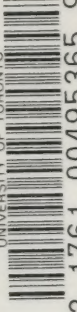
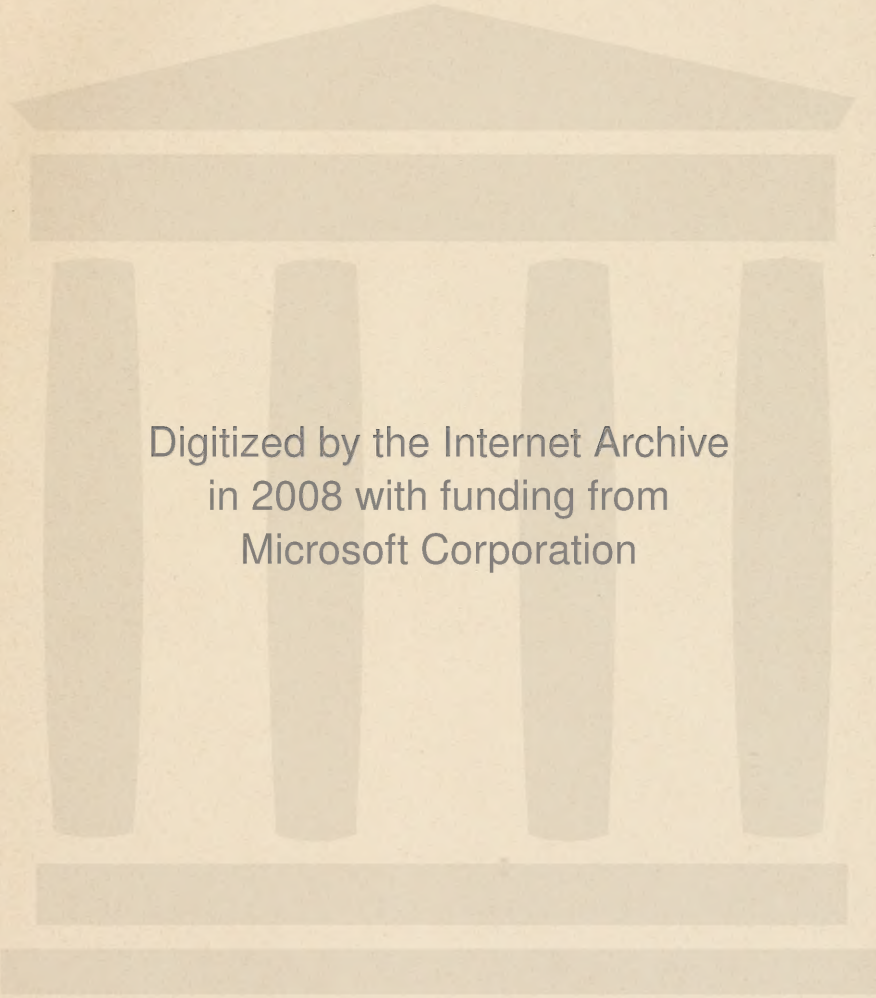


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PREFACE

THE 150 texts in the present volume are all non-literary documents, like those in Part XII. They comprise (a) two sections, *Contracts* and *Private Accounts*, for which there was not space in that volume these papyri being chiefly from the excavations of 1904-6; (b) some official documents; (c) a number of private letters, nearly all from the excavations of 1897. Their range is from the second century B. C. to the end of the fourth century, third-century papyri predominating. Facsimiles are given of some dated contracts belonging to the middle decades of the first century B. C., a period which is still very sparsely represented by papyri. In the interpretation of the contracts and official documents we are much indebted to the generous and valuable assistance of Prof. M. Rostowzew.

Part XV, which is in active preparation and will be somewhat larger than the present volume, will include in the literary section some new lyric fragments and hexameters, and a papyrus giving a series of biographies of Thucydides, Demosthenes, Aeschines, and others. Fragments of Sophocles, *Trachiniae*, Plato, *Republic*, Isocrates, *Πρὸς Δημόνικον*, and Theocritus (first century) have been identified. The non-literary documents illustrate the fifth, sixth, and seventh centuries, and include a second instalment (the first was in Part I) of the Oxyrhynchus papyri in the Cairo Museum from the 1897 excavations. In editing these Mr. H. I. Bell is collaborating with us. Mr. J. de M. Johnson's edition of the long Theocritus papyrus from Antinoöpolis is also in preparation.

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THE general method followed in this volume is practically the same as that in Part XII. The texts, being non-literary, are given in modern form with accentuation and punctuation. Abbreviations and symbols are resolved; additions and corrections are usually incorporated in the text, the former being indicated by ` ' , and the occurrence of the latter being recorded in the critical apparatus, where also faults of orthography, &c., are corrected, if they seemed likely to give rise to any difficulty. Where additions or corrections are distinguished by types differing from that of the main text, those by the same hand as the body of the text are in small thin type, those by a different hand in thick type. Iota adscript has been printed when so written; otherwise iota subscript is employed. Square brackets [] indicate a lacuna, round brackets () the resolution of a symbol or abbreviation, angular brackets < > a mistaken omission in the original, braces { } a superfluous letter or letters, double square brackets [[]] a deletion in the original. Dots placed within brackets represent the approximate number of letters lost or deleted; dots outside brackets indicate mutilated or otherwise illegible letters. Letters with dots under them are to be considered doubtful. Heavy Arabic numerals refer to the texts of the Oxyrhynchus Papyri in this volume and Parts I-XIII; ordinary numerals refer to lines, small Roman numerals to columns.

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M. *Chr.* = L. Mitteis, Chrestomathie.

O. G. I. = Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones selectae, by W. Dittenberger.

P. Amh. = The Amherst Papyri, Vols. I-II, by B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt.

- P. Basel = Papyrusurkunden der öffentlichen Bibliothek der Univ. zu Basel, by E. Rabel.
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- W. Chr. = U. Wilcken, Chrestomathie.
- Wilcken, *Ost.* = Griechische Ostraka, by U. Wilcken.

I. CONTRACTS

(a) *Contracts with Officials.*

1626. PAYMENT FOR SUPERINTENDENCE OF TRANSPORT.

26.7 × 15 cm.

A. D. 325.

An agreement between the *decani*, i. e. chief guards of some kind (l. 3, n.), of the village of Paneuei (l. 3, n.), and an epimeletes, for him to act as *ῥαβδούχος* (l. 9, n.) in charge of animals sent to Babylon in connexion with an anticipated visit of an Emperor (*θεία ἐπιδημία*). For the payment of the salary of the epimeletes, which was at the rate of 2,000 drachmae a day, the *μείζων* of the village (l. 5, n.) becomes surety, two months' pay being provided in advance. The papyrus stands in close relation to 1261, written 4½ months earlier, an acknowledgement on oath by an epimeletes, who is probably identical with the epimeletes in 1626, concerning produce transported to Babylon partly on account of the troops, partly on account of an *ἐπιδημία*, which in the light of 1626 is to be referred to an emperor, not, as suggested in 1261. 5, n., to a catholicus. That Constantine himself actually came to Egypt in 325, the year of the Council of Nicaea, is not recorded by the authorities for the period, and is improbable, but his presence may well have been expected. That *θεία ἐπιδημία* refers not to Constantine himself but to one of his sons, who did not become Augusti till 337, is unlikely.

1626 is a palimpsest, the original document, which was much shorter, having been effaced.

Ἐμολογο[ῦσ]ι[ν ἀλλή]λλοις Ἀυρήλιοι Ἀλόις Χωούτος
καὶ Ἑρακλή[σ] Πούδεντος καὶ οἱ κοινωνοὶ οἱ πάντες
δεκανοὶ ἀπὸ κώμη[σ] Πανευεὶ μετ' ἐγγυητοῦ εἰς
ἔκτισιν τῶν φανη[σο]μένων μισθῶν Πτολεμαίου
Πτολεμαίου μείζονος τῆς αὐτῆς κώμης καὶ Ἀυρήλιος
Ἑρακλείδης Σκυλακίου ἐπιμελητῆς ζῶων

ἀποστελλομένω[ν εἰς τ]ῆν Βαβυλῶνα πρὸς
 θείαν ἐπιδημίαν, οἱ μὲν δεκανοὶ συνηλλαχένοι
 τῷ ἐπιμελητῇ χώραν μίαν ράβδουχου ἐνδὸς
 10 τῶν αὐτῶν ζώων ἀπὸ ὀγδόης τοῦ ὄντος μηνὸς
 Παῦνι, λαμβάνοντος τοῦ ἐπιμελητοῦ παρὰ τῶν
 δεκανῶν ὑπὲρ μισθοῦ ἡμερησίως δραχμὰς
 δισχιλίας. ἐντεῦθεν δὲ ὁμολογεῖ ὁ ἐπιμελητὴς
 ἐσχηκέναι παρὰ τῶν δεκανῶν ὑπὲρ μισθοῦ
 15 μηνῶν δύο ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς ὀγδόης ἀργυρίου
 τάλαντα εἴκοσι, τὰ δὲ φανησόμενα ἄχρι συμπληρώ-
 σεως τῆς ἐπιμελείας ἀπολήμψεται παρὰ τῶν
 αὐτῶν δεκανῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ τὸν Πτολεμαῖον παρασχεῖν
 τὰ φανησόμενα σαλάρια πρὸς τὸ ἀπαρενοχλή-
 20 τους καὶ ἀσκύλους καὶ ἀζημίους παρέχειν περὶ τῶν
 τῇ αὐτῇ ράβδουχίᾳ διαφερόντων. κύριον τὸ συνάλ-
 λαγμ[α] δισσὸν γραφέν, καὶ ἐπερωτηθέντες ὡμολόγησαν.
 ὑπατ[είας Παυ]λίνου καὶ Ἰουλιανοῦ τῶν λαμπροτάτων Παῦνι α.
 2nd hand Αὐ[ρήλιοι Ἀλό]ις καὶ Ἡρακλῆς [εὐ]δοκοῦμεν πᾶσι
 25 τοῖς προκ(ειμένοις) καὶ ἐπερωτηθ(έντες) ὡμολ(ογήσαμεν). Αὐρήλ(ιος)
 Πτολεμαῖος
 ἐγ[γυῶ]μαι ὡς π[ρ]όκ(εῖται) γρά(ψας) κ[α]ὶ ὑπ[ε]ρ[ρ] αὐτῶν μὴ εἰδ(ότων)
 γρά(μματα).

3. εὔγυητον. 12. ὑπερ. 19. σ of σαλαρια corr. from λ, and ι from α. 20. First ε
 of παρεχειν corr. from ασ. 21. συναλ'λαγμα. 22. ὡμολογησῶ. 23. ὑπατ[είας] . . . ἰουλιανου.

‘Aurelius Alois son of Choous and Aur. Heracles son of Pudens and their associates, all *decani* from the village of Paneuei, with their surety for payment of the pay found to have accrued, Ptolemaeus son of Ptolemaeus, headman of the said village, and Aur. Heraclides son of Scylacius, superintendent of animals which are being sent to Babylon for the Imperial visit, jointly agree, the *decani* that they have contracted with the superintendent for him to fill the single post of *ράβδουχος* of the said animals from the 8th of the present month of Pauni, the superintendent receiving from the *decani* as pay 2,000 drachmae a day. And the superintendent forthwith acknowledges that he has received from the *decani* as two months' pay dating from the said 8th day 20 talents of silver, and shall receive from the said *decani* the sums found to have accrued up to the termination of his duties as superintendent, and that I, Ptolemaeus, am to provide the salary found to have accrued, in order to make the *decani* free from any trouble, annoyance, or loss in all matters pertaining to the said office of *ράβδουχος*. This contract, written in duplicate, is valid, and in answer to the formal question they gave their consent. In the consulship of Paulinus and Julianus

the most illustrious, Pauni 1. Signatures of the two *decani* and Ptolemaeus, all written by the last-named.

3. *δεκανοί*: cf. P. Ryl. 196. 6-9, n., where the evidence for *δεκανοὶ φυλακτικῶν* (Ptolemaic), *πλοίων, νυκτοφυλάκων, πυροῦ, &c.*, is collected, and 1512, which shows that there were at least 9 *δεκανία* at another Oxyrhynchite village, though apparently these were distributed among only three persons. Here the *decani* seem to have numbered at least 4, and to be concerned with land-transport rather than boats, since a *ῥαβδοῦχος* was required; cf. l. 9, n.

Πανενεί: a village in the Western toparchy (1285. 74), and perhaps in the 3rd pagus (1559. 9).

5. *μείζονος τῆς αὐτῆς κώμης*: this is the earliest example of the use of *μείζων*, which is common in the sixth to eighth centuries, to denote a particular village-official as distinct from a 'higher' official in general (e.g. in P. Brit. Mus. 214. 22 and 900. 19); cf. Wilcken, *Chr.* 134. int.

5-6. *Ἀυρήλιος Ἡρακλείδης Σκυλακίου ἐπιμελητῆς ζώων*: he is probably identical with *Ἀυρ. Ἡρακλείου Κουλακίου* (i. e. (Σ)κ(υ)λακίου) *βουλ(ευτοῦ) . . . ἐπιμελητοῦ* . [.] . . (possibly ζ[ώ]ων) in 1261. 4-5; cf. int.

8. *θείαν ἐπιδημίαν*: cf. 1261. 7 and int., and for *ἐπιδημίαι* of high officials Wilcken, *Grundz.* 33.

9. *ῥαβδοῦχος*: cf. 1750, an official receipt for a payment on account of an ass and *ῥαβδοῦχος* sent to Memphis in 306, B. G. U. 244 (reign of Gallienus), the beginning of a sworn declaration of surety for a person *ἀναδ[εδομέ]νον εἰς ῥαβδοῦχίαν α . [. . .]*, and P. Leipzig 85-6 (372-3), two acknowledgements by comarchs to a *ῥαβδοῦχος* of the return of an ass employed at the mines. The *ζῶα* in the present case are likely to have been mainly asses, but may have included camels, horses, and oxen. *ῥαβδοῦχοι* is used by Georgius Cedrenus (Migne, *G.* cxxi. 336) to translate *decani* in the sense of court-officials of low rank.

19. *σαλάρια*: this confirms Oertel's reading (*Die Liturgie* 87¹) *σαλ[ά]ρ[ια]* in P. Flor. 39. 9 (= W. *Chr.* 405).

23. In 1261, written on Tubi 18 (Jan. 13), the names of the consuls were not yet known.

1627. APPOINTMENT TO A LITURGY.

23.3 × 10.7 cm.

A. D. 342.

This papyrus throws an interesting light on the method of appointment to public duties. Usually persons were appointed, whether by the senate or by an official, to some definite liturgy; but in the present case a citizen of Oxyrhynchus and his son had been selected to perform an unspecified liturgy for eight months, and they make a contract with the *σοστάτης*, the official in question (l. 5, n.), whereby in return for receiving a very light duty, i. e. that of guarding the temple of Thoëris (l. 12, n.), they agree to perform it for a whole year. The body of the contract seems to have been drawn up by the agent of a professional writer of contracts, who appends his signature (l. 29, n.).

