810 THE ACTS. XXIV.   
 etoinavit, temple: whom we took [,4aud would ° have judged accord-   
 shea 8 ing to our law. 11 But the chief captain Lysias came upon   
 us, and with great violence took him away out of our hands,   
 gch.xaitt.20, 8 eormanding his accusers to come unto thee]: by examin-   
   
   
 ing of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these   
 things, whereof we accuse him. 9% And the Jews also   
 assented, saying that these things were so. 10Then Paul,   
 after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak,   
 answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of   
 many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheer-   
 fully answer for myself: 11 because that thou mayest   
 understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I   
 went up to Jerusalem "for to worship. 11 And they   
 neither found me in the temple disputing with any man,   
 neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues,   
 hyer. 17.   
 ich. xxv.   
   
   
 nor in the city: yeither can they prove the things   
   
 4 The whole of this passage is omitted by most of our ancient authorities : on the   
 question, see note.   
   
 tion that no probable reason for their omis- This cannot be, as the relative “whom” is,   
 sion can be suggested. Onthe other hand, in the original, in the singular. 9.   
 as De Wette observes, it hardlyimaginable assented | joined in setting upon him, bore   
 that so little should have been assigned to out Tertullus in his charges. 10. of   
 the speaker, as would be if these words were many years] Felix was now in the seventh   
 omitted. Besides this, the words whom year of his procuratorship, which began in   
 we took seem to require some sequel, some the twelfth year of Claudius, a.D. 52.—   
 reason, after his seizure, why he was there ‘The contrast between Tertullus’s and Paul’s   
 present and freed from Jewish durance. winning favour with the judge is remark-   
 The phenomena are common enough in able. The former I have characterized   
 the Acts, of unaccountable insertions ; but above. But the Apostle, using no flattery,   
 in this place it is the omission which is yet alleges the one point which could really   
 unaccountable, for no similarity of ending, win attention to him from Felix, viz. his   
 no doctrinal consideration can have led to confidence arising fronr before one   
 it. 8.] by examining of whom, if well skilled by experience in the manners   
 the disputed words be znserted, refers na- and customs of the Jews. ll. twelve   
 tarally enough to Zysias; but if they be days] The point of this seems to be, that   
 omitted, to Paul, which would be very un- Felix having been so long time a judge   
 likely,—that the judge should be referred among the Jews, must be well able to   
 to the prisoner (for by torture search into and adjudicate on an offence   
 on one who had already claimed his rights whose whole course was comprised within.   
 as a Roman citizen, hardly be intended) so short a period.—The twelve days may   
 for the particulars to his charge. Cer- be thus made out: 1. his arrival iu Jeru-   
 tainly it might, on the other hand, be said salem, ch. xxi. 15—17; 2. his interview   
 that Tertullus would hardly refer the go- with James, ib. 18 ff; 3. his taking on   
 vernor to Lysias, whose interference he him the vow, ib. 26; 8—7. the time of   
 had just characterized in such terms of the vow, ints or by—7. his apprehen-   
 blame; but (which is a strong argument sion, ch. xxi. 8. his appearance before   
 for the genuineness of the doubtful words) the Se nding ch. xxii. ff; 9. his de-   
 remarkably enough, we find Felix, ver. 22, parture from Jerusalem (at night) 3 and so   
 putting off the trial #2 the arrival of to the 13th, the day now current, which   
 Lysias. The English reader should be cau- was the 5th inclusive from his leaving Je-   
 tioned against one mistake which the form rusalem. ‘This is far natural than to   
 of the words in the A. V. rather encou- suppose that the days which he had already   
 rages: the referring whom to the accusers. spent at Cwsarea are rot to be counted, be-