

# OUR GARRISONS IN THE WEST.

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## CHAPTER I.

### ON THE SEA.

— a sedibus unis  
Una Eurusque notusque ruunt, creberque procellis  
Africus. VIRGIL.

To be imprisoned in the viewless winds,  
And blown with restless violence round about  
The pendent world.

*Measure for Measure.*

To the rather hackneyed notes of "Cheer, boys, cheer," and the pathetic strains of "Mary of Argyle," some four hundred of us marched off Woolwich parade to embark on board the screw steam-ship *Lebanon*, for service in Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick.

Being my first round of foreign service, I have not forgotten the many little annoyances which, though novel then and striking, I know now, from seven years' experience, are generally consequent on the embarkation of troops, and tend to make the confusion worse confounded. The muddy river, the