Ἐπατίας τῶν δεσποτῶν ἡμῶν Κωνσταντίου τὸ γ'
καὶ Κώνσταντος τὸ β' τῶν Ἀυγούστων Μεσορή ιθ.
Ἀυρήλιος Ἀπφούς Παθερμουθίου ἀπὸ τῆς

- λαμπ(ρᾶς) καὶ λαμπ(ροτάτης) Ὁξύρυχειτῶν πόλεως
 5 Ἀύρηλίῳ Διογένου Σαραπίωνος συστάτῃ
 τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως τῆς νυνὶ λειτουργού-
 σης φυλῆς χαίρειν. ἐπιδὴ αἰρίται
 ἐμοί τε καὶ τῷ ἡμετέρῳ υἱῷ Θωνίῳ
 ἐν τῷ ἐξῆς ἐνιαυτῷ ὀκταμηνιαῖος
 10 χρόνος λειτουργίας, ἠξιώσαμεν δέ σοι εἰς-
 αγγεῖλαι ἡμᾶς εἰς κουφοτάτην χρίαν,
 τουτέστιν εἰς φυλακίαν ἱεροῦ Θεορίου,
 διὰ τὴν περὶ ἡμᾶς μετριότητα καὶ
 πίστις συνέθου ἡμεῖν κατὰ ταῦτα,
 15 καὶ αὐτοὶ ὁμολογοῦμεν ἀντὶ ἴσης ἀμοιβῆς
 καὶ χάριτος ἐπάναγκες ἡμᾶς ὄλον τὸν
 ἐνιαύσιον χρόνον πληρῶσαι ἐν τῇ τοῦ
 αὐτοῦ ἱεροῦ Θεορίου ἀρχιφύλακος
 χάρα ἀντὶ τῶν μηνῶν ὀκτώ. πρὸς
 20 δὲ ἀμεριμνίαν σου τήνδε τὴν ὁμολογίαν
 σοι ἐξεδόμην, ἥτις κυρία ἔστω, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεῖς)
 ὁμολόγησα.

2nd hand [Ἀύρ]ήλιος Ἀφφῶς Πατερμουθίου
 [εὐδ]οκῶ πᾶσι τοῖς προκειμένοις

- 25 [καὶ ἐπ]ερωτηθεῖς ὁμολόγησα.
 [Ἀύρ]ήλιος Ῥουφίων Ἀπολλωνίου
 [. . .]υ ἔγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ μὴ εἰδῶ(τος)
 [γρά]μματα.

3rd (?) hand [δι' ἐμο]ῦ Διογένους ἐγρά(φη).

5. 1. Διογένει. 8. υἱῳ. 10. 1. σε. εισαγγεῖλαι. 14. 1. πίστιν. 15. ἴσης. 18.
 ἱερου. 20. ὁμολογία.

'In the consulship of our lords Constantius for the 3rd time and Constans for the 2nd time, the Augusti, Mesore 19. Aurelius Apphous son of Pathermouthius, of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus, to Aur. Diogenes son of Sarapion, delegate of appointments in the said city for the tribe now undertaking public duties, greeting. Whereas in the coming year an eight months' period of public duty is selected for me and my son Thonius, and we requested you to assign to us a very light duty, that is to say, the guarding of the temple of Thöëris, you owing to your clemency to us and confidence in us agreed to this proposal, and we for our part acknowledge ourselves bound as an equal

recompence and favour to carry out a whole year's service in the post of chief-guard of the said temple of Thoëris in place of 8 months. And for your security I have issued to you this contract, which shall be valid, and in answer to the formal question have given my consent.' Signatures of Aur. Apphous and Diogenes, the writer of the contract.

5. *συστάτης*: this official is only known from fourth-century Oxyrhynchus papyri, being perhaps identical with the *φυλάρχης* of the third century. For his functions in connexion with appointments to liturgies cf. **86**, **1116**, **1509**, P. Flor. 39 (= W. *Chr.* 405), and Oertel, *Liturgie* 176. **1551** is a notice of death addressed to him, in which he is called *συστάτης* of the πόλις, whereas in **86** he is *συστ. φυλῆς*, and in **1116** *συστ. ἀμφόδου*. In **1627** *φυλῆς* follows *πόλεως* as a secondary genitive, while in P. Flor. 39. 3 *τῆς* . . . *πόλεως* precedes *συστάτης τῆς* . . . *φυλῆς*, ἀπό being omitted before the first *τῆς*, as is shown by **1116**. 5.

9. *ὄκταμηναίος χρόνος*: many liturgies were for a year, and for *φύλακες* in particular there is reason to believe that a year was the normal period of office; cf. ll. 16-17 and Oertel, *op. cit.* 266. Shorter periods for liturgies are, however, also attested, e.g. in P. Thead. 34-6 (324-7; cf. Oertel, *op. cit.* 87), where payments occur for 3 or 2 months' work by *ἐργάται* for whom the village was responsible, though it is possible that these payments represent instalments of a longer period of work.

12. *ἱεροῦ Θεορίου*: *ἱεροῦ* is in apposition to *Θεορίου*, not an adjective. **43** verso. iv. 14-23 shows that soon after 295 there were 7 guards in this temple besides 1 outside it (*πρός*); the corresponding figures at the Serapeum (ii. 5-13) were 6 and 1, while the Iseum (ii. 14-17) was smaller, requiring only 1 and 1. A priest of Thoëris in 339 is mentioned in P. S. I. 215. 6. This hippopotamus-goddess was identified at Oxyrhynchus with Athena; cf. **1117**. 1, n.

13-14. *μετριότητα καὶ πίστι(ν)* may refer not, as in the translation, to the *συστάτης*, but to Apphous and his son, in which case the words mean 'our good conduct and honesty' and may be connected with *εἰσαγγεῖλαι* instead of *συνέθου*. But then *ἡμῶν* rather than *περὶ ἡμῶν* would be expected.

18. *ἀρχιφύλακος*: *ἀρχιφύλακες* are known in the first to third centuries (cf. Oertel, *op. cit.* 268), and the word is appropriate enough here in view of the number of guards at the Thoëreum (l. 12, n.); but the reading of the first four letters is insecure, especially *χι*, for which there is barely room, and possibly the *ι* was omitted. Neither *παραφύλακος* (cf. *παραφυλακῆ τῆς πόλεως* in **904**. 4) nor *ἱεροφύλακος* nor *ἐνὸς φύλ.* are satisfactory.

29. For other early instances of *δὲ ἐμοῦ* . . . *ἐγράφη* cf. P. Thead. 10. 22 (307), **1716**. 30 (333), and P. Leipz. 13. 25 (366). Diogenes is presumably a private *συμβολαιογράφος*, not identical with the *συστάτης* of l. 5. That the subscription *δὲ ἐμοῦ* . . . *ἐγράφη* is here in a different hand from the main text is not certain; but the words need not mean more than 'written in my office'. That *ἐγράφη* ever meant *eingetragen*, i.e. 'entered on an official list', as suggested by Gardthausen in *Stud. Pal.* xvii. 7, is most unlikely.

(b) *Lcases.*

1628. LEASE OF CATOECIC LAND.

15.3 × 14 cm.

B. C. 73. Plate I.

The present volume makes several additions (**1628-9**, **1635**, **1644**; cf. **1639**) to the scanty number of documents dated in the last two reigns of the Ptolemaic dynasty, which have been represented hitherto, so far as Oxyrhynchus is con-

cerned, by 236 (fragments of protocols) and P. S. I. 549 (translation of a demotic contract concerning service). 1628 is a lease of part of a κλήρος at Sepho (l. 9, n.) from a κάτοικος ἰππέυς to a Persian of the epigone for one year. Both parties belonged to the ἀγυιὰ Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης at Oxyrhynchus (l. 8, n.), which is mentioned in other papyri of this period. The formula is in general similar to that of P. Tebt. 106 (B. C. 101), 277 (B. C. 19), and 1124 (A. D. 26), but presents some peculiarities; cf. ll. 11, 13-14, 16, 21-3, nn. Probably the earliest extant instance of κλήροι with permanent names occurs in it (l. 10, n.). The end of the lease with the signatures of the six witnesses (cf. P. Tebt. 106 and 1644) is missing. The day of the month has, as is usual in late Ptolemaic contracts from Oxyrhynchus, been inserted by a second hand, which has made a few other alterations in the text. The papyrus had been glued to another contract of which a few letters are preserved. 1629 is another lease of catœcic land with practically the same formula, written 29 years later but less complete.

[Βασι]λευόντων Πτολεμαίου καὶ Κλεοπάτρας [τῆς καὶ
 [Τ]ρυφα[ί]νης θεῶν Φιλοπ[α]τό[ρ]ων [Φ]ιλᾶδέλων ἕ[το]ν[τ]ις θ,
 τὰ [δ'] ἄλλα τῶν κοιῶν ὡς ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείαι γράφεται, μηνὸς
 Ἀπελλ[α]ίου καὶ Φαῶφι ιε ἐν Ὁξυρύγχων πόλει[ι] τῆ[ς]
 5 Θηβαΐδος. ἐμίσθωσεν Σαραπίων Ἀπολλωνίου Μακε[δ]ῶν
 τῶν κατοίκων ἰππέων Ἀπολλωνίῳ τῷ καὶ Παν[.] . .
 Ἰσχυρίωνος τοῦ καὶ Νεχθενείβιος Πέρση τῆς ἐπιγονῆς
 [οἱ] δύο ἀγυιας Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης ἀπὸ τοῦ κλήρου αὐ[τοῦ]
 ὅς ἔχει περὶ Σεφῶ ἀρούρας δεκάπεντε εἰς τὸ ἕνα[τ]ο[ν] ἕ[τ]ος,
 10 ὥστε τὰς μὲν ἐν τῷ Διοκλέους κλήρῳ ἀρούρα[ς] τ[ρεῖς]
 πυροσπ[ο]ρήσαι, τῶν δ' ἐν τῷ Φίλωνος ἀρουρῶν δεκ[ά]θ[υ]ο
 τὸ μὲν ἡμ[ισ]υ κριθῆ τὸ δ' ἄλλο ἡμισυ φακῶι, ἐκφορί[ο]υ [κ]α-
 [θ'] ἐκάστην ἀ[ρ]ουραν ἐκ γεωμετρίας τοῦ δοθέντος ἐ[ἰ]ς
 σπορὰν σι[τ]ικ[οῖ]ς ἀρταβῶν τεσσάρων. καὶ ὁμολογεῖ
 15 Ἀπολλώνιος ἔχειν παρὰ Σαραπίωνος εἰς σπέρματα
 καὶ τὴν ἄλλην τῆς κατασπορᾶς δαπάνην ἀδιαφόρου
 [κριθῆ]ς μὲν ἀρτάβας ἑπτὰ ἡμισυ, φακοῦ δὲ ἀρτάβας
 [ἑπτὰ ἡ]μισυ, καὶ εἰς θρυκοπίαν τῆς γῆς ἀναποδότους
 [χαλκοῦ δραχμὰς χι]λίας πεντακοσίας ἀκινδύνους
 20 [καὶ ἀνυπολόγους ἀπ]ὸ παντὸς κινδύνου. ἐπὶ δὲ τῶν ἐκφορίων
 πλὴν τῶν τελευ[τ]ῶν, ἐάν τι πραχθῆ Ἀπολλώνιος εἰς τὸ βασιλικὸν
 ἢ εἰς ἕ[τε]ρόν τι καθ' ὄντινοῦν τρόπον ὑπὲρ Σαραπίωνος

ἡ [τῆς γῆς, ὑπολογεῖτω ἀπὸ τῶν ἐκ]φ[ορίων, τῶν] δὲ καρπῶν
[κυριευέτω Σαραπίων ἕως ἂν τὰ ἐκφόρια κομίσητ]αι καὶ

On the verso (2nd hand) (ἔτους ?) θ μίσθω(σις) [

‘In the reign of Ptolemy and Cleopatra also called Tryphaena, gods Philopatores Philadelphi, the 9th year, and the rest of the formula as written at Alexandria, the 15th of the month Apellaeus which = Phaophi, at Oxyrhynchus in the Thebaid. Sarapion son of Apollonius, Macedonian of the catoecic cavalry, has leased to Apollonius also called Pan . . . son of Ischyriion also called Nechthenibis, Persian of the epigone, both parties being from the street of Cleopatra Aphrodite, from his holding the 15 arourae owned by him near Sepho for the 9th year, on condition that the lessee may sow the 3 arourae in the holding of Diocles with wheat, and of the 12 arourae in the holding of Philon half with barley and the other half with lentils, at a rent of 4 artabae for each aroura in accordance with the survey of the land assigned for sowing with corn. And Apollonius acknowledges that he has received from Sarapion for seed and the other expenses of sowing without interest $7\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of barley and $7\frac{1}{2}$ art. of lentils, and for clearing the land from rushes 1,500 drachmae of copper, which are not repayable, all free from risk and not subject to any kind of risk. And with regard to the rent, if apart from taxes any demand is made upon Apollonius for the government or for any other purpose whatever on account of Sarapion or the land, the amount shall be deducted from the rent; and Sarapion shall retain the ownership of the crops until he receives the rent and . . .’

3. Cf. 236. 3, n.

5. Μακεδόν: the letters are broken, but the κάτοικοι ἱππεῖς in 1644. 5 are Macedonians, and in the later Ptolemaic period Macedonians and Persians outnumber other nationalities among cleruchs; cf. 1635. 3 and Lesquier, *Institutions militaires sous les Lagides* 303 sqq.

8. ἀγνιάς Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης: no names of ἀγνιάι at Oxyrhynchus were known, but ἐν ἀγνιά occurs commonly in the protocol of Oxyrhynchite contracts of the earlier Roman period, e. g. 261. 8. In B. G. U. 1084. 22 (= W. Chr. 146; A. D. 149) an Alexandrian citizen and his wife are stated to be ἀγνιάς Ἀρσινόης Νείκης, and in P. Tebt. iii. 883 (c. B. C. 200) two members of a list of (apparently) Alexandrian citizens belong to the ἀγνιά Ἀρσινόης Καρποφόρου. In P. Petrie iii. 4 (1). 9 (a fragment of a will; B. C. 238-7) ἐν ἀγνιάι Ἀρσινόης . . . is a not unlikely restoration, and though the situation of it is obscure owing to the loss of the context (the preceding word is ἐ]χωσι and there is a long gap between this and τὴν οἰκίαν in l. 8), the ἀγνιά in question is more likely to have been at Crocodilopolis-Arsinoë than at Alexandria. The ἀγνιά Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης, which may have been named after a temple (cf. W. Chr. 146. 22, n.), was no doubt at Oxyrhynchus; cf. 1629. 7, 1644. 8. The goddess must have been Tryphaena or one of her predecessors, not Cleopatra VI.

9. Σεφώ: a village in the Thmoisepho toparchy; cf. 1659. 91 and l. 10, n.

ἀρούρας δεκάπεντε: in the later Ptolemaic period the κλήροι of κάτοικοι tended to be much smaller than the 100 arourae which they usually owned in the third century B. C. The κάτοικος ἱππεύς in 1629 was a τριακοντάρουρος (ll. 7-8), and 15 arourae may well have been $\frac{1}{2}$ the κλήρος of Sarapion.

10. ἐν τῷ Διοκλέους κλήρῳ: this and the Φίλωνος κλήρος in l. 11 seem to be the earliest instances of catoecic κλήροι with permanent names (without πρότερον) derived from previous owners; cf. 483. 5, n., and P. Tebt. 108. 3 (B. C. 93 or 60) τὰς (πρότερον) Καλλι(κράτους). Wilcken (*Grundz.* 303⁴) had supposed that the permanent names were fixed in the time

of Augustus. That **1628** is not a sub-lease is clear not only from αἰ[τοῦ] in l. 8, but from its general resemblance to **277** and other Ptolemaic leases of κλήροι (**1629**, P. Tebt. 106 and 816), as distinct from sub-leases (P. Tebt. 105 and 820), in which the secondary character of the lease is definitely stated. Moreover the Φίλωνος κλήρος in l. 11 may well be identical with the Φίλωνος κλήρος in **277**. 3, since Πα(ὠ)μις (**277**. 3; cf. **1285**. 122) was in the same toparchy as Sepho (l. 9, n.), and the question of a sub-lease does not arise in connexion with **277**. That the Διοκλέους κλήρος here is to be connected with the Διοκλέους καὶ Πολεμναίου ἱππικός κλήρος at Pela mentioned in **506**. 24 is unlikely, for Pela was in the Western toparchy (**1285**. 81).

11. πυροσπ[ο]ρήσαι: cf. **1629**. 9. The word is apparently new.

τῷ Φίλωνος: cf. l. 10, n. The Φίλωνος κλήρος near Kerkemounis in the Upper toparchy (P. S. I. 320. 10) probably has no connexion.

