

Seljuq Dinars of Isfahān 512/1118, Dating for the Military Confrontation between Sanjar and Maḥmūd

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1. Introduction:

The reviewed dinars in this study were struck throughout the first three years of sultān Maḥmūd's reign 511- 513/ 1118- 1119, and testify to the varying political situation. when Maḥmūd's vizier advised him to occupy the position once held by his father. However, Maḥmūd's uncle- sultān Sanjar- rejected the claim of his nephew, so Sanjar decided to push the young sultān down to a subordinate position. The antecedent situation, the confrontation proper, and its aftermath, they all were impartially reflected by numismatic monuments. This study focused particularly on quite a special "military" issue minted in Isfahan dated 512 Ah, the reading of the legends of these dinars can be considered as a new representation of the inscriptions in light of the historical events, elucidating the significance of archaeological resources generally, and coins in particular, as the trustworthy contemporary documentation.

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