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We must not, of course, attribute to these ancient editors either the skill or the unscrupulousness of modern editors. But in a sense the two qualities cancel one another out. Their naivete caused them to be content with a less tidy document than modern editors would have produced, but their reverence for the ascribed tradition of their fathers delivered them from carelessness and haste in the decisions they had to take.