13-14. τοῦ δοθέντος εἰς[] σποράν σιτ[ικ]οῖς: this phrase is new. On the fixing of the crops by the government cf. Wilcken, *Ostl.* i. 200, P. Tebt. 5. 202, n., Rostowzew in Pauly-Wissowa, *Realenc.* vii. 134 sqq. Owing to a break in the papyrus and the unevenness of the writing at the ends of lines it is doubtful whether the vestige supposed to belong to the α of κ[α] in l. 12 belongs to that line or to l. 13. In the latter case εἰ[] is inadmissible, and for εἰς κατ[α] there is not room, unless the writing was very cramped, though κατασπορά occurs in l. 16.

16. For σπέρμα and δαπάνη paid by the lessor (probably) cf. P. Tebt. 108. 4 (B.C. 93 or 60).

ἀδιαφόρος: this word, which is new in this context (ἀδιαφορεῖν in P. Brit. Mus. 144. 15 and ἀδιαφόρος in P. S. I. 452. 9 are not parallel), evidently corresponds to χωρὶς διαφόρου (sc. ἀποδώσειν) in **1474**. 14 (a loan of corn in A. D. 216), a phrase contrasted with the customary difference of the ἡμωλία (cf. **1040**. int.) or ἐκ τρίτου (**1640**. 7; cf. P. Strassb. 71. 8 and **1474**. 18, n.) in repayment of a loan of seed-corn. Where there was no διάφορον, the lessee simply repaid the loan with the rent. For another Ptolemaic instance of the word practically in the sense of 'interest' cf. P. Par. 63. iv. 108-9 δανειζομένους ἐπὶ τοῖς ἐκφορίοις μειζόνων διαφόρων. In later times διάφορον is used as a mere synonym for τόκος; cf. **1040**. 10, n., **1130**. 11.

19. [χαλκοῦ δραχμῶν χιλίας: δραχ]μῶν could be read, but there is not room before it for [χαλκοῦ νομίσματος (cf. e.g. P. Tebt. 104. 11).

21-3. Cf. **277**. 8-10, **1124**. 3-5, P. Tebt. 105. 48. The addition of πλὴν τῶν τελῶν is new. This implies that the taxes were paid by the tenant.

23-4. Cf. P. Tebt. 105. 46-7 καὶ τῶν δὲ κ[αρπῶ]ν κ[αὶ τῶν] γ[ε]νημάτων κατ' ἔτος κυριενέτω Ὁρίων ἕως ἂν τὰ ἑαυτοῦ ἐκφόρια ἐκ πλήρους κομίσηται καὶ τὰλλα πάντα τὰ κατὰ τὴν μίσθωσιν σ[υν]τελεσθῆι, and **1124**. 5-7 τῶν [δὲ καρπῶ]ν κυριενέτω Διονύσιος [κ]αὶ οἱ παρ' αὐτοῦ [ε]ῶς ἂν τὸ ἀπότακτο[ν] κομίσηται.]ν could be read in place of τ[η]ν, but not]ν.

1629. LEASE OF CATOECIC LAND.

10.5 × 15.7 cm.

B. C. 44. Plate I.

The first part of a lease of a τριακοντάρουρος κλήρος by a κάτοικος ἱππεύς to a Persian for one year, corresponding closely to **1628**, but less complete; cf. **1628**. int. and nn. It was written on Epeiph 27 of the 8th year of Cleopatra and Ptolemy, gods Philopatores (July 26, B.C. 44), and is the first Egyptian record to mention Cleopatra VI in association with Ptolemy XV. The statement of

Porphry that a separate reckoning of this king's years was employed is not confirmed, and the papyrus throws some light on the date of his death; cf. I. 1, n.

Βασιλευόντων Κλε[ο]πάτρα[s] καὶ [Π]τολεμαίου θεῶν Φιλο-
πατόρων ἔτους δ[γ]δού, τὰ δ' ἄλλα τῶν κοινῶν ὡς ἐν
Ἀλεξανδρείαι γράφεται, μηνὸς Γορπιαίου καὶ Ἐπειφ κς
ἐν Ὁξυρύγχων πόλει τῆς Θηβαίδος. ἐμίσθωσεν Θέων
5 Θέωνος τῶν κ[α]τοίκων ἰππέων Ἀπολλωνίου τῶι καὶ
Ἀρβίχει Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ καὶ Ἀρβίχιος Πέρσηι τῆς ἐπιγονῆς
οἱ δ[ύ]ο ἀγυῖας Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης τὸν ὑπάρχοντα
αὐ[τ]ῶι περὶ Παῖμιν κλῆρον ἀρουρῶν τριάκοντα, ὥστε
π[υρ]ροσπορῆσαι μὲν εἰς τ[ὸ] ἔνατον ἔτος τὸ ἥμισυ,
10 τὸ δ' ἄλλο ἥμισυ ξυλαμ[ῆ]σ[α]ι ἀράκωι, ἐκφορίου [ἐκά]στης
ἀρουρας τῆς μὲν πυρ[ῶ]ι πυρ[οῦ] στερεοῦ ἀκρίθου ἀρταβῶν
ἕξ, τῆς δὲ ἀράκωι πυροῦ ὁμοίως στερεοῦ ἀκρίθου
ἀρ[ταβῶν] ὁμολογεῖ δ' ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ἕχ[ε]ι[ν] [π]αρ[ὰ]
[τοῦ] Θέωνος εἰς σπέρματα

'In the 8th year of the reign of Cleopatra and Ptolemy, gods Philopatores, and the rest of the formula as written at Alexandria, the 27th of the month Gorpiaeus which = Epeiph, at Oxyrhynchus in the Thebaid. Theon son of Theon, of the catoecic cavalry, has leased to Apollonius also called Harbichis, son of Apollonius also called Harbichis, Persian of the epigone, both being from the street of Cleopatra Aphrodite, the holding of 30 arourae which belongs to him at Païmis, on condition that Apollonius shall sow half of it for the 9th year with wheat and cultivate the other half with aracus, at a rent for each aroura sown with wheat of 6 artabae of hard wheat, unmixed with barley, and for each sown with aracus likewise [.] artabae of hard wheat, unmixed with barley. And Apollonius acknowledges that he has received from Theon for seed . . .'

1. The extant Greek datings which mention Cleopatra Philopator by name all belong to the period when she was associated with Ptolemy Caesarion, Philopator Philometor; cf. O. G. I. 194 and 1635. 1 (year lost), P. S. I. 549 and Lefebvre, *Mélanges Holleaux* (both in the 11th year); Lefebvre, *Annales du Serv. des Antiq.* 1908. 241 is undated. According to Porphry (*ap. Euseb. Chron.* ed. Schöne, i. 168-70) in years 1-4 of her reign she was associated with Ptolemy XIV, and in years 5-8 with Ptolemy XV, these corresponding to his years 1-4, while during the 8th-15th years she reigned alone, and her 16th-22nd years corresponded to years 1-7 (of Antony?; cf. 1453. 22, n.). That Porphry was wrong in assigning a double reckoning by regnal years to the period of association with Ptolemy XV had already been inferred from the existence of a coin dated (ἔτους) 5 Κλεοπάτρας βασιλίσσης (Poole, *Catal.* p. 122) and demotic stelae of the 5th and 6th years; cf. Strack, *Dynastie der Ptol.* 212. 1629 not only provides the first definite piece of evidence for the application of the title Philopator to Ptolemy XV, and additional evidence for the use of a single reckoning

by regnal years during the period of his association with Cleopatra, but indicates that the death of the king was not known at Oxyrhynchus on July 26, B. C. 44. Concerning the precise date and circumstances of that event there has hitherto been no clear evidence. Josephus (*Ant. Jud.* xv. 4. 1) states that Ptolemy XV was poisoned at the age of 15 by Cleopatra, and Porphyry *l. c.* attributes his death *ταῖς Κλεοπάτρας ἀπάταις* in his 4th and her 8th year, i. e. B. C. 45-44. Mahaffy (*Empire of the Ptol.* 463) and Bouché-Leclercq (*Hist. des Lagides*, ii. 227) suppose that he perished at Rome in the confusion attending the assassination of Caesar on March 15, 44, especially as Cicero (*Ad Att.* xiv. 8) on April 15 refers to the flight of Cleopatra, and on May 11 (*Ad Att.* xiv. 20) mentions the queen and her son Caesar, but says nothing in either place about her brother. Dio, who mentions the presence of Ptolemy XV with Cleopatra at Rome (xliii. 27), seems to imply (xlviii. 24 *τοὺς ἀδελφούς αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐν Ἐφέσῳ Ἀρτεμισίου ἀποσπάσας ἀπέκτεινε*) that he was put to death with Arsinoë by Antony, i. e. in B. C. 41; but according to Appian, *Bell. civ.* v. 9, the Ptolemy who was put to death with Arsinoë claimed to be Ptolemy XIV, having escaped from drowning in the Nile. That Ptolemy XV returned to Egypt with Cleopatra was supposed by Stahr (*Cleopatra* 56), but without any evidence, as is remarked by Bouché-Leclercq, *l. c.* Since Cleopatra left Rome not more than two or three weeks after March 15, 44, she presumably reached Egypt some weeks before July 26, and if Ptolemy XV died at Rome before his sister's departure, the news would on the whole be expected to have reached Oxyrhynchus by the date of 1629, although in the Roman period instances occur of papyri dated by an emperor who had been dead for as many as five months; cf. Hohmann, *Chronol. d. Papyrusurk.* 50 sqq. We are therefore disposed to date the death of Ptolemy XV later than March 44, and to place it in Egypt rather than Rome, though allowance has to be made for the circumstance that the figure (27) of the month in l. 3 is a later insertion, and the protocol may have been drawn up early in Epeiph, which in B. C. 44 began on June 30.

8. Πάμων: a village in the Western toparchy; cf. 1659. 41. Mr. Crum refers us to Lemm, *Iberica*, 1906, pp. 5 and 13, where it is stated that the body of James, the Persian martyr, was brought to Egypt to 'a little χωρίον some 5 στάδια on the east of Pemje (Oxyrhynchus), named Πάμισ in the Egyptian tongue'. If the geographical indication is correct, the Western toparchy reached to within a kilometre of Oxyrhynchus.

10. ξυλαμ[η]σ[α]: cf. P. Hamb. 27. 6, n.

11. σπερεῦ: cf. 1639. 8, n.

1630. LEASE OF LAND AT AN INCREASED RENT.

18 x 18.8 cm.

A. D. 222 (?).

Of this novel application from a certain Heron for a lease of land, at a higher rent than that previously offered by himself and others, the upper portion is lost besides the beginnings of lines, and it does not appear to whom the document was addressed. The mention of various bids (*αἰρέσεις*: l. 8, n.) and the general tenour of most of the application, which resembles a petition to an official, rather suggest that the land in question belonged to the government; but the contrary view that it belonged to a private individual is strongly indicated, first by the concluding words *ἡ ἐπιδοχὴ κυρία*, which occur in private contracts (e. g. 1631. 33), whereas applications for *δημοσία* or *οὔσιακὴ γῆ* generally end with *ἐὰν φαίνηται*

μισθῶσαι followed by . . . ἐπιδῆδωκα, secondly by the apparent reference in l. 3 to Claudia Isidora as the existing owner of the land (l. 2, n.). Probably therefore the application was made to her representative, who may have been an ἐπίτροπος (cf. l. 3, n.) or οἰκονόμος (cf. P. Ryl. 171. 1). If ll. 2-4 are restored on the right lines, Heron had sub-leased Claudia Isidora's land situated in the (Small) Oasis from two of her lessees. From l. 4 onwards the narrative becomes clear. Heron had begun the sowing for the current year when two individuals whom he was employing in connexion with the agriculture offered to pay 200 drachmae a year more as rent. Heron made no objection to surrendering his lease to them, provided that he recovered the expenses which he had already incurred. To assert his claim he brought an action before the strategus, and after a λογοθεσία (l. 12, n.) was awarded 3 talents 400 drachmae. This sum, however, his opponents failed to pay, and in order to bring matters to a head Heron by the present application offered 1,552 drachmae a year more than they, making the whole rent 1 talent 3,000 (?) drachmae. This bid was accepted by the representative of the land-owner, the intermediate lessees being apparently ignored, just as they seem to be in the negotiations between ὑπομισθωταί of οὐσιακὴ γῆ and government officials in B. G. U. 1047 (131). As Rostowzew, who has discussed the Berlin papyrus in *Gesch. d. Röm. Kolonates* 183 sqq., remarks, the management of Claudia Isidora's estates, which probably constituted a large private οὐσία like that of M. Antonius Pallas in P. Brit. Mus. 1223, and perhaps that of Claudia Athenais in P. Strassb. 78, seems to have been conducted on a system which differed from that applying to ordinary γῆ ιδιόκτητος, and approximated to that employed in regard to State οὐσῆαι. The provision of a surety (ll. 18-19) is an unusual feature in a lease of private land in the Roman period, but is known from P. Iand. 30 to have existed in connexion with the leasing of γῆ δημοσία.

The papyrus belongs to the early third century, probably to the reign of Elagabalus (l. 20, n.). It seems to be a draft, several alterations in ll. 15-18 having been made in a small hand which is probably distinct from that of the original scribe, though the latter supplied με which was omitted at first in l. 14.

Traces of 1 line.

[ἐμισθωσάμην παρὰ? Πτολ]εμαίου τοῦ καὶ Ἀστοπαρίωνος καὶ Ἀμμωνίου
τοῦ καὶ Ἡρακλείου

[ἀπὸ σιτικῶν ἐδαφῶ?]ν τ[ῶν περι] τὴν Ὀασιν ὑπαρχόντων τῆς Κλαυδίας
Ἰσιδώρας

[(ἀρούρας) ., ἃς ἔχουσι? ἐν ταύτης μ[ισθώσ]ει, καὶ τὴν πρὸς τὸ ἐνεστὸς
ἔτος κατασπορὰν τῶν

- 5 [δηλουμένων ἐδαφῶν] ποιήσας [κα]ῖ ἐπικουρήσας τοῖς κατὰ τόπον γεωργοῖς
 τά τε σπέρματα
 [καὶ τὰς δαπάνας, ἐπ]οφθαλμ[ιῶν]τες τοῖς ἔργοις μου Ἐρμογένης Πετενε-
 φώτου καὶ
 [Ἰσίδωρος, οἷς ἐγὼ κα[τ]ὰ τὸ ἀνθρώπινον πρὸς τὴν τῶν πραγ-
 μάτων ὑπηρεσίαν
 [ἐποφέλλησα, χορηγή]σας αὐτοῖς τὰ δέοντα, προσήνεγκαν δι' ἧς ἐπέδωκαν
 αἰρέσεως
 [ἀλλας ἐτησίας δρα]χμὰς διακοσίας, τοῦ ἐνὸς αὐτῶν Ἰσιδώρου ὑποβλήτῳ
 χρησαμένῳ
 10 [ὀνόματι ?] γέ[γ]ους ?]· ἦν περ αἵρεσιν αὐτῶν ἀσπασάμενος καὶ μήτε
 ἔχειν
 [μήτε παρέχειν πράγ]ματα [β]ουλόμενος ἡξίωσα παρ' αὐτῶν ἀπολαβεῖν
 ἢν εἶχον
 [παρ' ἐμοῦ πρόχρεια]ν καὶ ἄλλα ἀναλώμα[τ]α, λογοθετηθεὶς πρὸς αὐτοὺς
 μετοξὺν ἡμῶν
 [καὶ τιν ?]ων ἀνδρ[ῶ]ν ἀξιολό[γ]ων ἐξ ἀντικα[τασ]τάσεως γενομένης ἐπὶ τοῦ
 τοῦ νομοῦ
 [στρατηγ]οῦ, οὐσαν ἐν ταλάντοις τρ[ι]σὶ καὶ (δραχμαῖς) ἕ. τ[ο]ύτων δὲ
 ἀγνωμονούντων ἑμ' καὶ μηδὲ πρὸς τὸ
 υπ . [.] . . . [.] καὶ μὴ ἀγνωμ[ο]ν[ῶ]ν[η]σ[αν]τες (?) ἢ πεποιήμαι προχρεία
 15 [βῆμα] ὑπαντησά[ν]των προσφέρω κατὰ τῆς [α]ἰρέσεως αὐτῶν ἀλλας ἐτησίας
 (δραχμὰς) Ἀφνβ
] τοῦ εἰ[s] τοὺς φόρου[s]
 [εἰς σ]υ[μ]πλήρωσιν ἐτησ[ίου] (ταλάντου) α καὶ [(δρ.)] Γ, [[χωρίς]] τῶν διὰ
 τῆς αὐτῆς αἰρέσεως δηλουμένων
 [ἀπο]τάκτων ἐπ[ὶ] . [. . . κ]αὶ χρόνῳ τοῖς διὰ τῆς αὐτῆς αἰρέσεως αὐτῶν
 καὶ διαστολαῖς
 τη[ρ]ο[υ]μέν[ων].]
 [πά]σαις. παρὼν δὲ ἐ[γὼ] Ἀνρύλιος Σαραπόδωρος ἐγγυῶμαι τὸν προκείμενον
 Ἡρώνα
 [εἰς] τῆ ἔκτεισιν τῶν φόρων καὶ ἐπιμέλειαν τῶν ἔργων, καὶ ἐπερωτηθέντες
 20 [ἀμ]ολογήσαμεν. ἡ ἐπιδοχὴ κυρία. (ἔτους) ε T[υ]βι λ.
 3. ὑπαρχ. . . . ἰσιδώρας. 7. ὑπηρεσίαν. 9. ἰσιδ. 1. χρησαμένον. 14. υ after
 (δραχμαῖς) written above φ, which is cancelled. 15. ὑπαντησα[ν]των. 18. ἐγγυωμαί
 (οἱ ἐγγυωμαί).

