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At or near the point marked aa on plan on p. 49,⁶ the locals reported a recent excavation which had yielded a grave with alabaster jars. A gang composed of men taken from the four gangs was set to investigate this place, and immediately came on a small temple (2). Walls about 100 cm high.

General remarks:

The area around the pyramids is free of graves making the dumping of the dirt an easy matter. The surface is covered with white pebbles which made me fear a cemetery of small graves, but an examination of the ground shows that the underlying stratum of geologically packed red sand (or decayed sandstone) is overlaid by a layer of grey conglomerate.

⁶ NB: there is no plan on p. 49 in this version of the diary and no “aa” visible on Cailliaud’s plan on his pl. 49 (although there are other letters there). This “temple” would eventually become Meroitic palace B 100—see Kendall 2014:65 n. 4.