In the year 1926 Sethe[1] published the first compilation of execration texts, really curses and damnations directed against the enemies of Egypt inscribed on several pot sherds which had been found in Upper Egypt and taken to Berlin. The names of Palestinian-Syrian towns, districts and tribal federations listed in the texts have been discussed by several scholars[2]. The new Egyptian and cuneiform material has in some respects advanced the understanding of this source. The Berlin texts presumably belong to the early period of the XIIth Dynasty, probably the second half of the xxth century B. C.[3].

In the year 1938, a new series of *execration texts* appeared which eventually landed in the *Musée du Cinquantenaire* at Brussels. This series consisted of a great number of clay figurines (and fragments) of prisoners in fetters, inscribed in cursive hieratic of a content similar to that of the Berlin texts. The first news of the new material was given by M. Posener[4]. A book by Posener appeared in 1940 in which the material was published. Unfortunately the book is not yet available in Jerusalem, and I acquired the necessary information about its content and the various interpretations of the texts from two short articles by Albright[5]. Only in the autumn

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[1] Sethe, *Die Aechtung feindlicher Fuersten, Voelker und Dinge auf altaegyptischen Tongefaessscherben des Mittleren Reiches, Abh. Preuss. Akad. Wiss., Phil.-hist. Kl.*, No. 5, 1926.

[2] Dussaud, *Syria*, 8 (1927), p. 216 ff.; Alt, *Z. f. Ae. S.*, 63 (1927), p. 3 ff.; Albright, *J.P.O.S.*, 8 (1928), p. 223 ff.

[3] On the chronological problems of the Middle Kingdom see Edgerton, *J.N.E.S.*, I (1942), p. 307 ff.

[4] Georges Posener, *Princes et pays d'Asie et de Nubie; Textes hiératiques sur les figurines d'envoûtement du Moyen Empire*, Brussels 1940.

[5] *B.A.S.O.R.*, 81 (1941), p. 16 ff., 83 (1941), p. 32 ff. In the last article Albright refers to Posener's book as well as to an article by Alt, *Herren und Herrensitze Palästinas im Anfang des zweiten Jahrtausends v. Chr., Vorläufige Bemerkungen zu den neuen Ächtungstexten*, in *Z.D.P.V.*, 64, 1941, p. 21 ff. I add here a series of articles and reviews referring to the question to which Mr. B. Grdseloff has kindly drawn my attention : Georges Posener, *Nouvelles Listes de Proscription (Ächtungstexte) datant du Moyen Empire, Chronique d'Égypte*, No. 27, janvier 1939, p. 39-46 (communication lue au XXe Congrès international des Orientalistes, à Bruxelles, en septembre 1938); Jean Capart, *Figurines égyptiennes d'envoûtement*, Académie