‘. . . (When) I leased from Ptolemaeus also called Astoparison and Ammonius also called Heraclius from the corn-land in the Oasis which is the property of Claudia Isidora . . . arourae which they have on lease from her, carrying out the sowing of the said land for the present year and providing the local cultivators with both seed and expenses, through envy of my operations Hermogenes son of Petenephotos and Isidorus son of . . . , whom I humanely (helped) in the management of the business, providing them with necessities, offered in the bid which they presented to pay 200 drachmae a year more, one of them, Isidorus, using a false name, . . . genes. This bid from them I welcomed, and being desirous neither to suffer nor to cause any trouble I claimed to recover from them the loan which they had received from me and other expenses, being subjected as regards them to a reckoning of accounts between us and certain honourable persons as the result of a confrontation before the strategus of the nome, the sum in question being 3 talents 400 drachmae. But as they pay no attention to me and even failed to appear before the court . . . , I offer against their bid to pay 1,552 dr. a year more, making the whole annual rent 1 tal. 3,000 dr., the stipulations laid down in their said bid being preserved as regards the . . . and period stated in their bid and all its provisions. I, Aurelius Sarapodorus, am surety for the aforesaid Heron in respect of both the payment of rent and care of operations, and in answer to the formal question we gave our consent. This offer of lease is valid. The 5th year, Tubi 30.’

2. Πολ]εμαίου might be a father’s name, in which case a father’s name would become necessary at the beginning of l. 3, where the restoration is in any case somewhat uncertain. The sentence probably began with a conjunction such as ἐπεί, for where a new subject enters in l. 6 ἐπ]οφθαλμ[ίων]τες there seems to be no connecting particle. A different interpretation of the nature of the application would be obtained by restoring something like τὰς προγεωργουμένας ὡς τὰς πρότερον μεμισθωμένας ὑπό instead of παρά; cf. e.g. P. Ryl. 99. 3-4 τὰς δηλουμένας διὰ τοῦ αὐτοῦ οὐσιακοῦ λόγου πρότερον μεμισθῶσθαι ὑπὸ Οὐαλερίου Βερενικιανοῦ καὶ . . . οὐσίας μὲν (πρότερον) Δορυφόρου ἄμέστου (ἀρούρας) 5. The document might then well be addressed to one or more government officials (e.g. ἐπιτηρηταί: the strategus is excluded by l. 13), and be closely parallel to e.g. SB. 5670. But it then becomes very difficult to account for ἐν ταύτης μι[σθώσ]ει, which is a fairly certain restoration in l. 4, and Claudia Isidora (l. 3, n.) seems to be the present, not the past, owner of the land, since there is no πρότερον (cf. Rostowzew, *op. cit.* 120-2) before ὑπαρχόντων, apart from the evidence in ll. 19-20 that 1630 is a private contract; cf. int.

Ἰστοπαρίσωνος (?): this seems to be all one unusual name. ε or π or σ can be substituted for ασ, υ or ν for π, and γω for σω, but <Ἰ>στοῦ Ἀρίσ(τ)ωνος is not satisfactory, and Πτολλαρί{γ}ωνος is inadmissible.

3. σιτικῶν ἐδαφῶ]ν: σιτικῶν (cf. e.g. 1578. 6) is a mere conjecture, but ἐδαφῶ]ν is expected here in conjunction with ὑπαρχόντων; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 1223. 5 ἀπὸ [τῶ]ν ὑπαρχουσῶν (sic) σοι ἐδαφῶν . . . (ἀρουρῶν) . . . , P. Ryl. 166. 6-7 ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων Γαίφ’ Ἰουλίφ’ Ἀλεξάνδρου (sic) . . . ἐδαφῶν. Owing to the occurrence of the genitive, not the dative, with ὑπαρχόντων that word ought strictly to be a substantive; but ἀπ]ὸ τῶν is less satisfactory as a reading than ἐδαφῶ]ν τῶν, and cf. e.g. the mixture of the genitive and dative in P. Ryl. 166 just quoted, and τὰς ὑπαρχο(ύ)σα(ς) μου οἰκίας in P. Ryl. 160 (c). i. 4.

τὴν Ὀασω: the Small Oasis was joined to the Oxyrhynchite nome for administrative purposes at this period; cf. 1439. int.

τῆς Κλαυδίας Ἰσιδώρας: the use of the article suggests that she had been already mentioned, probably in the title of the person to whom 1630 was addressed; cf. int. 919. 7 (A. D. 182 or 214?; a consignment of honey for Κλ. Ἰσιδ.) and 1578 (4th year of an unnamed third-century emperor, perhaps Elagabalus), a series of demands for money addressed

in Col. ii Αὐρ(ηλίω) Σαραπάμωνι ἐπιτρόπῳ Κλ(αυδίας) Ἰσιδώ[ρας (there is no κλ(ηρονόμων): Col. iii has ¹. . . ἐπιτρόπῳ Κλ(αυδίας) {²Ι} [²Ἰσιδώρας τῆς ἀξιολογοτάτης), probably refer to the same individual, who may also well be identical with Κλ. Ἰσιδ. ἢ καὶ Ἀπία in 1046. 8 (218-19), 1634. 19 (222?), and 1659. 5 (218-21). [Κλ]αυδία Ἰσιδώ[ρα who made a dedication at Coptos in the reign of Domitian (SB. 4961) may have belonged to the same family. The occurrence of many women of high rank owning estates in Egypt in the Roman period is noticeable; cf. Claudia Athenais (l. 4, n.), Norbana Clara (P. Brit. Mus. 1213-15; cf. *Archiv* v. 543), Flavia Epimache (P. Tebt. 402. 1). As Rostowzew suggests, this circumstance may well be connected with the prohibition of senators from entering Egypt.

4. A mention of the arourae at the beginning of this line combines well with the apparent reference to them in the next line. If [τῆς καὶ Ἀπίας (cf. the preceding n.) is restored, there would be room for no more than ἐν ταύτης μι[σθώσ]ει, for which phrase cf. P. Strassb. 78. 5 ἀφ' ὧν ἔχεις ἐν μισθώσει Κλαυδίας Ἀθηναῖδος ἀπὸ οὐσίας Προφητιανῆς.

5. [δηλουμένων ἐδαφῶν]: or possibly [σιτικῶν ἐδαφῶν] (cf. e.g. 1578. 6 κατασπορὰν σιτ. ἐδ.), if σιτικῶν did not occur in l. 3; but that supplement would be rather short.

6. [καὶ τὰς δαπάνας: the conjunction of σπέρματα and ἄλλη δαπάνη is common in Ptolemaic papyri, e.g. 1628. 16.

8. αἰρέσεως: cf. 716. 22, B. G. U. 656. 9, 889. 15, 890. ii. 7, 904. 9; P. Ryl. 427.

10. Perhaps ὄρω Διογέν[ους]. Ἐρμολογ[έν]ους (cf. l. 6) is not long enough, if ὄνόματι (or προσώπων?) is right. ὑπομνήματι, i.e. 'application', is less satisfactory. ὑπόβλητος in papyri elsewhere occurs only in the phrase μὴ θέσει μηδὲ ὑπόβλητον (e.g. 257. 43), and in *Gnomon des Idios Logos* 176, where ὑπόβλητοι refers to 'dummy' persons.

12. πρόχρεια]: cf. l. 15, 729. 13:

λογοθετηθείς: λογοθέται, i.e. assessors appointed to investigate disputed points in an action at law, and λογοθεσία are well-known terms; cf. Mitteis, *Lehre v. d. Libellen* 122 and P. Ryl. 116. 10, n.; but there is no clear instance in papyri of λογοθετεῖν (in B. G. U. 969. ii. 23 λογοθετου[the substantive may be meant and the context is obscure), and the restoration [καὶ τιν]ων in l. 13 is uncertain. But that the ἄνδρες ἀξιόλογοι in question were λογοθέται appointed by the strategus is clear from the parallels in P. Cattaoui verso and P. Brit. Mus. 196. ἡμῶν, if not a plural *maiestatis*, may refer to the writer's supporters (e.g. his surety; cf. l. 19, n.).

14. οὐσαν κτλ., which refers to πρόχρεια]ν in l. 12, is placed at the end of the sentence to indicate that it was the sum assigned to Heron by the λογοθεσία.

15. μή is almost certain (με, μου, and μοι are inadmissible), but ἀγνωμ[ο]ν[ή]σ[αν]τες (cf. l. 14) seems inappropriate, besides being somewhat unsatisfactory as a reading.

16. δ could be read in place of α after (ταλ.), but is less likely, especially since τῶν cannot be read in place of τοῦ in the interlinear insertion.

17. Possibly ἐπὶ σ[πόρω], the nature of the crops being commonly specified in leases; but the vestige of a stroke after ἐπὶ suggests a straight letter, such as γ, ν, or π, rather than one curved at the bottom. φ[όροις] (cf. l. 16) is unsuitable as a reading and is not wanted immediately after ἀποτάκτων, which primarily refers to φόροι.

18. τηρ[ο]υμένων: the traces suit τη very well, but all the rest is very doubtful. This word is, however, expected after the cancelling of χωρίς in l. 16.

19. The plural ἐπερωτηθέντες includes the surety.

20. (ἔτους) ε: the supposed ε is written rather large; but it is not possible to read κγ and refer the reign to Caracalla. If ε is right, Elagabalus rather than Severus Alexander or Gordian is probably the emperor in question; cf. l. 3, n.

1631. CONTRACT FOR LABOUR IN A VINEYARD AND LEASE OF
A FRUIT-GARDEN.

23.8 × 19.9 cm.

A. D. 280.

This interesting contract is in the form of an application to Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion, who is known from other papyri (l. 1, n.), from three persons, who offer to continue for a year the lease of (1) the ἀμπελοργικὰ ἔργα of a vineyard and adjacent reed-plantation in return for a payment in money, corn, and wine (ll. 5-20), (2) the produce of the older part of the vineyard, which contained palms and other fruit-trees, and for which a rent in fruit is paid (ll. 20-5), undertaking (3) to supply the labour required for a fruit-garden near the vineyard without any extra payment (ll. 25-8). The concluding provisions (ll. 28-34) are those of an ordinary lease of vine- or garden-land.

Arrangements for the performance of ἀμπελοργικὰ ἔργα are usual in leases of vineyards (729, P. Amh. 91, Flor. 84, 369, Brit. Mus. 163, C. P. R. 244, Giessen 56, Hamb. 23, Cairo Masp. 67104, SB. 4481-2, 4486, 4774); but for the leasing of the ἔργα as such the only other instance is 1692, which closely resembles 1631, but was written a century earlier and is incomplete. B. G. U. 1122 (B.C. 13), which is now in the light of the two Oxyrhynchus papyri more intelligible (cf. l. 7, n.), is an ἐκληψις of vine-land somewhat resembling a μίσθωσις ἔργων, but is concerned with planting of new vines, while in 1631 and 1692 the vines were already yielding wine. SB. 4490 (7th cent.), in which an individual leases himself to perform [τὰ κ]ελευόμε(να) . . . ἔργα (so probably for ε . . .) ἐν τε τῇ πόλει καὶ κατ' ἀγρούς, is also somewhat similar, but the form of other contracts for labour, P. Flor. 80 and 101 (θερισμός of corn), Fay. 91 (oil-manufacture), is different. With the section concerning the lease of palms and fruit-trees cf. 1632, B. G. U. 591, 603-4, 862, 1118-20, C. P. R. 45, Flor. 16, Hamb. 5, Ryl. 172, P. S. I. 33, Cairo Masp. 67100, 67170, SB. 4483, 4485.

The long lists of operations in 1631. 9-18 and 1692. 10-25, arranged mainly in chronological order from Hathur 1 (Oct. 28) onwards throughout the year, are much more elaborate than any which have been previously found in papyri, and include several new technical terms and usages. The custom of allowing vines to grow on the ground, which Pliny, *Nat. hist.* xvii. 185, attributes to Egypt amongst other countries, is not exemplified, reeds being employed as supports, on which subject the two papyri usefully supplement the information given by 729 and B. G. U. 1122. The list in 1631 begins with the gathering of the reeds, arrangements for their disposition, pruning the vines, cleaning up the vineyard, propagation of new vines, digging of various kinds, and employment

of the reeds (ll. 9-12), all these being winter operations. The spring and summer operations of other kinds of digging, removal of shoots and leaves, trenching the reed-plantation, irrigation, weeding, banking up, preparation of jars, follow in ll. 12-16. For the gathering of the vintage, and pressing of the grapes the landlord seems to have been responsible, the remainder of the list (ll. 16-18) being concerned with autumnal operations connected with wine-making. The list in 1692 is largely identical, but offers some variations in order and occasionally supplements the statements of 1631, from which 1692 diverges in l. 20, where it becomes mutilated. Details are reserved for the commentary, in which Prof. Rostowzew has rendered valuable assistance.

