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## CHAPTER XXXVIII.

Three days before the time I had set for the anointing, the chiefs came unto me, with the principal men of their tribes, and pitched their tents on the plain, round about the palace.

The next day I called them into the palace, and, together with Gomer and Salmon, we considered and agreed upon everything that seemed needful to accord between us as to the government of the kingdom—what tribute I should take of each tribe; how many men of war I might call out of every hundred in each tribe; that the whole kingdom should be called Philistia; that I, alone, should have power to make treaty and alliance with other nations; and that I should do all my acts in the government in the name of the God of Heaven, but would leave the people of the other tribes to honor their own gods after the manner of their fathers.

I caused Salmon to write all these things on a great parchment, and after them a covenant, binding me and the other chiefs to observe them faithfully, but we signed not our names to the covenant until the time of the anointing.

The day after we prepared the parchment, Mel-