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Account of a trip on the Peninsula (Kaikōri) made by Miss Hastings, Mrs Chapman and Miss Griffin in January 1879.

We left Christchurch by the nine a.m. train, on ^{Wednesday} ~~Monday~~ January the 8th 1879, a party of three ladies starting on a little excursion for a summer holiday. We proposed to go from Lyttelton to Pigeon Bay by steamer, then take the coach from there and cross the range intersecting the peninsula and on to Akaroa, a seaport and small watering-place on the south. This is a French settlement, founded by a French ship-load of emigrants.

When the English government heard of the intended departure of these settlers, they determined, if possible, to forestall them, and plant the British flag on the heights of Mount Peninsula. When the French captain sailed in to the harbour confident of claiming the settlement in the