

meditating on the feet of the Paramabhaṭṭāraka.⁷⁷ The name has already been discussed among the names of Commanders.

8. *Vatsabhaṭṭi* (No. 17, L. 23) :

The Mandasor Stone Inscription of Kumāragupta and Bandhuvārman (the Mālava years 493 and 529) was composed by Vatsabhaṭṭi.⁷⁸ Vatsa is often used as a term of endearment (=my dear child).⁷⁹ Originally it was used for a calf, then for the young of any animal and finally for any offspring or child. The child or the young of any animal being lovely, it became a term of endearment. The second part of the present name is *bhaṭṭi* which is a variation of *bhaṭṭa*. *Bhaṭṭi* is formed from 'bhartṛ' meaning 'lord'.⁸⁰

Miscellaneous

1. *Jīvanta* (No. 16, L. 8) :

He was the head of the guild of oilmen of Indrapura. *Jīvanta* is a one-word name. Literally it means 'long-lived',⁸¹ which shows the wish of the parents for the child to live long. It was the name of a man in the time of Pāṇini.⁸²

2. *Māra (viṣa)* (No. 55, LL. 2-3) :

He was the father of Dāmasvāminī who raised a pillar at Rājaghāṭ, Vārāṇasī, in memory of her parents. The first part of the name is *Māra* which is the name of the god of love who in the Buddhist literature is described as the greatest enemy of the Buddha and his religion.⁸³ The second part of the name is not legible. If it is *viṣa* then the whole can literally mean 'one who is a poison for the god of love', i.e., a man of great self-control whom the arrows of *Māra* cannot affect.

3. *Samghila* (No. 22, LL. 5-6) :

He was a soldier who has been mentioned as an '*Aśvapati*'. *Samghila* is a name ending in '*ila*'.⁸⁴ It is an abbreviated form of the full name '*Samghadatta*'.

In Sāñcī inscriptions we find several names with *ila*-ending e.g., *Agila* (*Agnidatta*), *Satila* (*Svātidatta*), *Nāgila* (*Nāgadatta*), *Yakhila* (*Yakṣadatta*), *Samghila* (*Samghadatta*).⁸⁵

4.*Viṣṇu* (No. 29, L. 7) :

It is the name of some officer whose name appears to have the ending *Viṣṇu* who may have been his family-deity. The first part is not legible.