

"To Nimutriya, the great King, the King of Egypt, of Tarkhundaras, the King of the land of Arzapi, the letter." Sayce further, avers that Nimutriya or Neb-Mat-Ra is Amenophis III. As it was Amenophis IV. who built for his capital Tel-el-Amarna, where the Tablet with which we are dealing was found; and as, according to Lenormant, "some of his monuments shew him standing in his chariot and followed by his seven daughters, who fought with him," it would be better to regard him as the King to whom the letter on the tablet was addressed, forasmuch as the Princess Akh, who is mentioned in the letter, was a warlike princess. The first few sentences in the letter are taken up with the grandiloquence in which Eastern Monarchs have always found delight. The writer of the letter mentions Khalugari as his Colleague. It is difficult to ascertain the full import of that designation, and to determine whether they were kings of adjoining nations or not. Khalugari, it is evident, stood in a very important relation to Amenophis, and was powerful in the service of the Egyptian King. The King, the writer of the letter, is anxious to obtain the Princess Akh in marriage, and believes that Khalugari, who has so much influence with the Egyptian King, is disposed to favour him in his desire. Acting apparently according to the instructions of the Egyptian King, Khalugari turns away from favouring the request of the suitor, and proceeds to thwart successfully the purposes of the latter. The Egyptian Monarch is informed that, as the result of the opposition of Khalugari and the Princess, the tribes of Matya (whoever they may be) are dissolving or abandoning their friendship for him, or their alliance with him. The Cuneiform letter concludes with the statement that a Hittite ship is going from Igaid (wherever that place may be). A list of the articles which the ship contained is given, and although the language is not free from ambiguity, it is better to conclude that these articles are intended as a present to the Egyptian Monarch. It is uncertain whether the writer of the letter succeeded in getting the Princess Akh to be his