- Ἀὐρηλίῳ Σερήνῳ τῷ καὶ Σαραπίωνι Ἀγαθείου μητρὸς Ταποσειριάδος
 ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς καὶ λαμ-
 [προτάτης Ὀξυρυχιτῶν] πόλεως]
 π[αρὰ Ἀυρηλίων Κτιστῶν] Ῥ[ο]ύφου [μητρ]ῶς Διονυσίας καὶ τοῦ υἱοῦ
 Πτολεμαίου μητρὸς Ταύριος ἀμφοτέρων
 ἀπὸ [τῆς λαμπρᾶς καὶ λαμ]προτά[της] Ὀξυρυ[χι]τῶν πόλεως καὶ Πελωίου
 Ἡρακλήου μη(τρὸς) Ταπονθεύτος
 5 ἀπὸ κ[ώ]μης Τανάεως? ἐκ[ου]σ[ί]ως ἐπιδεχόμεθα μισθώσασθαι ἐφ' ἐνιαυτὸν
 ἓνα ἔτι ἀπὸ α Ἀθῶν τοῦ
 ἐνεσ[τ]ῶτος ἔκτου? ἔτους] τὰ ἀμπελοργ[ικ]ὰ ἔργα πάντα τοῦ ὑπάρχοντός
 σοι περὶ κώμην Τανάειν
 ἀμπε[λικ]οῦ κτήματος καὶ τῆς πρ[ο]σ[ού]σης [κα]λ[α]μείας ὅσο[ν] ἕκαστ[ό]ν
 ἐστιν ἀρουρηδοῦ, ἡμεῖς μὲν οἱ πε-
 ρὶ τὸν [Ἀυρηλίον Κτιστὸν] κατὰ τὸ ἡμ[ισυ], ἐγὼ δὲ ὁ Πελωῖος κατὰ τὸ
 λοιπὸν ἡμισυ, ἄπερ ἔργα ἐστὶν
 τῆς ἀ[μ]πέλου τ[ι]λμὸς καλάμου, συλλο[γῆ] καὶ μεταφ[ο]ρὰ τούτου, ξυλοτομία
 δικαία, ἀνκαλισμὸς καὶ δέσις,
 10 ἀ[π]οκ[ο]πή καὶ? πρ[ο]σφ[ο]ρὰ φύλλων καὶ ἐμβολῆ ἐκτ[ῶ]ς πλαστῶν, ἀπαρυ-
 γισμὸς ὅσων δεῖ ἀπαρύγων, σκαφη-
 τῶς, γ[ύ]ρ[ω]σις κ[αὶ] π[α]ρα[γρ]αφή, τῆς δὲ καλ[α]μουργίας οὔσης πρὸς σὲ
 τὸν γεοῦχον, τῆς δὲ ταύτης ὑπουργίας
 οὔσης πρ[ὸ]ς ἡμᾶς, τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν ἔργω[ν] μετὰ τὰ προκείμενα ὄντων
 πρὸς ἡμᾶς, ἄπερ ἐστὶν σκαλ-
 μός, βλαστολογία, [π]αραμυθιακὴ ἐργασία, διάστασις, ἀνάληψις, φυλλο-
 λογίαι αἱ ἐνχρήξουσαι, τῶν δὲ

καλαμίων διτομία καλαμίου ἑκατέρου, ἐπάρδευσις καὶ βοτανισμὸς διηνεκῆς,
ἔτι δὲ καὶ στήναι ἡμᾶς

15 π[αρ]ὰ σοῖ ἐ[ν τῷ] κτήματι καὶ ἐν τῇ καλαμείᾳ πρὸ τῶν ὄνων χωφορούντων
πρὸς τὸ ὄπου δεῖ τὸν χοῦν βάλλε-

σθαι, καὶ πο[ι]ησόμεθα τὴν τῶν χωρούντων εἰς τὸν οἶνον κ[ο]ύφον κομπασίαν,
καὶ ταῦτα λαβόντα τὸν

οἶνον [σ]υνθήσομεν ἐν τῷ ἡλιαστηρίῳ καὶ ἐπαλείψομεν καὶ κεινήσομεν καὶ
μεταδιαιράσομεν καὶ πα-

ραφυλάξομεν ἐς ὅσον ἐν ἡλιαστηρίῳ ἀπόκ[ε]ιται, μισθοῦ τῶν προκειμένων
ἔργων πάντων ἀργυρίου δρα-

χμῶν τετρακισχειλίων πεντακοσίων καὶ πυροῦ ἀρταβῶν δέκα καὶ οἴνου
παρὰ ληνὸν κεραμίων

20 τεσσάρ[ω]ν, οὐσπερ μισθοὺς ἀπολημφόμεθα κατὰ μέρος κατὰ προκοπὴν
τῶν ἔργων. καὶ ὡσαύτως ἐπι-

δ[ε]χόμεθα μισθῶ[σ]ασθαι ἐφ' ἐνιαυτὸν [ἓνα καρποῦς] τῶν ὄντων ἐν τῇ
παλ[α]ῖ[α] μ[πέ]λω φοινείκων καὶ ἀκρο-

δρύων πάντων, ὑπὲρ ὧν τελέσομεν ἐκ[φόρια] ἕκτακτα φοίνικος χλωροῦ
ἀρτάβην μίαν ἡμισυ, πατητοῦ

ἀρτάβην μίαν ἡμισυ, καρ[υ]φοῦ ἀρτάβην μίαν ἡμισυ, ἐλαι[ῶ]ν μελαινῶν
ἀρτάβης ἡμισυ, περσικῶν

ἐκλέκτ[ῶ]ν πεντακοσίων, κιτριῶν δεκά[πε]ντε, σύκων θέρων ἄχρι ἀναβάσεως
τετρακοσίων,

25 χειμερινῶν πε[ν]τακ[οσί]ων, [σικύ?]διὰ λευκοπε[ρί]ογα μεγάλα τέ[σ]σ[α]ρα.
ἔτι δὲ κ[α]ὶ τὸ προσὸν πωμάρι-

ον ἐξ ὄπου τοῦ [χ]ωρίου [ὁμοίως?] ἐπὶ τοῖς ἐπάνω μ[ι]σθοῖς ἀρ[ό]σο[μ]ε[ν]
[καὶ] ποιήσομε[ν] τὴν ἐπάρδε[υσιν,] βοτ[α]-

ρολογ[ία]ν καὶ τὰ ἄλλα [τὰ κατὰ] καιρὸν ἔργα πάντα, τῆς τοῦ[του]
καλαμουργίας μόνης καὶ τῆς στρώσεως

τοῦ χοῦ ὄντων πρὸς σὲ τ[ὸ]ν [γεοῦ]χον, ἀκινδύνων παντὸς κινδύνου.
βεβαιουμένης δὲ ἡμῖν τῆς ἐπιδο-

χῆς ποιήσομεν τὰ τῆς ἀμπέλου καὶ πωμαρίου καὶ καλαμείας κατὰ καιρὸν
ἔργα πάντα εὐκαίρως καὶ εὐ-

30 ἀρέστως, τῶν σῶν ἐπακολουθούντων ἅπασι, καὶ ἀποδώσομεν τὰ ἕκτακτα
τῷ δέοντι καιρῷ

ἀνυπερθέτως, καὶ μετὰ τὸν χρόνον παραδώσομεν τὰ μισθούμενα σύμφυτα,
ἐπιμεμελημέ-

να τοῖς ἔργοις καὶ ἀπὸ θρύων καὶ βοτάνης καὶ ἀγρώστεως πάσης, γεινο-
μένης σοὶ τῆς πράξεως

παρὰ [[λλ]] ἡμῶν ἀλληλ[εγ]γύων [δ]ντ[ων] εἰς ἔκτεισιν, ὡς καθήκει. κυρία
ἢ ἐπιδοχή, καὶ ἐπερωτη-

θέντες ὡμολο[γ]ήσαμεν. [[ἔτους] ἕκ ?]τοῦ Ἀ[υτ]οκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου
Αὔρηλιου Πρόβου Περσικοῦ Μεγίστ[ο]

35 Γοθθικοῦ Μεγίσ[το]υ Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς Σεβαστοῦ Χοίακ κε. (2nd hand)
Αὔρηλ[ιοι] Κτιστὸς καὶ ὁ υἱὸς

Πτολεμα[ῖος] κ[αί] Πελώϊος ἐπεδεξάμεθα εἰς μίσθωσιν τὰ
ἀμπελου[ργικὰ] ἔργ[α] π[ά]ν[τα] ἐπὶ τοῖς ἐπάνω μισθοῖς, καὶ ἀποδώ-
σομεν τὰ [ἔκτακ]τ[α] ὡς π[ρ]όκειται, [κ]αὶ ἐπερωτηθέν[τες] ὡ-
μολογή[σαμεν]. Τιβ[έριος] Κλαύδιος Ὀρίων ἔγρα[ψα] ὑπὲρ [α]ύτῶν

40 μὴ ἰδόν[των] γρά[μμα]τα.

Verso

(1st? hand) [ἐπ]ιδ[οχ]ῆ [Αὔρηλιου] Κτιστ[ο]ῦ ἀλλαγεῖσα. //

3. νῖον . . . ἀμφοτερῶ. 4. πελωῖον: so in ll. 8 and 36. λ of ηρακλήου corr. 5. ἐφ
εμναντων ενα over an expunction. 16. β of λαβοντα corr. 17. 1. μεταδιεράσομεν.
24. τετρακοσιῶ. 26. 1. ἐκ νότου. 33. Second κ of καθηκει corr. from θ. 35. υἱός.
36. θ of ἐπεδεξάμεθα corr. from τ. 40. ἰδόντων.

‘To Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion, son of Agathinus and Taposirias, of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus, from the Aurelii Ctistus son of Rufus and Dionysia, and his son Ptolemaeus, whose mother is Tauris, both of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus, and Pelœius son of Heracleus and Tapontheus, of the village of Tanais (?). We voluntarily undertake to lease for one year more from Hathur 1 of the present 6th (?) year all the vine-tending operations in the vineyard owned by you in the area of the village of Tanais and the adjoining reed-plantation, whatever be the extent of each, a half share being assigned to us, the party of Aur. Ctistus, and the remaining half to me, Pelœius, which operations are, concerning the vineyard, plucking of reeds, collection and transport of them, proper cutting of wood, making into bundles and binding, pruning (?), transport of leaves and throwing them outside the mud-walls, planting as many vine-stems as are necessary, digging, hoeing round the vines and surrounding them with trenches, you, the landlord, being responsible for the arrangement of the reeds and we for rendering you assistance in this, we being responsible for the remaining operations after those mentioned above, consisting of breaking up the ground, picking off shoots, keeping the vines well tended, disposition of them, removal (?) of shoots, needful thinnings of foliage; and concerning the reed-plantations, digging up both reed-plantations, watering, and continual weeding; and further we agree to superintend together with you in the vineyard and the

reed-plantation the asses which bring earth, in order that the earth may be thrown in the proper places, and we will perform the testing of the jars employed for the wine, and will put these, when they have been filled with wine, in the open-air shed, and oil them, move them, and strain the wine from one jar into another, and watch over them as long as they are stored in the open-air shed, the pay for all the aforesaid operations being 4,500 drachmae of silver, 10 artabae of wheat, and 4 jars of wine at the vat, which payments we are to receive in instalments according to the progress of the operations. And we likewise undertake to lease for 1 year the produce of the date-palms and all the fruit-trees which are in the old vineyard, for which we will pay as a special rent $1\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of fresh dates, $1\frac{1}{2}$ art. of pressed dates, $1\frac{1}{2}$ art. of walnut-dates, $\frac{1}{2}$ art. of black olives, 500 selected peaches, 15 citrons, 400 summer figs before the inundation, 500 winter figs, 4 large white fat melons. Moreover we will in consideration of the aforesaid wages likewise (?) plough the adjoining fruit-garden on the south of the vineyard, and will do the irrigation, weeding, and all the other operations required from season to season, only the arrangement of reeds in it and the strewing of earth being done by you, the landlord, the rent being secured against all risks. If our undertaking is guaranteed to us, we will perform all the operations from season to season concerning the vineyard, fruit-garden, and reed-plantation at the proper times and to your satisfaction, with the concurrence of your agents in everything, and we will pay the special rent at the proper season without delay, and at the end of the period deliver the land leased to us under cultivation, well cared for by our operations, and free from rushes, weeds and all coarse grass, you having the right of execution upon us, who are mutual securities for the payment of the rent, as is fitting. This undertaking is valid, and in answer to the formal question we gave our consent. The 6th (?) year of the Emperor Caesar Marcus Aurelius Probus Persicus Maximus Gothicus Maximus Pius Felix Augustus, Choiak 25.' Signature of the lessees written by Tiberius Claudius Horion, and title.

1. Αἰ[ρηλίω Σερήνω τῷ καὶ] Σαραπίων[ι: other mentions of him in contracts from 249 to 279 are 1209. 8, 1276. 3, 1558. 8, 1633. 2, 1636. 1, 1646. 8, 1689. 1, 1699. 3, 1713. 1.

3. Κτιστ[οῦ]: the nominative, as appears from l. 35, is Κτιστός, not the known form Κτίστης.

5. κ[ώμης Τανάως?]: cf. l. 6. This village was in the Μέση τοπαρχία; cf. 1659. 64.

6. ἀμπελουργικά: 1692. 5 adds χερικά; cf. P. Hamb. 23. 22 ἀμπελουργικὴν τε καὶ χερικὴν ἐργασίαν.

7. ἀμπε[λικοῦ κτήματος: cf. l. 15 and 1692. 8. In B. G. U. 1122. 7 and 38 ἀμπελικ(οῖς) κτήμασι is now practically certain in spite of Schubart's doubts, and in ll. 4-5 ἐξ[ε]ιλίη(φασιν) is preferable to the simple verb in view of ἐγλημψις in ll. 21 and 31; cf. int.

τῆς πρ[ο]σ[ο]ύσ[η]ς [καλ]αμείας: for the cultivation of reeds in connexion with a vineyard cf. *Geop.* v. 53, where a chapter περὶ φυτείας καλάμων concludes a book devoted to vine-growing; *Colum.* iv. 30. 2 *arundineti singula iugera vigenis iugandis* (sc. *sufficere possunt*); *Pliny, Nat. hist.* xvii. 141 sqq.; 729. 3-5, 22-7, a lease of a καλαμεία coupled with a κτήμα; 1692. 8-9 ἀμπελικοῦ κτήματος καὶ καλαμείας; P. Brit. Mus. 163. 22 (lease of a vineyard) τὴν οὔσαν καλαμίαν ἀναχώσομεν; B. G. U. 865. 15 κτήματος κυλαμοτόμου; P. Giessen 56. 6-12 χωρίον ἀμπελικὸν . . . σὺν . . . καλαμία . . . πρὸς . . . καλαμοστασίαν καὶ καλαμουργίαν; C. P. R. 19. 4 ἀμπελικὸν χωρίον ὑποτελοῦς (so better than ὑπὸ τέλους, as in l. 6) (ἀρουρῶν) ηΛιζ'λβ', καλαμίας (ἀρ.) γή, πωμαρίου (cf. 1631. 25) (ἀρ.) Λη'; P. Flor. 50. 4, a καλαμεία near an ἀμπελών; P. S. I. 286. 14-15 ἀμπελον (ἀρουραι) ια, πωμαρίον (ἀρ.) βδ', καλαμείας (ἀρ.) βς'; 1637. 28-9 ἀμπελικὰ [κ]τήμα(ατα) β καὶ καλ(αμείας). On the employment of reeds as supports of the vines, i. e. καλαμουργία, see ll. 11-12, n.

ἀρουρηδοῦ: cf. 729. 31, where l. ὅσον ἐστὶν ἀρουρηδοῦ, as here.

9. τῆς ἀμπελον: 1692. 10 omits these words, which refer in general to the succeeding

operations, though the three which immediately follow concern the *καλαμεία*, not the vines; cf. the next nn. and ll. 13-14 τῶν δὲ καλαμίων.

τ]ιλμὸς καλάμου: so in 1692. 10; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 131. 391, 397 (operations concerning a vineyard in Tubi) ὀλοτῖλλο(ντες) κῆλαμο(ν) . . . παῖδ(ες) δ, 406 ἐργ(άτου) κόπτοντο(ς) κῆλαμο(ν); Tebt. 585 ὑπὲρ κοπῆς καλάμου μυρίω[ν —; 1141. 4 κοπ(ῆς) καλαμειφυῆς; B. G. U. 840. 3 τίλισι χόρτου. The operations concerning the planting and care of the *καλαμεία* come later in ll. 13-14 owing to the chronological arrangement of 1631. 9-18; cf. int.

συλλογ[γῆ] καὶ μεταφ[ορ]ὰ τοῦτο: 1692. 11 omits συλλογῆ καὶ and adds εἰς τὸν συνήθη τόπον, for which cf. P. Brit. Mus. 131. 376-7 μισθ(οῦ) ἐργ(ατῶν) β ἀράντω(ν) κῆλαμο(ν) Τώμω(ς) (sic; not τῶμω(ς)) εἰς τὸ Εὐρνα() (?) ἡλιαστήριον(ν) (cf. l. 17, n.) ὡς τῶν δεσμ(ῶν) μ (πενταβόλου). κῆλαμος was of course used for other purposes than those connected with the cultivation of vines, e. g. for making pens, and in the weaving industry (P. Tebt. 413. 11, 414. 14), and in connexion with a fruit-garden (l. 27).

