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 with Carpus, when thou comest, AUTHORIZED VERSION.   
 bring with thee, and the books,   
 especially the parchments. 1 Alex- with Carpus, when thou   
 ander the smith did me much evil: comest, bring with thee, and   
 xzsam.iii-30.\* the Lord tshall reward him ac- the books, but especially   
 +e ar. cording to his works: } of whom the parchments, 14 Aler-   
 ander the coppersmith did   
 me much evil: the Lord   
 reward him according to   
 his works: 3 of whom be   
 be thou ware also; for he greatly thou ware also; for he   
 tSeattour + withstood our words. At my hath greatly withstood our   
 aldest " first defence no man stood forward words. 18 At my first an-   
 Ybut all forsook me: swer no man stood with me,   
 yehiis 2 may it not be laid to their charge. but all men forsook me: 1   
 otttanen, 174 But the Lord stood by me, and pray God that it may not   
 >that through be laid to their charge.   
 & xx me the preaching might be ful-} 17 Notwithstandingthe Lord   
 bactsixis.& strengthened me ; stood with me,and strength-   
 Epa ened me; that by me the   
   
 the bag, also the books, and especially the remain uncertain, whether the Alexander   
 parchments : ‘the bug of books and parch- whom we find put forward by the Jews in   
 ments which I left’ would be its most ob- the Ephesian tumult, Acts xix. 33, 34, is -   
 vious designation) which I left (behind this same person: nothing in that narra-   
 me: for what reason, is not clear: but in tive is it. The title “the smith”   
 St. Paul’s life perils, it well be con- may be intended to mark another Alex-   
 ecived that he may have been obliged to ander: but it may also be a mere cursory   
 leave such things behind, against his in- designation of the same person) did to me   
 tention) in Troas (respecting his having much evil; the Lord shall requite him   
 been at Troas lately, see Introd. to Pas- according to his works (the wish ex-   
 toral Epistles, § 16, 30, 31) with (‘chez’) pressed in the received text would make   
 Carpus, when thou art coming (setting out no real difficulty: it is not personal re-   
 tocome), bring, and the books (i.e. papyrus yenge, but zeal for the cause of the Gospel   
 rolls. ‘What did he want with books,” which the wish would express: compare   
 says Chrysostom, “when he was about to yer. 16 below, where his own personal   
 depart to God? He wanted them much, feelings were concerned): whom do thou   
 to give them to the faithful, that they also beware of (see above, on Alexander);   
 might possess them instead of his teach- for he exceedingly withstood our (better   
 ing.’ This may have been so: but there than ‘my,’ seeing that “me” occurs in   
 is nothing inconsistent with his near pros- the same sentence, and immediately fol-   
 pect of death, in a desire to have his lows. The plural may be used because the   
 and books during the approaching winter), words were such as were common to all   
 especially the parchments (which as more Christians—arguments for, or declarations   
 costly, probably contained the more valu- of, our common faith) words, 16.) In   
 able writings: perhaps the sacred books my first defence (open self-defence, before   
 theinselves. On a possible allusion to a court of justice. For a discussion of   
 these books, &c., which the Apostle had whole matter, see the Introduction. I will   
 with him in his imprisonment at Casarea, only remark here, that any other defence   
 see note, Acts xxvi. 24). 14.) Alex- than one made at Rome, in the latter   
 ander the smith (not of necessity copper- years of the Apostle’s life, is of the   
 smith. Perhaps the same with the Alex- estion) no one came forward with me   
 ander of 1 Tim. i. 20, where see note. (a patronus or friend, to support him by   
 There is nothing here said inconsistent his presence, or pleading), but all men   
 with his being an Ephesian resident. It deserted me: may it not be laid to their   
 has been indeed supposed that he was at charge (by God: “it was not their malice   
 Rome, and that the following caution re- but their cowardice which kept them   
 fers to Timothy’s approaching visit: but away,” says Theodoret). But the Lord   
 the past tense here used seems to suit (Jesus) stood by me, and strengthened   
 better the other hypothesis. It must ever (‘put strength in.’ a word especially used