this office.

**and not only so** (i.e. praised in all the churches), **but who was also appointed** (by vote: elected, ordained) **by the  
churches** (of Macedonia? see ver. 1) **as our  
fellow-traveller** (to Jerusalem, from what  
follows) **in** (the matter of: the best English version is **with**) **this charity which is  
being ministered by us,—in order to subserve the glory of the Lord, and our  
readiness** (this clause refers not to “*being  
ministered by us*,” as usually interpreted,  
but to the *fact related*, the union of this  
brother with Paul in the matter of the  
alms, which was done to avoid suspicions  
detrimental to Christ’s glory, and to the  
zeal of the Apostle):

**20.]** **taking  
heed of this** (the participle belongs to ver.  
19, being parenthetical), **that no one  
blame us** (ver. 18) i**n the matter of this  
abundance** (of contributions) **which is  
being ministered by us.**

**21.]** ‘And  
such caution is in accordance with our  
general practice.’ See reff. The words are  
quoted from the Septuagint version of  
Prov. iii. 4.

**22.]** Still less can we determine who this *second* brother is. Every  
possible person has been guessed. Several  
would answer to the description, ‘*whom  
we have many times in many matters  
proved to be earnest.’* By our uncertainty in these two cases, we may see *how  
much* is required, to fill up the apostolic  
history at all satisfactorily.

**through  
the great confidence which he hath  
toward you:** belongs to his present access of diligence, not to the fact of the  
Apostle having sent him. The brother  
had, by what he had heard from Titus,  
conceived a high opinion of the probable  
success of their mission. **23.]** *General  
recommendation of the three.*  
**Whether concerning Titus** (we may supply *I speak* or *I write,* or as in A. V.,  
‘*any do enquire?’* or we need not supply  
any thing), **he is my partner and** (especially) **my fellow-worker toward yo  
whether our brethren** (be in question :.  
viz. the two mentioned—but in the original the word is generalized ‘*whether*  
*any brethren of ours’*), **they are Apostles**(in the more general sense of Acts xiv. 14;  
1 Thess. ii. 6; Phil. ii. 25) **of the churches**