am about, what shall I ever do without her! And poor thing I fear it is only the beginning of her troubles. I sometimes feel tempted to take little Ellen and not to get any one else but I do not exactly like the idea of having no white person in the house to speak to when Harry is away.

I shall I think ask Mrs Garwood if she knows of any one, and will get you to inquire for some one for me. Does Mrs Fallon expect to keep the nurse that she had and liked so much? Or what would you think of Mamamy Jone's daughter, or Mary Dobson please decide for me dear Mother what I had better do. I will also make another trial for one of