by the various parties to take off their adversaries.

**5. are powerful**] not, as in  
A. V., “*those among you that are able*”  
[to go down?]: but, **are powerful among  
you:** those who from their position and  
influence are best calculated to represent  
the public interests.

**6.**] The number  
of days is variously read. It is possible  
that a perverted notion of the necessity of  
an absolute precision in details in the inspired text, may have occasioned the erasure  
of one of the numbers.

**8.**] These  
were the three principal charges to which  
the “*many and grievous complaints*” of  
the Jews referred.

**9.**] The question  
is asked of Paulas a Roman citizen, having  
a right to be tried by Roman law: and  
more is contained in it, than at first meets  
the eye. It *seems* to propose only a change  
of *place*; but doubtless in it was contained  
by implication a sentence pronounced by  
the Sanhedrim. The words **before me** may  
mean no more than that the procurator  
would be *present* and sanction the trial:  
Grotius interprets it “wilt thou be judged  
by the Sanhedrim in my presence?” Otherwise, a journey to Jerusalem would be  
superfluous. Festus may very probably  
have anticipated the rejection, of this proposal by Paul, and have wished to make it  
appear that the obstacle in the way of  
Paul being tried by the Sanhedrim arose  
not from *him*, but from the prisoner himself.

**10.**] Paul’s refusal has a positive  
and a negative ground—l. ‘*Cæsar’s tribunal is my proper place of judgment:*  
2. *To the Jews I have done no harm, and  
they have therefore no claim to judge me.*’

**I stand at Cæsar’s judgment seat**]  
Meyer quotes from Ulpian, “ What is done  
hy a procurator of Cæsar, is approved as  
if it were done by Cæsar himself.”

**as thou very well knowest**] literally,  
**knowest better than thou choosest to  
confess**. We have an ellipsis of the same  
kind in our phrase ‘*to know better*.’ Or  
it may be in this case as in 2 Tim. i. 18,  
‘*better, than that I need say more on*