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Plate 2. "St. Paul and St. Timothy", miniature from the "Pauline Epistles". Parchment, 270×190 mm, 226 f. Sha'ban AH 278 / November AD 892. Collection of K. Tischendorf, 1858–1859. NLR, Manuscript Department, call. No. A.n.s. 327, fols. 225v–226r. Courtesy of the NLR.