

## WEST INDIES.

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### CHAPTER I.

The start—Reflections on parting—Shipping the mails—West India R. M. Steam Packet Co.—Description of passengers and their occupations—Land in sight.

Among the numerous letters with which Lord Chesterfield used to favor his most delectable offspring, the careful reader cannot fail to observe many attempts on the part of his lordship to impress on the youth's mind a sense of the benefits to be derived from travelling; and that, not for mere pleasure, but for the purpose of getting rid of those prejudices, common to those who, from the insulated position of the land of their birth or from other causes, are unable to form correct opinions about many things in the great world beyond them. Although unable to agree with the moral principles on which most of his advices are based, I fully coincide with his views on the subject of Travelling, and only regret that his son did not profit to a