ξύλοτομία δικαία: in 1692. 5-6 ξύλοτομία is made an exception to the other ἔργα and retained by the landlord; 729. 29 agrees more or less with 1631 in regard to the ξύλοτομία of the vineyard, which was to be performed by the lessees under the landlord's supervision, while the ξυλλογία of a rose-garden contained in the κτήμα was apparently retained by the landlord, as in 1692. Though ξύλοτομία is mentioned here between operations concerning the *καλαμεία*, it refers in our opinion to the vines and means 'pruning the branches'; cf. 1673. 29 τῶν ἀμπελοργῶν τὰς μισθῶσις πέμφον [ἴ]να τῆς ξύλοτομίας ἄρξωνται; P. Brit. Mus. 131. 375-424 ἀμπελοτέμνοντες, 163. 20 τὴν ἀμπελου τομὴν μέσην καὶ δικαίαν μί[τ] ? ἀ[κρ]ο[σ]τομῶν; Hamb. 27. 26 κλαδοτομήσαι δικαίαις κλαδοτομαίαις. This operation, called in Latin *putatio* (cf. e. g. Colum. iv. 10), was very important (cf. *Geogr.* iii. 6. 3 κλάδους ἀποτεμείν, 13. 7, 14. 1, and v. 23, a chapter περὶ κλαδείας; Theophr. *Caus. plant.* iii. 14 κλάσις), and there is no other suitable place for a mention of it in either 1631 (cf. l. 10, n.) or 1692. There seems to be a reference to carrying away the branches after the pruning in P. Brit. Mus. 131. 394, where l. ἐκφέρο(ντες) ἀμπεληξιύλ(α?) (sic) ἀπὸ τῶν ἀνδή(ρων) παῖδ(ες) δ. The corrupt substantive compounded of ἀμπελος and ξύλον is not to be divided into two words, for in ll. 425 and 429, where the phrase recurs, it is abbreviated ἀμπ() or ἀμπελ(). The alternative to the identification of ξύλοτομία with the κλαδοτομία of the vines is to refer it to cutting of wood from other trees for use like the κῆλαμος as supports for the vines; cf. Varro i. 8. 2 *ingorum genera fere quatuor, pertica, harundo, restes, vites*; Plin. *Nat. hist.* xvii. 141 *restat earum ratio quae propter alias scruntur ac vineas maxime, caeduo ligno*, the most important being the willow, *harundo*, chestnut, and oak. Willows might well grow in a *καλαμεία*, and some wood could have been obtained from the palms and fruit-trees in the *παλαιὸν ἀμπελος* (l. 21); cf. P. Flor. 369. 17, where the lessee of a vineyard containing fruit-trees undertakes to pay annually ξύλον καθάρσεων γόμον ἓνα. The cutting of trees in a vineyard was also done sometimes partly in order to expose the grapes to the sun; cf. SB. 5807. 8-11 γράψον μοι πότε δεῖ αὐτὰ (sc. τὰ ἰτέϊνα) κοπήναι, ἵνα αἱ ἀμπελοι μὴ σκιάζωνται. But we much prefer the first explanation, especially since the delicate nature of the operation of pruning vines accounts very well for the exception of ξύλοτομία from the other ἔργα in 1692.

ἀγκαλισμὸς καὶ δέσις: ἀγκαλισμὸς is a new word. 1692 omits these terms, which evidently refer to the κῆλαμος; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 131. 437 (Tubi) δεσμῶν ἀγκάλαις ἐν τῶ(ι) χωρίω(ι); P. S. I. 317. 7-10 εἰν μέλλης καλαμουργεῖν, γρά[ψ]ον μοι προλήμψη δὲ ἵνα ἐπὶ καιροῦ γένηται. πέμ[ψ]εις δὲ μοι καὶ τὰς ἀγκάλιδας. ἀγκάλη χόρτου is found in P. S. I. 286. 4, and cf. 935. 19, n.

10. ἀ[π]οκ[ο]πῆ καὶ? πρ[ο]σφ[ορ]ὰ φύλλων: ἀ[π]ο is very probable, but there may be a letter lost between it and the supposed κ, for which ι, μ, or ψ, but hardly φ, can be substituted. From its position the first word might refer either to the *καλαμεία*, like the two preceding

terms, or to the vines, like those following; but the latter hypothesis is much more probable. For 1692. 11-12 has at this point *σάρω* {ε}σις φύλλων, συντομή και μεταφορά τούτων . . ., so that the word beginning α[π]ο would be expected to correspond to *σάρωσις* or *συντομή*. *σάρωσις* refers to the sweeping up of dead leaves (cf. P. Brit. Mus. 131. 400 *σαρωννύο(ντες)* φύλλα παιδ(ε)ς ε, Colum. iv. 27 *vineta . . . emundare*), *συντομή* apparently to cutting off leaves that remained after the pruning (*ξυλοτομία*; l. 9, n.), and α[π]οκ[οπή] as a variant for *συντομή* seems fairly suitable. To identify *συντομή* and α[π]οκ[οπή] (or e.g. α[π]οκ[οπή]λασις) with the pruning is unsatisfactory, seeing that φύλλα, not κλάδοι, are concerned in 1692 and probably here too. *προσφορά* appears to be merely a variant for the more appropriate *μεταφορά* found in 1692.

ἐμβολή ἐκτό[s] πλαστῶν: ἐκβολή could be read. Cf. 1692. 12-13 *μεταφορά τούτων ἐκτός πλαστῆς εἰς ἐπιτηδείους τόπους*. *πλασταί* were apparently brick walls of the vineyard; cf. 729. 30 *τὴν ἐντὸς πλαστῶν χερσάμπε[λον]*; P. Flor. 369. 20 *καὶ τα(ί)ς πλαστα(ί)ς συνεστῶσαις*; SB. 4482. 4, 4774. 2 *ἀμπέλου περιπεπλαστευμένης καὶ περιτετειχωμένης*, the *τείχη* being presumably of stone. In P. Brit. Mus. 131. 88 *πλασταί* and *κάλαμος* are used for strengthening an embankment. The form *πλάτη* also occurs, e.g. in 1674. 8-10 *θές τὴν ὀπτήν πλύνθον παρὰ τὴν πλάτην, καὶ ἔρχεται ὁ οἰκοδόμος καὶ οἰκοδομεῖ τὴν νοτινὴν πλάτην*; cf. 1674. 9, n.

ἀπωργισμός ὕσων δεῖ ἀπωρύγων: cf. 1692. 13 *ἀπωργισμός τῶν δεομένων τόπων*, this operation being placed after *παραγραφή* which comes here in l. 11 (cf. n.). The Latin equivalent of ἀπώρυξ is *mergus*, and this method of propagating vines by bending down the stem into the earth so that it takes root again is described in *Geop.* v. 18. 1 *τὴν καλουμένην ἀπώρυγα κληματίδα φυτεύσομεν οὕτως κτλ.*, Colum. iv. 15, and Pallad. iii. 16 (February). Cf. P. Flor. 369. 5 *καὶ ἀπορυγῶν κατ' ἔτος* ἀπόρυγας εἴκοσι, Brit. Mus. 163. 24-5, where ἀπορυγοῦμεν κατ' ἔτος ἀπόρυγ[α]ς εἴκοσι is possible, LXX Ezek. xvii. 6 *ἐγένετο εἰς ἀμπέλον καὶ ἐποίησεν ἀπώρυγας*.

10-11. σκαφητός, γ[ύ]ρ[ω]σις κ[αὶ] π[α]ρα[γρ]αφή: cf. 1692. 13-14 [σ]καφητός, παραγραφή, while ἀπωργισμός (cf. the preceding n.) follows. On the necessity for repeated digging in a vineyard see *Geop.* iii. 3. 6 (March), 4. 5 (δύτερος σκάφος in April), 5. 4 (May), 6. 1 (June), 10. 1 (July), 11. 1 (August), 13. 7 (October), v. 21. 3 *τοῖς ἐξ μηνῶν κατὰ μῆνα σκαπτέον*, 25. 1 *σκάπτειν δὲ χρὴ πρὸ βλαστοῦ προβολῆς*; Theophr. *Caus. plant.* iii. 16; Varro i. 29. 1, 31. 1, 32. 2; Colum. iv. 27. *De arbor.* 5 *iugerum vineae quinque operis ablaqueatur, quinque foditur, tribus occatur*; Pallad. ii. 1 (*ablaqueatio*; January), iv. 7 (*vinearum fossio*; March), v. 2 (*vinearum fossio*; April), vi. 4 (*occatio*; May), vii. 3 (*occatio*; June), viii. 1 (*effodi*; July), ix. 1 (*occatio*; August); Plin. *Nat. hist.* xvii. 22 *ter anno confodi*, 188-9; Virg. *Geor.* ii. 354, 399 *terque quaterque solum scindendum*; P. Brit. Mus. 163. 34 *σκαφητοῖς δυοῖ*; Giessen 56. 13 *περίσκαψιν πέμπτον* (i. e. πεντάκις) κατ' ἔτος; SB. 4774. 6 *σκάψαι τὴν γῆν αὐτῆς δεύτερον τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ*. *σκαλμός* (which = *σκαλισμός* in 1692. 18) is distinguished in l. 12 from *σκαφητός*, coming in both papyri next before *βλαστολογία*. *σκαφητός* refers particularly to the preliminary digging, and γύρωσις, which is omitted in 1692, corresponds to *ablaqueatio*, the digging of a circle round the vines, i. e. 'earthing up'; cf. *Geop.* iii. 13. 3 (October) *γυροῦν τὰς ἀμπέλους*, iv. 3. 1 *ἐπειδὴν τὰς μεγάλας ἀμπέλους ἅπαξ καὶ δεύτερον γυροῦν, ταυτέστι περισκάπτειν, ἀρξώμεθα*, v. 21. 4, 26. 1-3. With regard to the reading γ[ύ]ρ[ω]σις, ρ and σ are nearly certain; σ[ά]ρ[ω]σις could be read, but that operation, which is mentioned in 1692. 11, would be out of place at this point, the cleaning up of the vineyard having been already accounted for; cf. l. 10, n. *σκαλμός* or *σκαλισμός*, being a later operation than *σκαφητός*, seems to correspond to *occatio*, the breaking up of clods. *σκαλισμός* is a new form, and *σκαλμός* elsewhere means the pin of an oar, but *σκάσις* is contrasted with *σκαπάνη* by Theophr. *Hist. plant.* ii. 7. 5. *σκάλλειν* is explained by Hesychius and Suidas as *σκάπτειν*, but Arist. *Mirab.* 91 couples the two words, which must have had a slightly different connotation, perhaps referring to the tools used. The meaning of *παραγραφή*, which

evidently has a new technical sense, is more obscure; but it too seems to refer to some kind of trenching, probably in connexion with the γύρωσις, so that -γραφή apparently reverts to the primitive sense of γράφειν, 'scraping' or 'digging'. Rostowzew compares Plin. *Nat. hist.* xvii. 185 *iis quoque quae sparguntur in terra breves ad limitandum caveas circumdant, scribibus per ambitum factis, ne vagi palmites inter se pugnent occurrentes*. That method of allowing vines to grow on the ground is, however, different from the system employed in 1631; cf. int.

11-12. τῆς δὲ καλ[α]μουργίας . . . ἡμᾶς: cf. 1692. 15-16 συντομῆ τοῦ εἰς καλαμουργίαν καινοῦ καλάμου, καλαμουργία, τοῦ γεοῦχου παρεχομένου κάλαμον καὶ φλοῦ[υ] τὸν αὐτάρκη; B. G. U. 1122. 19-20 τοῦ Γαίου (the landlord) παρέχοιτος αὐτοῖς τὸ φυτὸν ἐπὶ τοῦ βοθίνου καὶ χάρακας καὶ φλοῦν καὶ τὸν κάλαμον τὰ αὐταρκ(οῦντα); C. P. R. 244. 11-12 —[ω]ν καλαμουργίαν ἐκ καινῆς τε η καὶ ἐξ[—] (? l. τε καὶ νέ[α]ς περιστάσεως ἐμοῦ χρηγοῦντος, as in P. Flor. 369) τὸν αὐτάρκη κάλαμον καὶ σχοινία; P. Flor. 369. 2-5, where l. κα[λ]α[μ]ουργήσο[ν] [α]τ' ἐ[π]ὶ τοῦ [κ]αιρῆς καὶ νέ[α]ς περι[σ]τάσεως ('material'?) εἰκοσι (sc. ἀμπέλους; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 163. 25) καὶ τῶν λοιπῶ[ν] τὸν ὑποστηρικτικόν, [ἐμ]οῦ τῆς Ἀφροδισίας χωρη[σ]ούσης κάλαμον καὶ [σ]χοινία; Hamb. 23. 27 ἕφορθ[ε]. . . (an infinitive meaning 'support') [τοῖ]ς ἑμετέροις μέντοι[α] καλάμοις; Giessen 56. 12 quoted in l. 7, n.; Brit. Mus. 163. 23-4 καὶ τὸν ἀμπ[ε]λῶνα τῆ κα[λ]αμουργία — : 1003. 7 (cf. P. Giessen 56. 13, n.) ἀρούρας . . . [ἀ]ποκαλαμουργο[υ]μένων ἐκ τοῦ τ[ε]ί[χ]ο[υ]ς); Tebt. 120. 141 καὶ καλαμουργή(σει) . . . [. . .] . . . ἕκαστος; P. S. I. 317. 8 (cf. l. 9, n.), 393. 6. The καλαμουργία refers to the employment of reeds in the vineyard (and, as appears from l. 27, in a fruit-garden also), as distinct from the cultivation of them in the καλαμεία, for which see l. 7, n. For ancient references to this practice see Varro i. 8. 2 quoted in l. 9, n.; Colum. iv. 1 *calamoque applicetur*, 16-17, 30; Pallad. iii. 11. 1, iv. 1. 3; Plin. *Nat. hist.* xvii. 115, 166, 174; Virg. *Geor.* ii. 358. According to Plin. *Nat. hist.* xvii. 146 (*harundo*) *vivis annis siccata utilior quam viridis*, but several of the papyri lay stress on the 'new' κάλαμος, i. e. that obtained from the gathering of the reeds as described in 1631. 9 and 1692. 10.

12. σκαλμός: cf. ll. 10-11, n.

13. βλαστολογία: cf. 1692. 19, where it occupies the same position; P. Brit. Mus. 131. 192 (Phaophi), where l. καθαρῖζ[ω]ν ὁμοίως ἐν τῷ νεοφύτ[ω] τοῦ χω[ρ]ίου τὰ περισσ[ύ]τα βλαστήματα. 507 (Pharmouthi) βλαστολογοῖ(τες) ἐν τῷ χωρίῳ, 131*. 42-50 (Pharmouthi). On this important operation (in Latin *pampiniatio*) see *Geop.* iii. 6. 1 (June), 11. 4 (August), and v. 28, a chapter περὶ βλαστολογίας, 29; Theophr. *Caus. plant.* iii. 14, 16; Varro i. 31. 2; Colum. iv. 27-8, xi. 2. 28; Pallad. vi. 2 (May); Virg. *Geor.* ii. 400.

[π]αραμυθεικὴ ἐργασία: this probably refers to digging; cf. *Geop.* iii. 5. 4 (May) σκίπτειν χρῆ τὰς ἀμπέλους καὶ μάλιστα ἀνομβρίας γενομένης: παραμυθείται γὰρ ὁ σκάφος τὴν διεψῶσαν ἀμπελον, διαπνεῖσθαι γὰρ αὐτὴν ποιεῖ καὶ ἡ γῆ ἐπανισταμένη ἀναψύχει τὴν διεψῶσαν ἀμπελον. 1692 omits this operation.

