APPENDIX

EXTRACTS RELATING TO THE HITTITES FROM THE TEL EL-AMARNA LETTERS

ROM a letter of Dusratta, king of Mitanni: 'When all the [army] of the Hittites marched to attack my country, Tessub my lord gave it into my hands and I smote it. There was none among them who returned to his own land.'

From a letter of Aziru, son of Ebed-Asherah the Amorite, to the Egyptian official Dûdu: 'O my lord, now Khatip (Hotep) is with me. I and he will march (together). O my lord, the king of the land of the Hittites has marched into the land of Nukhassi (Egyptian Anaugas), and the cities (there) are not strong enough to defend themselves from the king of the Hittites; but now I and Khatip will go (to their help).'

From a letter of Aziru to the Egyptian official Khai: 'The king of the land of the Hittites is in Nukhassi, and I am afraid of him; I keep guard lest he make his way up into the land of the Amorites. And if the city of Tunip falls there will be two roads (open) to the place where he is, and I am afraid of him, and on this account I have remained (here) till his departure. But now I and Khatip will march at

once.'

From a letter of Aziru to the Pharaoh: 'And now the king of the Hittites is in Nukhassi: there are two roads to Tunip, and I am afraid it will fall, and that the city [will not be strong enough] to defend itself.'

From a letter of Akizzi, the governor of Qatna (in Nukhassi) on the Khabur to the Pharaoh: 'O my lord, the Sun-god my father made thy fathers and set his name upon them; but now the king of the Hittites has taken the Sun-god my father, and my lord knows what they have done to the god, how it stands. And now the Sun-god my father will return to me, and the heart of my lord knows it, and let him give gold in plenty to the Sun-god my father as they (thy fathers) did. And my lord will receive the name of the Sun-

god as in former days.'

From another letter of Akizzi to Amon-hotep III: 'And now [the king my lord] has sent to me asking [what] relations I have had with the king of the Hittites. [And to this] I reply, If I [receive anything from the king of the Hittites I will send it to Egypt to the king my lord. . . . O my lord, Teuwatti of the city of Lapana and Arzauya of the city of Rukhizi are in league with Aidaggama and the land of [Qadesh, and the country of my lord is burned with fire. O my lord, even as I love the king my lord, so also do the kings of Nukhassi, of Ni, of Zinzar, and of Tunanat, for all these kings are servants of my lord.... O my lord, if Arzauya of Rukhizi and Teuwatti of Lapana are in the land of Ubi (Egyptian Aup) and Dasa is in the land of Amma, then my lord knows of them that the land of Ubi is lost to my lord. Daily do they send to Aidaggama (saying): go and seize all the land of Ubi.'

From a letter of Rib-Hadad, the governor of Gebal: 'And now again the soldiers of the lands of the Hittites are carrying away the governors of Gebal; so give counsel to Gebal.'

From a letter of Rabi-Khar of Gebal: 'Behold, Aziru (the Amorite) has killed Aduna king of Arqa. He has also killed the king of Ammiya (on the banks of the Euphrates and Sajur), and the king of Arvad

and the (Egyptian) commissioner, and has taken their cities for himself. Simyra (Zemar) too, is his; (yet they are all) cities of the king. Gebal alone is left to the king. Moreover, behold, Simyra and Ullazza have been taken by storm. Moreover, behold, Aziru . . . (has intrigued with) Itakama [and] has smitten all the lands of Am (Ammiya), the lands of the king. And now he has sent his men to occupy the lands of Am and the places which are being destroyed by the king's enemies, the king of the Hittites and the king of Narima (Naharaim) and [the king of Babylonia].'

From a letter of Beti-il (Bethuel) and another official to the king: 'Moreover Hittite soldiers have captured Lupakku: the cities of the land of Am and then the

cities of Ben-Hadad have they also taken.'

From a letter of Bêri of Khasabu: 'Behold, we were acting for the land of Am (and) the cities of the king my lord when Edagama of the city of Kinza came [at] the head of the soldiers of the Hittites.'

From a letter of El-daia[n] of Khazi (near Shechem): Behold, we were acting for the land of Am (and) the cities of the king my lord when Edagama of Kinza came at the head of the soldiers of the Hittites [to

seize the cities of the king my lord].'

From Abimelech the governor of Tyre: 'The king my lord sent to me saying, What thou hearest about the land of Canaan write to me. (Know then that) the king of the land of Danuna (the Danaans?) is dead and his brother reigns in his stead, and his country is tranquil. And the king must learn that the city of Ugarit (on the northern coast of Syria) has been consumed by fire; half of it is consumed, and the other half, where is it? And the soldiers of the Hittites, where are they? Etagama the lord of Kadesh and Aziru have made war against Namyawaza' (the governor of Kumidi near Kadesh).