or

אן אשכחת אש מהימן אתה לכן מדעם

"If I find an honest man I will send you the thing".

or

ולה אשכחת אש למיתית לכן

"And I have not yet found any person to bring it to you".

The things in question, which most probably had been requested by the addressee in former letters are wool עמר; ointment משח or משח בשם זית; clothes כתנה or חטבת; skin משכן; wood (?) נשרן; box ארון and different kinds of vessels. Money terms used in these papyri (the shekel and the zuz) are worthy of notice. The shekel is here abbreviated to ש followed by the number in the shape of strokes grouped by three, thus : one shekel ש I, five shekels ש III II, six shekels ש III III. The zuz זוז here mentioned is not the bronze zuz but the silver zuz זוז כסף זוז. The zuz is known in Akk. zūzu and in Aram. zūzā.

A fresh light is thrown by these papyri on the history and character of the Aramaic language as it was spoken and written in the vth century B. C. New words and meanings are added, or fixed, to the Aramaic dictionary; and new forms and idioms to Aramaic grammar.