

country with fire and sword. They were civilised kings governing a state the appearance of which must have been very similar to that of the native Egyptians. Their dominion did not extend over all Egypt; they occupied the Delta, very likely also the Fayoom, but they did not go beyond. Upper Egypt was under the sway of native princes who were the stock of the XVIIth dynasty.

With the language and the writing of the old Egyptians the last Hyksos kings adopted also the custom of enclosing their name in a line of oval form, called a *cartouche*, and which with the old Egyptians is the certain sign of a royal name. We have found repeatedly the name of Apophis, or, as it written in Egyptian, Apepi, the king of Joseph. It is first on statues and sphinxes discovered by Mariette at Tanis. The statues are evidently older than Apepi, and have been usurped by him; as for the sphinxes, they bear the character of what has been called Hyksos art. The working itself is absolutely Egyptian, but the type of physiognomy is quite different from the Egyptian. The face is wide, with very high cheek-bones, the nose is broad and curved, the mouth with stout lips strongly projecting. It might have been asked whether this was not a local art special to Tanis, and whether the sphinxes themselves were not also usurped monuments, which must be referred to an older epoch. All doubt is now removed by the discoveries which have been made lately at Bubastis.

The numerous travellers journeying from Cairo towards the Suez Canal, skirt close to the station of Zagazig, extensive mounds covered with walls built with crude bricks. Long trains of camels and donkeys go to and fro, carrying what the fellaheen call *sebakh*, the soil formed by decayed bricks, which constitutes a very good manure. The mounds, as they are dug up every day by thousands of Arabs, go on constantly diminishing. However, they still cover an area of several hundred acres; it is all that remains of the city of Bubastis, the abode of the lion-headed goddess Bast, the city which is mentioned by the prophet Ezekiel under the name of Pi-beseth.