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The present fragment of stela was part of a private collection at Luxor and is now preserved in the Supreme Council of Antiquities Magazine under the registration number n° 48.

It consists in a slab of sandstone 0.36 m large, 0.32 m high and 0.18 m thick. Of the upper register, just remain the feet of a seated god (→) holding a was-scepter.

At the lower register, the kneeling dedicant (←) was spelling a prayer.

x + 1  « [... Hâply, great of power {

x + 2  ... made for you (or : that you have made) in the « victorious Thebes » b,

x + 3  He is among the magistrates, the praised ones who are in your sanctuary.

x + 4  For the Ka of the deservant in the temple of Ouser-maat-râ-setep-en-râ
         (Ramses II),

x + 5  in the dominion of Amon in

x + 6  [the west of Thebes (?), Mahu (?)] c.

a — The epitheta wr-ššr is generally given to Amun or main deities (Wb. IV, 458, 23, 24, 26 and Belegst. : Osiris, Khnum, Montu, Amun, Hathor, Horus, Khonsu-Too, Min-Amun, Seth). The fear of the power (ššr) owned by the Nile-god is refered to in the « Nile Hymnus » (W. Helek, Der Text des « Nilhymnus », KÄT, 1972, p. 82, 85.)

b — For the « victorious Thebes », see P. Vernus, ASAE 68, 1982, p. 131 et 133, n. g.

c — The identity of the stela dedicant is to be choosen between two officials : 
— Usermonthu (TT 31), who seems to have born the titles of :
This last seems much more likely than Usermonthu as the writing of his titulary is almost identical in his tomb and on our document.

1 N. de G. DAVIES, A. H. GARDINER, *Seven Private Tombs*, p. 11 and n. 2.
2 *LD Text* III, P. 250.
The fragment of stela of Mahu (?).
Luxor Supreme Council of Antiquities Magazine n° 48.