

Extract from the Persian Wars

“These sanctuaries in Philae were kept by these barbarians even up to my time, but the Emperor Justinian decided to tear them down. Accordingly Narses, a Persarmenian by birth being commander of the troops there, tore down the sanctuaries at the emperor's order, and put the priests under guard and sent the statues to Byzantium.

Procopius, *Persian Wars*, 1. 19. 36-37. Translated by H. B. Dewing