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- CT 23, 26 ii 8 CT 23, plate 26, column ii, Zeile 8

Referring to works with a title:
- Šulgi O 55 Sulgi Hymn O, line 55.
- Gilgameš XI 100 Gilgameš, tablet 11, line 100.

Please note
- I, II, III ... Numbered tablet of a composition (e.g. Gilgameš, Ea, Šumma alu)
- i, ii, iii ... Columns of a tablet
- 1’, 2’, 3’ ... Line numbers after broken beginning. Please use Unicode “prime” (U2032).

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For the final version, it is recommendable to set the font color to blue for all text that should appear in expanded form (to facilitate page setting).

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