διάστασις, ἀνάληψις: in 1692. 19-20 more precisely διάστασις φύλλων [καὶ] ἀνάληψις βλαστῶν. διάστασις probably refers to the disposition of the leaves so that the grapes should get the right amount of sun; ἀνάληψις probably implies lopping off superfluous shoots, especially those at the top. Theophr. *Caus. plant.* iii. 16. 3 καιρὸν δὲ τινα ζητεῖ καὶ ἡ διαστολή καὶ ἡ κόλουσις apparently refers to the same two operations; cf. *Geop.* iii. 6. 2 (June) ἄνδρ δὲ καὶ τοὺς προκίπτοιτας βλαστοῦς τῶν νέων ἀμπέλων ἀφαιρετέον, and vii. 18. 1 quoted in the next n.; Colum. iv. 27 *caecumina flagellorum confringere luxuriae comprimendae causa, vel e dura parte aut a trunco surgentes pampinos submovere, De arb.* 11 *ante dies decem quam vinea florere incipit pampinatum habeto, quidquid supervacui enatum fuerit tollito. quod in caecumine aut in brachiis natum erit decerpito, dumtaxat quae uvam non habebunt. caecumina virgarum ne luxurientur demutilato*; Pallad. ix. 3 (August) *nunc locis frigidis pampinatur, locis vero ferventibus ac siccis obumbratur potius uva ne vi solis arescat, si aut vineae brevitatis aut facultas operarum permittit*.

φυλλολογία: in 1692. 20 the singular is used. Cf. P. Hamb. 23. 27 βοτανολογήσαι καὶ φυλλολογήσαι; *Geogr.* v. 28. 4 ὅταν δὲ ἡ θερμότης τοῦ ἡλίου ἀρχῆται ἀμβλύνεσθαι, ἀφαιρεῖν τὰ φύλλα χρή, ἵνα πάντες οἱ βότρυες ὑπὸ τοῦ ἡλίου θερμαινόμενοι πεπαίνωνται, 29. 2 τὰς δὲ σηπούσας τὸν καρπὸν ἀμπέλου καὶ μόλις ποτὲ πεπανούσας διὰ τὴν τῆς γῆς ὑγρότητα καὶ τὴν τῶν φύλλων πυκνότητα προκαθαίρειν δεῖ ἐκ πλαγίου τὰ φύλλα πρὸ λ' ἡμερῶν τοῦ τρυγητοῦ, ἵνα εἰσπνέοντες οἱ ἄνεμοι ἀναψύχῳσι τὴν σταφυλῆν, vii. 18. 1 ἐν Βιθυνία . . . πρὸ τριάκοντα ἡμερῶν τοῦ τρυγητοῦ τὸ φέρον κλῆμα τοὺς βότρυας λυγίζουσι καὶ ἀφαιροῦσι πᾶσαν τὴν φυλλίδα; *Colum.* iv. 28 *foliis omnibus nudare*; *Virg. Geor.* ii. 400, 410. 1631 does not mention the τρύγη, which in 1692. 21 follows the φυλλολογία, and presumably the landlord in 1631 made his own arrangements for gathering the vintage.

13-14. τῶν δὲ καλαμίων διτομία καλαμίου ἐκατέρου: that the καλαμεία (l. 7) was divided into two καλάμια had not been stated previously. καλαμέ[ι]ων could be read, but the word is neuter, not feminine. The punctuation τῶν δὲ καλαμίων διτομία, καλαμίου ἐκατέρου ἐπάρδενσις would be contrary to the usage of 1631 and 1692 with regard to the position of genitives, and τῶν καλαμίων seems to balance τῆς ἀμπέλου in l. 9. διτομία is a new form, but hardly requires correction to δι(χο)τομία (τρίτομος is known, but not δίτομος). It refers apparently to the initial breaking-up of the ground in the reed-plantation, of which the gathering of the crop has already been mentioned in l. 9 owing to the chronological arrangement of 1631: cf. *Mosch.* 2. 81 ὄλκα διατμήγει and *Apoll. Rhod.* i. 628 διατμήξασθαι ἀρούρας. 1692 after φυλλολογία diverges from 1631; cf. the previous n.

14. ἐπάρδενσις καὶ βοτανισμὸς διηκεῖς: cf. 1692. 18, where these operations are placed earlier, preceding σκαλισμὸς (ll. 10-11, n.) and following καλαμουργία (ll. 11-12, n.), and evidently apply to the vineyard primarily. Here, since τῶν δὲ καλαμίων has just intervened, they probably apply to the reed-plantation as well as the vineyard. Provisions for irrigation are naturally a common feature in leases of vineyards; cf. e. g. 729. 24, and P. Flor. 369. 6, where l. τὸν ἀντλητὸν ποιήσονται, as *Rostowzew* suggests. For βοτανισμὸς cf. P. Giessen 56 int. p. 97³ and *Geogr.* iii. 10. 3 (July) πᾶσαν ἀγρίαν βοτάνην καὶ ἀκάνθας ἐκτέμνειν προσήκει. In l. 26, referring to the fruit-garden, βοτανολογία is used, as in P. Giessen 56. 11.

15. Cf. l. 27 and e. g. 729. 5-7, where the arrangements for the χωματισμὸς are given in greater detail, the landlord and lessees being jointly responsible, as here.

16. κ[ο]ύφων: κεράμια is to be supplied with κούφα; cf. *Geogr.* vii. 24. 2 κεράμια κούφα, and κούφοκεραμουργός in e. g. SB. 4488. 11. The word is often used in papyri substantivally, especially in the phrase σοῦ τὰ κούφα παρέχοντος (e. g. P. Strassb. 1. 10), but *Wilcken (Ost. i. 766)* is not justified in treating κούφον as a distinct kind of measure. In the three instances which he gives from his ostraca κούφον (= κούφων) λαγ(ύνων) in Nos. 43 and 150 means 'empty flasks', not 'κούφα of flasks' (cf. P. Flor. 314. 8 κνιδίων κούφων), and in 1483 the empty διπλᾶ (διπ(λᾶ) rather than διπ(λοκέραμα) or διπ(λοκεράμων) is rendered probable by P. Brit. Mus. 1656. 6-7 κούφα διπλᾶ) are definitely contrasted with διπλᾶ filled with wine. Lines 6-8 of that ostracron are to be restored / διπ(λᾶ) φξῆ. L (= ὦν) οἴνου διπ(λᾶ) φ[λε,] λοιπ(ᾶ) κούφα διπ(λᾶ) λγ.

κομπασίαν: with this new word for 'ringing' jars to test their soundness cf. κομπέιν χύτραν ἢ λοπάδα in *Diog. Laert.* vi. 30, as restored from *Eust.* p. 896. 61, and κόμπους κωδωνοκρότους in *Eur. Rhés.* 383. The process is described in *Geogr.* vi. 3. 2 τινὲς μὲν οὖν ἀρκοῦνται (ἐν) τῇ δοκιμασίᾳ τοῦ καλῶς κεκεραμευμένου πίθου τῷ κρουσθέντα αὐτὸν ἀποδοῦναι ἤχόν τινα ὄξυν καὶ τορύν.

17. [σ]υνθήσομεν: ἐνθήσομεν is a less suitable reading.

ἡλιαστηρίῳ: cf. l. 18, 729. 25 as restored below in l. 18, n., 985 οἶνον τὸν ἐν ἡλια(στηρίῳ) Μουχωῶρ (a village); P. Brit. Mus. 131. 85 βοτανίζ(οντες) ἐν τῷ ἡλιαστη(ρίῳ) τοῦ χωρίου(ν), 374 (similar), 574-5 οἰκοδ(όμον) οἰκοδ(ομοῦντα) τὸ τεῖχ(ος) τοῦ ἡλιαστηρίου, 131*. 80 σκάπ(των) Ἀμβρύ(ων) [ἐν τῷ] ἡλιαστη(ρίῳ) ὡς εἰς (?) φυ. [—; Flor. 20. 77 ἐνοικίου ἡλιαστηρίου, 50. 17

(cf. 98 and 103) πίθ[ω] καὶ [ήλι]αστηρίω, 67–8 ήλιαστήριον[σὶν χρηστ]ηρίους καὶ ἀνήκουσι [πίσι καὶ εἰσόδου] καὶ ἐξόδου ἐν ᾧ ἐ[στι κερ]αμικὸν ἐργαστήριον; Amh. 127. 27, where 1. φορέ[τρον] κε[ραμίων] αἶρο[μένων] ἀπὸ ήλι[α]στ[ηρίου] εἰς πλοῖον, and 35, where 1. ἐνοικ[ίου] ήλι[α]στ[ηρίου]; Ryl. 206. 47–9 παραδεί[ου] οὐ τὸ β' ήλιαστήριον ἐπὶ Πόλ[εως] Δι[βὸς] ἀμπελικὸν κτήμα . . . In P. Giessen 31. i. 14 the context of διὰ Μηνᾶ ήλιαστ() is obscure. Strong wine (as Egyptian probably was) was placed in the open air; cf. *Geogr.* vii. 2. 1 τὸν ἰσχυρότερον οἶνον ὑπαίθριον θετέον, ἀπεστράφθω δὲ δύσεως καὶ μεσημβρίας τοίχων τινῶν προστεθέντων.

ἐπαλείφομεν: this refers to the διάχρισις of jars; cf. *Geogr.* vi. 9 μετὰ τὴν πίσσωσίν τινας ἄλιγον πρὸ τοῦ ἐμβληθῆναι τὸ γλεῦκος διαχρίουσι τοὺς πίθους . . . ἡ δὲ διάχρισίς ἐστὶ πίσσα μετὰ ἐψητοῦ καὶ θαλαττίου ὕδατος. ἄλλοι δὲ πίσση ὑγρᾶ καὶ ἄλμη εἰς τὸ ἐψητὸν ἐμβληθείση καταχρίουσι τὰ στόματα διὰ σπογγίᾳς. ἄλλοι δὲ μόνον τῇ ἀμόργῃ χρίουσι τὰ πόματα.

κινήσομεν: cf. 729. 25, where 1. κ[ε]ίνησον (sc. ποιήσονται). On moving wine cf. *Geogr.* vii. 4. 2 εἰ δὲ τὸ τρυγηθὲν γλεῦκος ἀσθενέστερον εἶναι καταμάθοις, . . . εὐθὺς μεταχέωμεν αὐτὸν εἰς ἐτέρους πίθους, iii. 5. 2 (May) τοὺς οἴνους μεταγγίσομεν, vii. 6, a chapter περὶ μεταγγισμοῦ οἴνου καὶ πότε χρή μετατλῆν τοὺς οἴνους, 15. 1 ἐμβληθέντος τοῦ οἴνου ἐν τῷ πίθῳ μετὰ τινα χρόνον μετακενωτέον εἰς ἕτερον ἀγγεῖον πρώως.

μεταδι(ε)ράσομεν: this compound is new. Cf. the preceding n. and *Geogr.* vii. 37 περὶ τῶν διηθουμένων οἴνων. Φλωρεντίνου, τὸν ὑλιστήρα εἰς ἄλμην καθ' ἑαυτὴν ἢ εἰς θαλάττιον μετὰ ποτίμου ὕδατος μιχθὲν ἔμβαλε ἐπὶ β' ἡμέρας καὶ μετὰ τοῦτο οἴνῳ διάβρεχε κτλ.

17–18. παραφυλάσομεν . . . ἀπόκ[ε]ῖται: cf. l. 17, n., and 729. 25, where 1. κ[αὶ παραφυλάκην] (sc. ποιήσονται) ἐφ' ὅσον ἐν ήλιαστή[ρίῳ] ἀπόκει[με]ται. φυλάξ[ε] ἐν ἀργῷ τὸ συνη[—] in 1692. 22 possibly corresponds.

21. καρπούς: cf. B. G. U. 591. 13, 603. 11, 604. 6, 862. 6, Hamb. 5. 11, P. S. I. 33. 9. In 1632. 11, 16 the singular is used.

παλ[α]ῖα ἀμ[ε]λ[α]φ: cf. P. Brit. Mus. 131*. 45, where 1. βλασ[τολογου]ντες ἐν τῇ παλαιᾷ ἀμ[ε]λ[α]φ. For fruit-trees in an ἀμπελῶν cf. P. Flor. 369.

22. ἐκ[φ]όρια ἔκτακτα: cf. ll. 30 and 38, where τὰ ἔκτακτα is used substantively, as in 1207. 8, where ἔκτακτα are contrasted with ἐνοίκιον and correspond to ἐξαιρέτα (Berger, *Strafklauseln* 150^o, *Wohnungsmiete* 394; 1207. 8, n.). ἐκφόρια is, however, the word to be supplied with ἔκτακτα, as is indicated by the present passage, in which the restoration ἐκ[φ]όρια can hardly be doubted. ἐ[κ]τακτα ἐκλεκτά, though just possible as a reading, is not at all satisfactory, especially in view of the occurrence of περσικῶν ἐκλε[κ]τῶν in l. 23. The essential point of ἔκτακτα is that they were in kind, being 'excepted' from the φόρος in money. In the present case there happened to be no φόρος, owing to the fact that the lessee was doing the ἔργα.

πατητοῦ: cf. B. G. U. 591. 22, where it is contrasted with Syrian dates; P. Hamb. 5. 17; Flor. 369. 12, where it is contrasted with ἐνκάρπου (cf. χλωροῦ here); P. S. I. 33. 14 φοίνικος ξηροῦ πατητοῦ μονοξ[ύλο]ν.

23. καρ[υ]ωτοῦ: the fact that 1½ artabae are paid, as in the two preceding cases, indicates that a kind of dates is meant, and cf. P. Cairo Masp. 67100. 18–19 φοινίκια ξηροῦ ἀρτάβας δώδεκα καρποτῶν (= καρνωτῶν). Strabo p. 800 mentions the cultivation of the καρνωτὸς φοῖνιξ in the Delta.

ἐλα[ῖ]ων μελαυνῶν: cf. B. G. U. 603. 17–18, P. S. I. 33. 16–17.

24. The distinction between summer and winter figs seems to be new.

25. [σικύ?]δια λευκοπ[ε]ῖνα: there does not seem to be space for λευκοπ[ε]ῖ[πο]να (an unknown word), though σίκυος πέπων is well known; cf. πεπόνια τέσσαρα in SB. 4483. 15. λευκοπίων is only known from Schol. Ar. *Frogs* 1124.

πωμάριον: cf. P. Hamb. 23. 18, n.

26. ἐπί[σ] τῶν ἐ[π]άνω μ[ε]σσοῖς: cf. l. 37. βοτανολογ[ί]α: cf. l. 14, n.

27. καλαμοργίας: cf. ll. 11–12, n. στρώσεως τοῦ χροῦ: cf. l. 15, n.

34. [(ἔτους) ἐκ]του: πρῶ]του is excluded by the day of the month (Choiak 25 = Dec. 21), for Probus' accession took place in the spring or summer of 276, Tacitus being still regarded as reigning in June of that year; cf. 1476. int. πέμπ]του and τετάρ]του are too long for the lacuna, while, if τρί]του had been written, some traces of the ι, which is generally long, would rather have been expected to be visible. Moreover the occurrence of the title Περσικὸς Μέγιστος indicates one of his later years, his earlier years being devoted to campaigns in the west. In papyri of the 2nd and 3rd years he is called Σεβαστός simply; for the 4th year there is no evidence, but in the 5th and 6th years titles derived from his eastern campaigns appear (Γοθικὸς Μέγ., Περσικὸς Μέγ., Γερμανικὸς Μέγ. in 1694. 36 written on Phamenoth 11 of the 5th year, i. e. March 7, 280; Γερμανικὸς Μέγ., Μηδικὸς Μέγ., Παρθικὸς Μέγ. in P. Amh. 106 written on Mesore 1 of the 6th year, i. e. July 25, 281). In 1562. 1 and 27 (year lost) and P. Brit. Mus. 1243. 19 (7th year, Phaophi 2, i. e. Sept. 29, 281) his titles apparently begin, as here, with Περσικὸς Μέγ., Γοθικὸς Μέγ., but include others, while 1638. 32 (7th year, Pharmouthi 24, i. e. April 19, 282) seems to agree with 1631. *Gothicus* is already found in 277 in C. I. L. xii. 1178 b.

