Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building.

5. And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

6. And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they unto Artaxerxes king of Persia: and the writing of the letter [was] written in the Persian language, and the handwriting in the Persian characters.

7. And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlham, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia: and the writing of the letter [was] written in the Persian language, and interpreted in the Persian tongue.

8. Then Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king in this sort:

9. Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity had built the temple unto the LORD God of Israel,
4:9 adin rhum bol - tom u-shnshl apsh-r a u-shar
then(A) Rehum(A) possessor-of(A) decree(A) and-Shimshai(A) scribe-the(A) and-remained-of(A)

knuch-eun
dini-a u-aphrthki-a thrpi-a apshrs-A
colleagues-of-them(A) Dinaites-the(A) and-officials-the(A) Tarpitites-the(A) Aphansites-the(A)

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arkul arkul-a bbli-a shshk-A d-eua
Ereichites(A) Ezechias-the(A) Babylonians-the(A) Susaites-the(A) that-him(A)

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del-A oml-A
Dahavites-the(A) Elamites-the(A)

4:10 u-schar aml-a di egli asph-pb-A rb-A
and-remained-of(A) leagues-the(A) that(A) he-deported(A) Onnappar(A) great-the(A)

u-igir-A u-euthb emu b-qrie di shh-A
and-extraordinary-the(A) and-he-caused-to-sit(A) then(A) in-city(A) that(A) Samaria(A)

u-schar obr - ner-e u-konth : u-shen:
and-remained-of(A) across-of(A) stream-the(A) and-now(A)

4:11 dne phrs-hgn agrh-A di shch-A ouel ol - arthshshtha
this-the(A) transcript-of(A) letter-the(A) that(A) they-sent(A) on-him(A) on(A) Artaxeres(A)

mik-A obd-A obd-A ansh obr - ner-e
king-the(A) servants-of-you(A) servant-of-you(A) mortal-of(A) across-of(A) stream-the(A)

4:12 idio leuA l-mik-A di leu-A di sglu
being-known(A) he-shall-become(A) to-king-the(A) that(A) Judeans-the(A) that(A) they-came-up(A)

nn - luthk ol-nA athu l-rush-A qri-A mrth-A
from(A) to-you(A) on-us(A) they-arrived(A) to-Jerusalem(A) town-the(A) revolting-the(A)

u-baishth-A bhn u-shiri-A u-shiri-A
and-stinking-the(A) ones-building(A) and-barricades-the(A) and-barricades-the(A)

4:13 kon idio leuA l-mik-A di en qri-A dk
now(A) being-known(A) he-shall-be(A) to-king-the(A) that(A) should(A) town-the(A) this(A)

kon idio leuA l-mik-A di en qri-A dk
now(A) being-known(A) he-shall-be(A) to-king-the(A) that(A) should(A) town-the(A) this(A)

4:14 "Thou shalt build, and shalt set up "

ashkllu shklu u-ashl-A ichitu :
they-are-completing(A) they-completed(A) and-substances-the(A) they-are-threading(A)

4:15 kon idio leuA l-mik-A di en qri-A dk
now(A) being-known(A) he-shall-be(A) to-king-the(A) that(A) should(A) town-the(A) this(A)

Thshbn u-shrle e ishtkhllun mdke - blu
she-shall-be-Built(A) and-barricades-the(A) they-shall-be-completed(A) tribute(A) excise(h)

u-elk la intchun u-apthm mkim thenqz :
and-toll(A) not(A) they-shall-give(A) and-revenue-of(A) kings(A) she-shall-cause-damage(A)

4:16 kon kl - qbl di - mich elk-A mchnh
now(A) all-of(A) forasmuch-as(A) that(A) salt-of(A) palace-the(A) we-salted(A)

u-oruth mk-A la ark - l-na l-nchh-A ol - dne
and-nakedness-of(A) king-the(A) not(A) proper(A) for-us(A) to-to-perceive-of(A) on(A) this(A)

5 Then [wrote] Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Aphantsites, the Tarpitites, the Aphansites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susaithes, the Dehavites, [and] the Elamites.

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Anasppar brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest [that are] on this side the river, and at such a time.

11 This [is] the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, [even] unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time.

12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls [thereof], and joined the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be built, and the walls set up [again, then] will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and [so] thou shalt endanger the revenue of the kings.

14 Now because we have maintenance from [the king's] palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king;
That search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city [is] a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed.

We certify the king that, if this city be builded [again], and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no portion on this side the river.

The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me.

And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and [that] rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all [countries] beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them.

Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until [another] commandment shall be given from me.
4:22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter [was] read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which [is] at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.