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A REPORT ON EXTISPICIES PERFORMED FOR SENNACHERIB ON ACCOUNT OF HIS SON ASSUR-NADIN-ȘUMI

An archive of papers of T.G. Pinches in the possession of his family includes the following intriguing autograph:

All these astronomical tablets ware, known for astrological purposes, as the tablets also for the kings of Assyria often committed the stars to find out the future. This a small Astron. tablet which the late Rev. I. Jones allowed me to copy some years ago in an answer by Sennacherib (the historical) to inquiries made by Sennacherib concerning his son Assur-nadin-sum, invade as king of Judah, who have been taken prisoner by the Egyptians, who they, many afterwards, invaded the land.

Absolutely nothing is known about the tablet mentioned here beyond what is on the sheet. Presumably, the tablet is in private hands somewhere; no copy seems to have survived. If found, the text would be the only extispicy report surviving from the reign of Sennacherib and certainly of considerable historical interest.

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