826 THE ACTS. XXVII.   
   
 was now dangerous, because the fast was now already   
 past, Paul admonished them, !and said unto them, Sirs,   
 I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much   
 damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our   
 lives. 11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the ™ master   
 and the owner of the ship, more than those things which   
 were spoken by Paul. 1? And because the haven was not   
 commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart   
 thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenicé,   
 and there to winter; which 7s an haven of Crete, and   
 lieth toward the south west and north west. 338 And when   
 the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had   
 obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by   
   
   
   
   
   
 1 j,e, the captain or steersman.   
 © render, looketh toward the north east and the south east: see note.   
   
 Sailing was not unsafe so early as this seventeen centuries before.” Mr. Smith   
 (see below); but to undertake so long a gives an inscription, making it highly pro-   
 voyage, was. the fast, especially so bable that Alexandrian ships did winter at   
 called, is the solemn fast of the day of Lutro. looking to the north east   
 expiation, the 10th of Tisri, the seventh and the south east] looking (literally)   
 month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year, down the S.W. and N.W. winds; i.e. in   
 and the first the civil year. See Levit. the direction of these winds, viz. N.E. and   
 xvi. 29 ff.; xxiii. ff. This would be S.E. For the S.W. and N.W. here men-   
 about the time of the autumnal equinox, tioned in the original are not quarters of   
 The sailing season did not close so early the compass, but winds ; and down, used   
 not indeed till nearly middle of Novem- with a wind, denotes the direction of its   
 ber. 10.] From the use of I perceive blowing,—down the wind. This interpre-   
 here, and from the saying itself, seems tation, which I was long ago persnaded   
 clear to me that Paul was not uttering was the, right one, I find now confirmed   
 at present any prophetic intimation, but by the opinion of Mr. Smith. The harbour   
 simply his own sound judgment on the of Lutro satisfies these conditions: and is   
 difficult question at issue. It is otherwise otherwise even more decisively pointed out   
 at vv. 22—24. As Smith remarks, “The as being the spot, by the mention in the   
 event justified St. Paul’s advice. At the Geographers of the island Clauda as con-   
 same time it may be observed, that a bay, nected with it. From these data and   
 open to nearly one-half the compass, could others mentioned in my Greek Test., it is   
 not have been a good winter harbour” almost demonstrated that the port of   
 (p. 47). Phenicé] or more on properly Pheniee is the present port of Lutro.   
 The anchorage was calls the haven Pho- Mr. Smith has kindly sent me the follow-   
 nicus, but the city (lying some way the com- ing extract from a letter containing ad-   
 Phenix. Strabo deseribes an istinnus ditional confirmation of the view : ‘ Loutro   
 about twelve miles wide, having on the is an excellent harbour; you open it un-   
 north side a port called Amphimallia, and expectedly, the rocks stand apart and the   
 on the south, Phenicé. This description, town appears within. During the Greek   
 and the other data belonging to Pheenice, war, when crnising with Lord Coch-   
 Smith (p. 48) has shewn to fit modern rane,.....e chased a pirate schooner, as   
 Lutro, which, though not known now as they thought, right upon the rocks ;   
 an anchorage, prohably from the silting up suddenly he disappeared, and when round-   
 of the harbour, is so marked in the French ing in after him,—like a change of scenery,   
 admiralty chart of 1738, and “if then able the little basin, shipping, and the town   
 to shelter the smallest craft, must have. of Loutro, revealed themselves.’ 18.   
 been capable of receiving the largest ships blew softly] The S. wind was favour-   
 able for them in sailing from Fair Havens   
 to Phenice. supposing that they   
 had (as good as) obtained their purpose;