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First Settlement of Three Rivers (Georgetown.)

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THAT tongue of land formed by the confluence of the Brudenelle and Montague Rivers, and marked on our maps as Brudenell point, was the site chosen for the headquarters of a fishing Company which commenced its operations in 1732. The streams and the headland were, at that time, alike nameless. Nature there presented herself in the entangled wildness created by centuries of license. A dense woodland, down to the water's edge occupied every spot where a tree could grow, and stretched back into the interior of the country further than the eye could reach. No interference on the part of man had checked the luxury of growth or removed the decay of ages. The tracks which here and there threaded the intricacies of the forest, were those of wild animals, not of men. In the summer of 1732, however, this scene of solitude was invaded, and its stillness broken by the noise of labor. On the tongue of land mentioned above, men toiled busily, and their eagerly plied axes, and the crash of falling trees, awoke unwonted echoes in the surrounding wilderness. France had granted a charter to a company, who had it in purpose to carry on fishing operations along the eastern shore of the Island. Grants of land for tillage and the erection of the buildings necessary to carry on the enterprise were embodied in the charter. The site for the principal establishment was chosen with a good deal of wisdom. It was the headland on