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An Unpublished Fragment of Papyrus Concerning	عنوان البحث باللغة الإنجليزية
A pledge	
جزء من بردية غير منشورة تتضمن تعهد (إلتزام)	عنوان البحث باللغة العربية
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Abstract:

shape of the fragment of papyrus is of unequal sides, the dimensions are about 10×9 cm and the

material of writing is ink. It is written in one of four scripts of ancient Egyptian language, which is a demotic script, consisting of nine thick lines are written in a horizontal way. The provenance is the archaeological area of El-Suwa or the so-called Geziret el-Suwa; the Necropolis of 20th Nome of Lower Egypt, known as Pr-Sopedu, it is currently within the range of the modern village of Saft el-Henna, City of Abu Hammad, Al Sharqiyah Governorate. It was excavated by archaeological excavations mission of the University of Liverpool of 1986; the registration number of the excavation is 3884, and the discovery place is the tomb No. 5, next to the remains of a mummy. Currently, the residue of this papyrus is preserved in the museum store of Tell-Basta under the registration number 1125; the current status is the need for restoration and preservation. It is noted through the study that the features of cursive signs have considerable accords with the abnormal hieratic, both of which were the initial approach of the archaic or early demotic script. The lack of demotic scripts from El-Suwa is the main difficulty of this study; beside, there is a dating formula without a royal name or a cartouche, in addition to the absence of official titles and witnesses; therefore, there is no specific date mentioned for this papyrus. The lacunae were also a major

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cause for the lack of clarity of the full context. It is worth mentioning that the essence of context included a documented pledge that was performed between Hor-em-heb and the owner of tomb. There is confirmation that the deal (decree) which was written beforehand will be fulfilled in accordance with the law or by legal means. This will be executed in year 28, month 4 of winter or the so-called Pharmouthi, which is the name of the eighth month of the year in ancient Egypt.