Time to Time, ſhould be found requiſite for the due Diſcharge of their reſpective Functions.

Before we proceed any farther in this Argument, it may be fit to obſerve upon the ſeveral *Perſons* and *Stations* mention'd in the Text, That by *Apoſtles*, were meant Officers of firſt Account in the *Houſhold of Faith*, to whom the Care of it was, in chief, committed, with full Powers to take in, from Time to Time, any *Occaſional Helps*, or to fix any *ſtanding Orders* for the Settlement and Government of the Chriſtian Church.

Some of the *Helps* made uſe of by the *Apoſtles* were *Prophets*; *i. e.* Perſons appointed to preach the Goſpel more fully, where the *Apoſtles* had juſt planted it, and who were inſpired for that Purpoſe (ſaith a learned (*d*) Commentator) with the Gift of *interpreting Prophecies*, as well as of *foretelling future Events*. Of this Sort was *Agabus*, mention'd in the (*e*) *Acts*: And they are uſually ranked next in Order to the *Apoſtles*: So in the 3d Chapter of this Epiſtle, Verſe 5. as well as in the Text, *Apoſtles* and *Prophets* are named together; and (*f*) elſewhere we have the Precedency diſtinctly ſettled, *Firſt Apoſtles*, *Secondarily Prophets*.

The Office of *Evangeliſts* ſeems to have been perfectly Occaſional and Diſcretionary,

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(*d*) *Doctor* Hammond *in* Loc.
(*e*) *Ch.* ii. 27, 28. & ibid. *Ch.* xxi. 10, 11.
(*f*) 1 Corinth. xii. 28.

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