

Armant stela of Tuthmosis III

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Transliteration and translation for "The Armant stela of Tuthmosis III", following the transcription of De Buck (1948), pp. 64-65. Also considered was the drawing of Mond and Myers (1940b), p. 103.

The transliteration throughout follows Hannig (1995).

For published translations, see Cumming (1982), number 366 (pp. 7-9); Helck (1984), number 366 (pp. 12-14); Mond and Myers (1940a), pp. 182-184.

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^c | Ḥr-Bḥdtj nṯr ʕ nb pt dj=f ʕnh ^{r1} | dd-mdw

^c | Horus of Edfu, great god, lord of heaven, may he give life! | Words to be spoken:

dj.n(=j) n=k ʕnh wʕs nb snb nb qnt nḥt nb
'I have given you all life and dominion, all health, and all valour and strength.'

^{r2} | Mntw nb Wʕst ^{r3} | nṯr-nfr nb jrt-jḥt Mn-ḥpr-R^c dj ʕnh dt
^{r2} | Month, lord of Thebes. ^{r3} | The good god, lord of rituals, Menkheperre, given life forever.

Tnnwt ^{r4} | dwʕ-nṯr sp 4 jr=f dj ʕnh ^{r5} | dd-mdw
^{r4} | Praising the god four times, so that he may be given life. ^{r5} | Words to be spoken:

dj.n(=j) n=k ʕnh wʕs nb snb nb ʕwt-jb nb
'I have given you all life and dominion, all health, all joy,

nsyt tʕwj hr=k ʕnh.tj mj R^c
while the kingship of the Two Lands is under your command. May you live like Re!

^{l1} | dd-mdw dj.n(=j) n=k ḥḥw nw rnpwt
^{l1} | Words to be spoken: 'I have given you millions of years,

ḥʕswt nbt ḥr tbtj=k
while all foreign lands are under your feet.'

^{l3} | sʕ-R^c mrj=f Dḥwtj-msjw ḥqʕ-mʕt dj ʕnh dt Jwnyt ¹ | ʕnh
^{l3} | Son of Re, his beloved, Tuthmosis, ruler of truth, given life forever. Junit. ¹ | Live

Ḥr Kʕ-nḥt ḥ^cj-m-Wʕst
Horus: Mighty bull appearing in Thebes;

nbtj Wʕḥ-nsyt-mj-R^c-m-pt
Two Ladies: Enduring of kingship like Re in heaven;

Ḥr-nbw Dsr-ḥ^cw ḥm-pḥtj
Gold Horus: Sacred of appearance, mighty of strength;

nsw-bjtj nb tʕwj nb jrt-jḥt Mn-ḥpr-R^c
The king of Upper and Lower Egypt, lord of the Two Lands, lord of rituals: Menkheperre;

r rdjt nht jmjw-ht rwdt ^cwj=f

m qnt nht

so as to cause the followers to pray for the proficiency of his arms in valour and strength.

dd=j n mw¹ jrtr=f

nn hrt-^c nn jwms m-m

hft-hr n mš^c=f tm

I'm telling you what he did, without deception and without lie, in front of his entire army,

¹ Read n mw as n=tn, following De Buck (1948), p. 127. For a different emendation, see the note concerning 1245.9 on p. 61 of Cumming (1982).

nn ts jm n ^cb^c

jr jry=f

⁶
| 3t sd3-hr=f

and there is no word of exaggeration therein. When he spent ⁶ | a moment of recreation,

m bhs hr h3st nb

^cš3 tnwt nt jnt.n=f

hunting in any foreign land, the quantity that he captured was greater

r bsw.n mš^c mj-qd=f

jw sm3.n=f m3jw 7 m stt m km n 3t

than what the entire army achieved. He slew seven lions by shooting in an instant.

jn.n=f

⁷
| hnm n sm3w 12

n wnwt hpr.n nw n stj-r3

He captured ⁷ | a herd of twelve wild bulls in an hour at the time of breakfast,

hbsyt jrwn n ph=fj s^crq.n=f 120 n 3bw hr h3st nt Njj

their tails behind him. He killed 120 elephants in the foreign country of Niya

m jwtr=f m Nhrn

⁸
| d3.n=f jtrw phr-wr

when he came from Naharina. ⁸ | He crossed the river Euphrates,

ptpt.n=f dmjw nw gs=fj

sswn(.w) m ht r nhh

and trampled the towns on its banks, which were destroyed by fire forever.

smn=f wd n nhtw hr gs=f [...]

He erected a stela of victory on its [...] side.

jn.n=f šqb m stt hr h3st rst

⁹
| T3-stj

He captured a rhinoceros by shooting in the southern land ⁹ | of Taseti,

m-ht wd3=f r Mjw r hhj btn sw m t3 pf

after he had gone to Miu to seek out him who had rebelled against him in that land.

smn.n=f wḏ=f jm mj jrt.n=f m pḥwj [...] n jr ḥm=f ʒbw
He erected his stela there as he had done at the ends [...] His Majesty didn't halt

m wḏw r t n ¹⁰ | Dḥj r smʒ btnww ntjw jm=s
while proceeding to the land of ¹⁰ | Djahi to slay the rebels who were there,

r rdjt jḥt n ntj ḥr mw=f mtrw js rnw [...] and to give goods to those who were loyal to him. The names bear witness [...]

[...] nbt r sw=s jw jw ḥm=f r tnw ¹¹ | sp
[...] every [...] at its time. His Majesty returned every ¹¹ | time,

hd=f ḥpr(.w) m qnt nḥt dj=f wn Kmt m šhrw=s
his attack having succeeded with valour and strength, while he let Egypt be in its state

mj wn R^c jm=s m nsw [...] [...] m Jnbw-ḥḏ r smʒ ḥʒswt Rtnw ¹² | ḥst
when Re was there as king [...] [...] from Memphis to slay the foreign lands of vile Retjenu,

m sp tpj n nḥtw jn ḥm=f wp mtn=s sd wʒt=s nbt
as the first victory. It was His Majesty who opened its road and who explored its every way

n mšʒ=f m-ḥt jrt [...] Mktj ^cq.n ḥm=f ḥr mtn pf
for his army after making [...] Megiddo. His Majesty entered upon that road

¹³ | ntj wʒ r ḥns wrt m tp n mšʒ=f tm
¹³ | that was very narrow, at the head of his entire army,

jw ḥʒswt nb šḥw.n=sn ^cḥ(.w) ḥr.w r r^c=s [...] while all foreign lands were assembled, standing prepared at its mouth [...]

¹⁴ | ḥrw bdš.w wth.w m jfd r dmj=s n ḥn^c wr ntj m [...] ¹⁴ | The enemy failed and fled quickly to their town, together with the prince who was in [...]

[...] ¹⁵ | n=s n ḥr sš [...] jḥt jr w ḥr psḏw=s n j.n ḥm=f m ʒwt-jb
They [...] pleading [...] their possessions on their backs. His Majesty came in joy,

h³st tn tm.tj m dt [...] ¹⁶ | [...] jw m sp w^c hr jnw [...]

since this land was entirely the subject [...] ¹⁶ | [...] came carrying gifts with one accord [...]

¹⁷ | [...] rnpt-sp 29 3bd 4 prt sw [...]

¹⁷ | [...] Year 29, fourth month of the Season of Growing, day [...]
