

Stela fragments from Babylon in the British Museum — R. Koldewey (*Die Königsburgen von Babylon, II: die Hauptburg und die Sommerpalast Nebukadnezars im Hügel Babil* [Wissenschaftliche Veröffentlichung der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft, 55, Osnabrück 1932] 22-3) lists fragments of one or more basalt stelas of Nabonidus found on the northern approach to the Ishtar Gate at Babylon. Details of three of the fragments that seemed to be missing at the time of his publication, namely Bab. 2728, 3379, and 3419, conform exactly with three in the British Museum, where they are numbered respectively 1928-2-11, 1, 1b, and 1a; the group also bears the collective number 119298. The 1928-2-11 collection had been purchased from Major V.E. Mocatta. The appropriate excavation number, written in light blue ink, is clear on the base of 1928-2-11, 1b, and traces of light blue survive on the back of 1928-2-11, 1a.

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