us from the Mari documents as an independent political unit in the XVIIIth century [1].

The Brussels texts are significant for the situation in Palestine, Southern Syria and along the Phoenician coast at the time of the Middle Kingdom and offer us much richer material than the older Berlin texts. Further study of this material is bound to produce important results with regard to the origin and evolution of state-formations in Syria-Palestine at the time of the Hyksos and the Pharaos of the New Kingdom [2].

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[1] Dossin, *R.A.*, 36, p. 46 ff.; Albright, *B.A.S.O.R.*, 78, p. 23 ff.; Smith, *Alalakh and Chronology* (1940), p. 10 ff.

[2] These problems will be dealt with separately.