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Many attempts have been made to set dates for the judges, but with the data now available an accurate chronology for this period is at present impossible. The data are as follows: