

fled to Vitellius, when Emperor, and that he appointed \**e præsentibus Vettius Bolanus* in his place, furnish satisfactory evidence that both these events took place in A.D. 69.

The next date, of which we are certain, is the commencement of the government of *Agricola*, for it is plain, from Tacitus, *Agricola*, 9, that it was in the year after his consulship, *i.e.* A.D. 78; and we have, also, decisive testimony, in the same biography, that he was in the island in 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, and 84.

The positive evidence, then, which we have relative to the beginning and the end of the administration of the first eleven governors, may be stated thus:—

A.D. 43. Beginning of the government of Aulus Plautius.

A.D. 47. End of the government of Aulus Plautius; and succession of Ostorius Scapula.

A.D. 50. Ostorius Scapula victorious in Britain.

A.D. 62. End of the government of Suetonius Paulinus, and beginning of that of Petronius Turpilianus.

A.D. 69. End of the government of Trebellius Maximus, and beginning of that of Vettius Bolanus.

A.D. 78. End of the government of Julius Frontinus, and beginning of that of Cn. Julius Agricola, whose expeditions extend to A.D. 84.

Horsley, *Britannia Romana*, pp. 37, 38, 46, 47, 48, gives the certain dates as I have stated them, with the exception that he places the end of the government of Plautius, and the commencement of that of Ostorius Scapula, in A.D. 50; whilst the following are the results of his enquiry on the doubtful points:—

A.D. 53. Death of Ostorius Scapula, and succession of Didius Gallus.†

A.D. 57. Didius succeeded by Veranius.

A.D. 58. Death of Veranius; and succession of Suetonius Paulinus, in this or, more probably, the following year.

\* Mr. Merivale, *Hist. of the Romans under the Empire*, vii., p. 60, remarks: "Trebellius had repaired to Rome, where Vitellius was clutching at the purple; but the tottering Emperor could give him no support. The soldiers rallied together for their own security, and the peace of the province did not suffer by the paralysis of the capital. On the restoration of authority at Rome, Vettius Bolanus was sent to take command, and their recent excesses seem to have been prudently overlooked." These statements are not correct. Trebellius fled to Vitellius in Gaul, and Vettius Bolanus was appointed, certainly not at Rome, but probably between Lugdunum and Augusta Taurinorum.

† His name is given by Horsley, whom Mr. Wright follows, as *Avitus Didius Gallus*; but the *prænomen* was really *Aulus*. In Tacitus, *Ann.* xiv., 29, the old reading was *Havitus* or *Avitus Didius*; but this reading was corrected by Lipsius, and his emendation, *A. Didius*, is now generally accepted.