laid out from both ends of a ship.” ib.

**carried anchors out of the foreship**]

Because in this case they would *carry out* the  
anchors to the *extent* of the cable which  
was loosened.

**31.**] “It is surprising to  
find him saying that the others cannot be  
saved except the sailors abode in the ship :  
as if it had been in their power to frustrate  
God’s promise. I answer, that Paul is not  
here treating accurately of God’s power,  
distinct from human will and means. And  
of a surety God does not offer His help to  
the faithful that they may despise means  
of safety, and indulge torpor and sloth,  
where there is a plain way of caution.....  
But it does not therefore follow, that the  
hand of God is tied to means or assistances;  
but when God ordains this or that way of  
acting, He curbs the inclinations of men  
that they transgress not His appointed  
bounds.” Calvin.

**33.**] This precaution on the part of Paul

was another means  
taken of providing for their safety. All  
would, on the approaching day, have their  
strength fully taxed: which therefore  
needed recruiting by food. .... **until it  
began to be day**: i. e. in the interval  
between the last-mentioned occurrence  
and daybreak, Paul employed the time,  
&c.

The words **having taken nothing**  
are spoken hyperbolically, and cannot mean  
literally that they had abstained entirely  
from food *during the whole fortnight*.

**35.**] “Paul neither *celebrates the agapé*  
(Olshausen), nor acts as the *father of a*  
*family* (Meyer), but simply as a *pious Jew*,  
who asks a blessing before he eats.” De  
Wette.

**36.**] When we reflect *who  
were included* in these **all**—the soldiers  
and their centurion, the sailors and passengers

of various nations and dispositions,  
it shews remarkably the influence acquired  
by Paul over all who sailed with him.

**37.**] Explanatory of **all**: i. e. ‘*and this  
was no small number ; for we were*,’ &c.

**38. they lightened the ship**] See  
above on ver. 18.—This wheat was either  
the remainder of the cargo, part of which  
had been disposed of in ver. 18—or was the  
*store for their sustenance*, the cargo having  
consisted of some other merchandise. And  
this latter is much the more likely, for two  
reasons: (1) that **wheat** is mentioned here  
and not in ver. 18, which it would have been  
in all probability, had the material cast out  
there been the same as here; and (2) that  
the fact is related *immediately after* we are  
assured that they were *satisfied with food* :  
from whence we may infer almost with  
certainty that **the wheat** is the *ship's*

*provision*, of part of which they had been

partaking. It is a sufficient answer to Mr.  
Smith’s objection to this (“to suppose  
they had remaining such a quantity as  
would lighten the ship is quite inconsistent  
with the previous abstinence,” p. 99), that  
the ship was provisioned for the voyage to  
Italy for 276 persons, and that *for the  
last fourteen days hardly any food had  
been touched*. This would leave surely