

THE ARGVMENT OF THE SECOND EPISTLE OF S. PAVL TO TIMOTHEE.

The cheefe fcope of this fecond to Timothee, is, to open vnto him that his martyrdom is at hand. Which yet he doth not plainly before the end: preparing firft his mind with much circumftance, becaufe he knew it would greiue him fore, and alfo might be a tentation vnto him. Therefore he talketh of the caufe of his trouble, and of the reward: that the one is honourable, and the other moft glorious: and exhorteth him to be conftant in the faith, to be ready alwaies to fuffer for it, to fulfil his minifterie to the end, as himfelf now had done his.

Whereby it is certaine, that it was written at Rome, in his laft apprehenfion and emprifonment there: as he fignifieth by thefe words *Chap. 1: Onefiphorus was not afhamed of my chaine, but when he was come to Rome, carefully fought me, &c.* And of his martyrdom, thus: *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my refolution (or death) is at hand. Cap. 4.*