Allow me to offer a short personal explanation. Mr. Hyde Clarke remarks (Joun. Anthropol. Inst., May, 1880, p. 354) upon the Hittite inscriptions that he determined them not to be "cattle-marks, as proposed by Capt. Burton." What I said and repeated in a letter was "Uneexplored Syrie," vol. i. p. 341:—

"My own theory is that these Hephaestian inscriptions do not form a link between picture-writing and alphabetic characters; and I would suggest that the most likely way of deciphering them would be to compare them with the wondrous (brand) marks of the several Bedawi families. This is a very different plan from the one for which you are publishing the Traces of a "Cattle-Carrier" (vol. i. p. 341-42).

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