15—1y. PHILEMON.   
   
 AUTHORIZED VERSION. AUTHORIZED VERSION REVISED.   
   
 that thy benefit should not good service should not be as of ne-   
 be as it were of necessity, cessity, but of free will. 16K 80 Gen. xlv.   
 but willingly. 1° For per- perhaps he therefore departed for a "gen   
 haps he therefore departed season, that thou mayest receive   
 for a season, that thou him eternally; 26no longer as a   
 shouldest receive him for servant, but above a servant,   
 ever; 16 not now as a ser- brother beloved, specially to me, wae   
 vant, but above a servant, but how much more unto thee, Matt,   
 a brother beloved, spe- ‘both in the flesh, and in the Lord. tcot.ti.22.   
 cially to me, but how much | WIf therefore thou countest me % a 2Cor. vii.   
 more unto thee, both in the partner, receive him as myself.   
 flesh, and in the Lord? 18 But if he hath wronged thee, or   
 7 Tf thou count me there- oweth thee ought, set that down on   
 fore a partner, receive him mine account; 19 I Paul have written   
 as myself. 38 If he hath it with mine own hand, I will repay   
 wronged thee, or oweth it: that I say not unto thee how   
 thee ought, put that on   
 mine account; 19 I Paul   
 have written it with mine   
 own hand, I will repay it:   
 albeit Ido not say to thee   
 how thou owest unto me   
   
 withont thy decision (consent) I was he has been connected : but how mach more   
 willing to do nothing (general expression, “to thee,’ with whom he stands in so near   
 but meant to apply only to the particular and lasting a relation. 17.] takes up   
 thing in hand; ‘nothing in the matter’); again the “sentiment (and the construction)   
 that thy good (service towards me: but broken off at the end of ver. 12. The   
 not in this particular only : expression partnership referred to is shewn by the   
 is general—the particular case would serve love of him, common to both, mentioned in   
 as an example of it) might be not as (ap- the last verse: but extending far wider   
 pearing as if it were) of (after the fashion than it, even to the community of faith,   
 of, according to) necessity, but of free and hope, and love between them as   
 will. 15.] perhaps is delicately Christian men. 18.] But, in contrast to   
 to conciliate Philemon. departed | the favourable reception bespoken for him   
 «He uses a mild word in calling his flight in the last verse. ‘“Onesimus lad con-   
 a departure, to avoid irritating his mas- fessed to Paul what he had done.” Bengel.   
 ter.” Theophylact. The reference seems «He says not, if he hath stolen aught;   
 to be to Gen. xlv. 5, where Joseph suggests but, if he hath wronged thee in aught.   
 the purpose which God’s providence had in Here is the sin the same time confessed,   
 sending him down into Egypt. fora and not as the sin of a slave, but as ofa   
 season] Much has been built upon this, as friend against a friend, using rather the   
 indicating that the Epistle was written not name of a wrong than of a theft.” Chry-   
 so far from Coloss as Rome: but without sostom :—that reckon, or impute to me:   
 ground: the contrast is between “for a hardly perhaps, notwithstanding the en-   
 season” and “eternally,” which is to be gagement of the next verse, with a view   
 interpreted “ not in this life only, but in to actnal repayment, but rather to in-   
 that which is to receive him] decing Philemon to forego exacting it.   
 It is the same word as that used in 19.] The inference from this is,   
 Matt. vi. 2—mayest have him for thine that the whole Epistle was autographic :   
 own—posséss him fully, entirely. for it would be unnatural to suppose   
 16.] And that, in a different relation the Apostle to break off lis amanuensis   
 the one before subsisting. But no longer here, and write this engagement with his   
 as @ servant does not imply his mannmis- own hand. that I say not] “ This is   
 sion; rather the contrary :—‘no longer as akind of reticence, when we say that we   
 a slave (though he be one), but adove a wish to omit that very thing which we   
 slave.” spi © Of all men,’ wish most to say,” Grotius. Ellicott   
 of all those without thy house, with whom paraphrases, ‘repay: yes I say this, not