

there hinders me. The ideogram A.Š1. means dimtu, tears; nevertheless there is 25 Let my lord, the king, know 26 that my lord, the king, had stationed 27 28 a garrison, but Janhamu has taken (it) 29 30 31

Egypt 32 my lord, the king, 33 there is no garrison there. 34 Let the king care for his land, 35 36 and pay some heed to his land; the cities of my lord, the king, belonging to Ili-milki, have fallen away, 37 and the whole territory of the king will be lost. 38 Let my lord, the king, therefore, care for his land. 39 I think I will go to the court 40 to my lord, the king, and see 41 the tears of my lord, the king, but the enemies 42 are powerful against me, and I am not able 43 to go to court, to my lord, the king. 44 May it seem good therefore to my lord, the king, 45 to send a garrison, 46 in order that I may go to court, and see the tears 47 of my lord, the king. As long as my lord, the king, 48 lives, when an officer goes forth, 49 I (always) say: — The land of the king is going to ruin. 50 If you do not listen to me, 51 all the dependent princes will be lost, 52 and my lord, the king, will have no more dependent princes. 53 Let the king therefore turn his attention to the princes. 54 55 and let my lord, the king, send troops. The king has no longer any territory. 56 the Habiri have devastated all the king's territory. 57 If troops come 58 in this year, the territory will remain 59 my lord, the king's, but if no troops come, 60 the territory of my lord, the king, is lost. 61 To the scribe of my lord, the king: — Abd-hiba, 62 64 your servant. Bring plainly (aloud) before my lord, the king, (these) words: "The whole territory of my lord, the king, is going to ruin." 180. (B'3.) 1 To my lord, the king 2: — Abd-hiba, your servant. 3 At the feet of my lord, seven and seven times, I fall.

probably an error of the scribe here, as in line 46, who meant: panu (S1) the face of the king. But see 181, 30. t Oath = by the life of the king.

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Or, behold, Gezer etc. the (supply "All the states") have given them (Gezer etc.) provisions. 1 DOTO = DOTO Dt. 15, 8,

Judg. 19, 20, 4 Let the king understand the words of his servant, 5 which are brought "to him? 6 Behold, the deed, which has done, 7 what shall I 8 news 10 (Broken off.) 11 brought to the city Let the king know 12 that all the countries have declared hostility to me; 18 let the king therefore care for his land. 14 Behold, the territory of Gazri, that of Askalon, 15 and the city of Lachish have given them 16 food, oil, and all necessities. 17 Let the king therefore look after the troops f, and 18 send troops against the princes, 19 who have sinned against my lord, the king. 20 If in this year there are 21 troops hel-e, the land 22 and princes will remain to my lord, the king. 23 But if there are no troops, there will then remain no 24 lands and no princes to my lord, the king. 25 Behold, this country Jerusalem, — 26 neither my father nor my mother 27 gave it to me: the strong arm of the king 28 gave it to me. 29 Behold, this action is the action of Milki-il 30 and that of Lapaja's sons, 31 who are delivering the king's land to the Habiri. 32 Behold, O my lord, the king, I am innocent 33 34 as concerns the Kasi. Let the king ask the officers, if they have done (?) acts of violence, 35 and laden themselves with great guilt. 36 They have taken their implements, and 37 38 sent to the land 39 the march up(?) to 40 slaves, may he say 41 to them, that they support 42 the lands with (in?) their hand. 43 Let the king inquire, with them 44 is much food, and much oil, and many garments (?). 45 Until Paura, the king's officer, went up 46 47 to Jerusalem, Adaja was in revolt (withdrawn), together with the garrison, the officer 48 of the king. Let the king know 49 that he (Paura) said to me: "Adaja 50 has revolted from me, do not abandon it (the city)". 51 Send me a garrison during this year, 52 send the officer of the king, 53 I sent to my lord, the king, if you ought not to be pointed in these places. f The scribe intended to write, "his land (ana mati-su)" but was thinking of line 18. 54 5000... 55? + 5 bearers. The caravans of the king 56 were robbed in the fields (IT1t5) 5 of Ajalon. Let my lord, the king, know that 58 I am not able (therefore) to forward

the caravans 59 to my lord, the king, — for your information. 60 Behold, the king has put his name 61 upon Jerusalem forever, 82 he can not therefore abandon 63 Jerusalem's territory. 64 To the scribe of my lord, the king 65: — Abd-hiba, your servant, 86 At your feet I fall. I am your servant. 87 88 Bring plainly before my lord, the king, these words: 69 "I am an officer of the king. " 70 (May) you be very (well.) 71 And if an evil deed has been done 72 to the Kas, 73 then kill (for this reason) a brave servant. 74 The Kas are 75 78 in my territory. Let the king ask after (?) them 77... seven times and seven times 78... my lord, the king, to me. 181. (B1". )

To my lord, the king, my sun: 2 — Abd-hiba, your servant. 3 At the feet of my lord, the king, seven times 4 and seven times, I fall. 5 Behold, my lord, the king, has put 8 his name upon the East 7 and upon the West. It is slander 8 which they have heaped upon me. 9 Behold, I am no prince, 10 I am a deputy of my lord, the king; 31 behold, I am an officer of the king, 12 I am one who brings tribute to the king. 13 Neither my father nor 14 my mother, but the strong arm of the king 10 established me over my father's territory. 18 When the king's officer 17 18 came to me,

I gave him 13 and... (number) slaves. 19 (When)

Suta, the officer of the king, came 20 21 to me, I gave 21 female slaves... — 20 22 to Suta, as a present for my lord, the king. 28 Let the king care for his land. 24 25 The king's whole land, which has begun hostilities with me, will be lost.

?) Should have stood before a-ba-da. a) The two signs stand correctly thus in the original. In the autography they have been ex2. i Behold, the territory of Sri as far as Ginti-kirmil, — "its princes are wholly lost, 28 29 and hostility prevails against me. If one could see, 30 31 would he not see the tears of my lord, the king, because of the fact that hostility "prevails against me? 32 As long as ships were upon the sea, 33 the strong arm of the king 34 occupied Nahrma 35 and Kas, but now, 38 37 the Habiri are occupying the king's