proceeded at Ephesus with the same  
caution as at Athens, and had not held up  
to contempt the worship of Artemis, any  
further than unavoidably the truths which  
he preached would render it contemptible.  
This is also manifest from his having  
friends among the Asiarchs, ver. 31. Chrysostom, however, treats this assertion of  
the town-clerk merely as a device to appease the people: “this,” he says, “was a  
lie, and was said only for the populace.”

**38. court-days are held**] The sentence implies that they were then actually  
going on. They were the periodical *assizes*  
of the district, held by the proconsul and  
his *assessors* (see below).

**deputies**]  
i.e.,—see on ch. xiii. 7,**—proconsuls:** the  
fit officers before whom to bring these  
causes. So the Commentators generally.  
But perhaps the assessors of the proconsul  
may have themselves popularly borne the  
name.

**let them implead one another**]  
i.e. **let them** (the plaintiffs and defendants)  
**plead against one another.**

**39.**] The  
definite article points out the regularly  
recurring assembly, of which they all knew.

**40.**] He here assumes that this  
assembly was an *unlawful* one.

The  
meaning is, **There being no ground why**(i.e. in consequence of which) **we shall be  
able to give an account**, i.e. ‘no ground  
whereon to build the possibility of our  
giving an account.”

**CHAP. XX. 1–XXI. 16.**] JOURNEY OF  
PAUL TO MACEDONIA AND GREECE, AND  
THENCE TO JERUSALEM.

**2.**] Notices  
of this journey may be found 2 Cor. ii. 12,  
13; viii. 5, 6. He delayed on the way  
some time at Troas, waiting for Titus,——broke off his preaching there, though  
prosperous, in distress of mind at his non-arrival, 2 Cor. ii. 12, 18,—and sailed for  
Macedonia, where Titus met him, 2 Cor.  
vii. 6. That Epistle was written during it,  
from Macedonia (see 2 Cor. ix. 2, ‘I am  
boasting’). He seems to have gone to the  
confines at least of Illyria, Rom. xv. 19.

**them**] The Macedonian brethren.

**Greece**] Achaia: see ch. xix. 21.

**3. there abode**] This stay was  
made at Corinth, most probably: see  
1 Cor. xvi. 6, 7: and was during the  
winter; see below on ver. 6. During it  
the Epistle to the Romans was written:  
see Introduction to Rom. § 4.

**as he  
was about to sail**] This purpose, of going  
from Corinth to Palestine by sea, is implied  
ch. xix. 21, and 1 Cor. xvi. 3–7.

**4. into** (as far as) **Asia**] It is not hereby  
implied that they went *no further* than to