41. The readings before ἀλλαγεῖσα are very insecure, and that this line contained the title or was even connected at all with the writing on the recto is not certain. But the ink has the same reddish tinge, and the writing in spite of its greater size may be by the first hand. ἀλλαγεῖσα, if the restoration of the preceding words is correct, would mean 'substituted', i. e. for the original lease of which 1631 was a continuation (l. 5 ἐτι); but the phrase is unusual.

1632. LEASE OF A PALM-GROVE.

22.5 × 10.5 cm.

A. D. 353.

An application, incomplete at the end, made in 353 to a senator of Oxyrhynchus for the lease of a palm-grove for one year at a rent of 8,000 talents. A list of Roman and Byzantine leases of palm-groves and gardens has been given in 1631, int.; the formula of 1632, which is the only fourth-century specimen of its class and is not very correctly written, is mainly parallel to that of the nearly contemporary applications for leases of other kinds of land in the Oxyrhynchite nome, 102-3, P. S. I. 90, 316, 469.

The chief interest of the papyrus lies in the mention of 'the current 47th, 29th, 2nd year', which has an important bearing on the question of the eras employed from the 4th to 7th centuries at Oxyrhynchus for dating purposes in preference to indictions, which were commonly thought sufficient elsewhere in Egypt. The evidence of 1632 has already been taken into consideration in the discussion of those eras in 1431. 5, n.; but fresh evidence has thrown much new light on the matter, which is rediscussed in detail in l. 9, n. The 47th year can now be recognized as an era dating from the accession of Constantine I, who became Caesar in 306. This era is simply a continuation of his ordinary regnal years for sixteen years after his death, and is parallel to the continuation of the datings by the era of the κράτησις Καίσαρος (which coincided with the regnal years of Augustus) into the reign of Tiberius. The 29th and 2nd years have nothing

to do with eras, but refer to the reigning sovereigns, who happen to be also the consuls, Constantius Augustus, and Constantius (i. e. Gallus) Caesar.

- Ἐπατείας τῶν δεσποτῶν ἡμῶν
 Κωνσταντ[ί]ου Αὐγούστου τὸ 5' καὶ Κωνσταντί[ου]
 τοῦ ἐπιφανεστάτου Καίσαρος τὸ β' Μεσορῆ α.
 Αὐρηλίῳ Ἡρακλεῖ ἰδῆ Ἡρακλείδου γυμ(νασιαρχήσαντι) πρυτ(ανεύσαντι)
 5 βουλ(ευτῆ) τῆς λαμ(πράς) καὶ λαμ(προτάτης) Ὁξυρυγχειτῶν πόλ(εως)
 παρὰ Αὐρηλίου Κάστορος Παθερμουθίου
 ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως. ἐκουσίως
 ἐπιδέχομαι μισθώσασθαι πρὸς μόν[ον]
 τὸ ἐνεστὸς (ἔτος) μζ κθ β γενήματος
 10 ιβ ἰνδικτίωνος καρπὸν φύνικος
 χωρίων σου δύο, βορινοῦ καὶ νοτινοῦ
 ψαλίου, ἐπὶ τῷ μαι τὴν συνλογὴν
 τ[ούτ]ων ποιή[σ]ασθ[αι καὶ] ἀπενέγ-
 [κασθ]αι εἰς τὸ ἴδιον δεόντως καὶ τελέ-
 15 σιν ἐμὲ ὑπὲρ φόρου ἀποτάκτου ὄλου
 τοῦ καρποῦ τῶν αὐτ[ῶ]ν φοι{σ}γι-
 κων ἀργυρίου τάλαντα ὀκτακισχίλια,
 γί(νεται) ἀρ(γυρίου) (τάλ. ?) Ἡ, [ἀκίνδυνα] παντὸς κιν-
 δύνου. βεβαιο[υ]μένης δὲ ἐμοὶ τῆς ἐπι-
 20 [δο]χῆς ἀπο[δ]ώσω [τὸ]ν φόρον ἐν δόσεσ[ι]
 [τρισὶν ἅπα?]ντα καταδόσι τῶν ἀπὸ
 [Μεσορῆ ἕως] Ἀθῶν τάλαντα Ἐχξγ ἘΒ
 [18 letters]ς παραδ[ί] .

On the verso traces of the title.

1. ἔπατειας. 10. ον of καρπον corr. from ους. 1. φοίνικος. 12. 1. με. 17. οκτα
 of οκτακισχλια corr.

‘In the consulship of our masters Constantius Augustus for the 6th time and Constantius the most noble Caesar for the 2nd time, Mesore 1. To Aurelius Heraclides son of Heraclides, ex-gymnasiarch, ex-prytanis, senator of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus, from Aur. Castor son of Pathermuthius, of the said city. I voluntarily undertake to lease for the present 47th, 29th, 2nd year only, from the produce of the 12th indiction, the date-crop of your two estates, the northern and southern ring, on condition that I gather the crop and transport it to my own property in the right manner,

and shall pay as the fixed rent of the whole of the said date-crop 8,000 talents of silver, total silv. tal. 8,000, secured against every kind of risk. If this lease is guaranteed to me, I will deliver the rent in three instalments in all, paying for the period from Mesore to Hathur (?) 2,663 talents 2,000 drachmae . . .

4-5. $\gamma\mu(\nu\alpha\sigma\iota\alpha\rho\chi\acute{\eta}\sigma\alpha\nu\tau\iota) \dots \beta\omicron\upsilon\lambda(\epsilon\upsilon\tau\eta)$: less probably $\gamma\mu(\nu\alpha\sigma\iota\alpha\rho\chi\acute{\eta}\sigma\alpha\nu\tau\omicron\varsigma) \dots \beta\omicron\upsilon\lambda(\epsilon\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon)$ referring to the father.

9. $\tau\omicron \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) $\mu\zeta \kappa\theta \beta$: each figure has two strokes after it, as has α at the end of l. 3; but the sign for $\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$ cannot be read. The 12th indiction is 353-4, and since the date-harvest is in the autumn, and indiction-years in Egypt generally began in the summer months Pauni or Epeiph, we formerly (in 1431. 5, n.) supposed that the 47th = 29th = 2nd year corresponded to the 12th indiction, i.e. began in the summer of 353 before Mesore 1 (July 25). Hence we regarded 307, 325, and 352 as the starting-points of the three years in question, and combining this with the evidence of 92, 1431, and 1575, in each of which the first two out of the three joint years mentioned were evidently reckoned on the same system as the first two years here, we were led to suppose the existence of local eras at Oxyrhynchus beginning in 307, 325, 334, 341, and 352 in addition to the two well-known eras of that city dating from 324 and 355, which continued in joint use down to the seventh century. Since then, however, much new evidence is available, and our views have been materially altered. An Oxyrhynchus papyrus to be published in P. S. I. vi, of which Professor Vitelli has kindly supplied us with the text, is dated in Phamenoth of the year after the consulship of [Sergius] and Nigrinianus (Feb.-March 351), and mentions $\tau\omicron\upsilon \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\omicron\omega\tau\omicron\varsigma \mu\epsilon$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$) $\kappa\alpha\iota \eta$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$), which implies 306 and 343 as starting-points, and suggests that the '47th year' in 1632 is 352-3, not 353-4. The reading $\mu\epsilon$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$) is, according to Vitelli, not absolutely certain, and the '8th year' fails to correspond to either the second or the third of the three joint years in 1632 (*v. inf.*); but that the 47th year in 1632 is 352-3, not 353-4, is rendered practically certain by P. S. I. 469, which is also from Oxyrhynchus. This is dated in the consulship of Optatus and Paulinus, Thoth 21 (Sept. 18, 334), and is a lease $\pi\rho\omicron\varsigma \mu\omicron\nu\omicron\nu\omicron \tau\omicron \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\omicron\delta\varsigma$ — | $\iota\alpha$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) β . Here the 11th and 2nd years are obviously calculated on the same system as the 13th and 4th years in 92, where the 31st and 13th years are clearly on the same system as the 47th and 29th in 1632. Vitelli restores the passage $\tau\omicron \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\omicron\delta\varsigma \kappa\theta$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) $\iota\theta$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) | $\iota\alpha$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) β , and regards the years as regnal, the 29th referring to Constantine I Augustus, whose years in Egypt are counted from his accession as Caesar in 306 before Choiak 4 (cf. 1750), the 19th to Constantine II Caesar, whose years are reckoned from his accession on March 1, 317 (Pauly-Wissowa, *Realenc.* iv. 1026), the 11th to Constantius Caesar, whose years are similarly reckoned from Nov. 8, 324 (*op. cit.* iv. 1045), and the 2nd to Constans Caesar, whose years are reckoned from Dec. 25, 333 (*op. cit.* iv. 948). There is no doubt that Vitelli's restoration $\kappa\theta$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) and explanation of the 29th, 11th, and 2nd years are correct, but whether the 19th year (of Constantine II) is to be restored is uncertain; for 92 mentions only three joint years (the 31st, 13th, and 4th), and omits the year of Constantine II. On the other hand in the earlier part of Constantine I's reign, when Licinius was also Augustus, mentions of Constantine II's years occur (e.g. P. Thead. 6), and in P. S. I. 316, another fourth-century lease from Oxyrhynchus, but not dated by the consuls, Vitelli reads in l. 4 [$\tau\omicron \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\sigma\tau\omicron\delta\varsigma$] $\kappa\gamma$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) $\kappa\alpha\iota \dots$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$) $\kappa\alpha\iota \epsilon$ ($\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\varsigma$). Here the 23rd and 5th years seem to refer to Constantine I and Constantius, and the undeciphered figure is probably $\iota\gamma$, referring to Constantine II. In any case the 47th and 29th years in 1632 are to be brought into line with the 23rd and 5th in P. S. I. 316, the [29th] and 11th in P. S. I. 469, the 31st and 13th in 92, the 32nd (?) and [14th] in 1575, and now the 41st and 23rd in 1751; and the 47th year in 1632 presumably refers to the same reckoning as the 45th year in the unpublished papyrus in P. S. I. vi.

The whole evidence of papyri concerning datings by numbered years other than indictions during the period from the defeat of Licinius in 323 to Julian's death is combined in the following table, which replaces that given in 1431. 5, n., where 92, 1431, and 1575 are placed a year too early. An asterisk denotes the papyri which are independently dated by the consuls. To show the connexion with the familiar 5th-7th century datings by eras at Oxyrhynchus a sixth-century specimen is added.

Starting-point of the yearly reckoning.

	Year	Day	306	316	324	333	340	343	351	355
P. S. I. 316	328-9		23	13?	5	..	..	..	..	..
*P. S. I. 469	334	Sept. 18	[29]	[19?]	11	..	..	..	..	..
92	336	Oct. 15	31	..	13	4	..	..	..	..
1575	338	May 26	32?	..	[14]	5?	..	..	..	..
1751	347	Feb. 17	41	..	23	14	..	..	..	..
1431	351	Jan. 4	45	..	27	..	11	..	..	..
*P. S. I. vi	351	Feb.-March	45	..	..	..	..	8	..	..
*1632	353	July 25	47	..	29	..	..	..	2	..
1056	360	Oct. 10	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	6
*1695	360	Dec. 19	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	6
1057	362	Feb. 9	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	7
*125	560	Dec. 13	..	..	237	..	..	..	..	206

The explanation of all these joint years is now clear with two exceptions. There is in the first place a general presumption that they are regnal years counted in the traditional style from Thoth to Mesore, as was observed in the earlier part of Constantine I's reign and in the joint reigns of Valens, Gratianus, Valentinian II, and Theodosius, now illustrated by 1752 (378) and 1041 (381). There is, moreover, some definite evidence (1116. 11-15; cf. 1431. 5, n.) that the year on the eras of 324 and 355 began on Thoth 1, and a comparison of the figures of the years in P. S. I. 469 (Sept. 18) and 92 (Oct. 15) with 1632 (July 25) indicates that the year on the eras of 306 and 324 began between July 25 and Sept. 18, i. e. on Aug. 29 (Thoth 1). This results in making the 'produce of the 12th indiction' in 1632 fall after the end of the 47th, 29th, and 2nd year; but there is no real difficulty in that conclusion. The 12th indiction had probably begun in May or June 353 before 1632 was written, so that the scribe could not speak of it as the *εἰσιοῦσης ἰνδικτίωνος*, which often occurs in this context, and since leases were often written soon after Thoth 1, it is not very surprising that the scribe (who was in any case not very exact) should speak of a lease 'for the current 47th, 29th, 2nd year', in spite of the fact that that year had only another month to run.

The numbers in the first column, dating from 306 as a starting-point, refer to the regnal years of Constantine I. P. S. I. 316 and 469 and 92 belonging to his lifetime, 1575, 1751, 1431, P. S. I. vi, and 1632 to the sixteen years following his death on May 22, 337 (Pauly-Wissowa, *Realenc.* iv. 1023). There was thus at Oxyrhynchus an era of Constantine I, but it lasted for only a short time, having been apparently abandoned by 360.

The numbers in the second column, dating from 316, refer to the regnal years of Constantine II, but the employment of these even during his lifetime seems to have been irregular, for while he died shortly before April 9, 340 (*op. cit.* iv. 1028), they are ignored in 92 certainly, in 1575 probably, and perhaps in P. S. I. 469. That the reckoning of them was not continued after his death is clear, but it is possible that the reckoning in the fifth column, starting from 340, is an era connected with that event; cf. p. 30.

The years in the third column, starting from 324, refer to Constantius, who died on Nov. 3, 361 (*op. cit.* iv. 1094), so that all the references to his regnal years in P. S. I. 316-1695 belong to his lifetime. The reckoning by them continued in common use at Oxyrhynchus after his death till the Arab invasion, thus forming an era, which was uniformly associated with another era reckoned by the regnal years of Julian; *v. inf.*

The years in the fourth column, starting from 333, refer to Constans, and all belong to his lifetime, his death taking place in Jan. 350 (*op. cit.* iv. 952).

To postpone for a moment the consideration of the fifth and sixth columns, which present great difficulties, the solitary example in the seventh column of a reckoning from 351 refers to Constantius (Gallus), who became Caesar under Constantius Augustus in 351 (*op. cit.* iv. 1066), and died in 354 (*op. cit.* iv. 1074) without becoming Augustus. It is true that there is an inconsistency between the 'second year' in 1632 and the statements of the *Consularia Constantinop.* and *Chron. Pasch.* (Mommsen, *Chron. Min.* i. 238) that the elevation of Gallus took place on the Ides of March 351; for if that date is correct, the new Caesar ought to have been recognized in Egypt before Thoth 1 (Aug. 29th), 351, so that July 25, 353, the date of 1632, would belong to his third, not his second, regnal year. The figure β is perhaps one of the mistakes which not infrequently occur in fourth-century datings in papyri (*v. inf.*; β for γ may be due to the occurrence of $\tau\delta\beta$ in the mention of Gallus' consulate in l. 3); but the evidence for March in preference to e. g. October or November 351 as the date of Gallus' elevation is not very strong. The *Consularia Constantinop.* mention the events of 351 out of their normal chronological order, referring to the battle of Mursa (on Sept. 28) before the elevation of Gallus; the *Chron. Pasch.* is decidedly confused about the chronology of this period, placing the battle of Mursa in 354, while Eutropius, x. 12. 2, Jerome, and Prosper (cf. Clinton, *Fasti Rom.* i. 420) place it before the elevation of Gallus. Hence there is not much difficulty in supposing that Eutropius was right in the sequence of events, and that the elevation of Gallus took place after the year 351-2 (the 28th of Constantius) had begun. In any case it is quite unnecessary to assume that the 'second year' refers to a local era at Oxyrhynchus distinct from any regnal year.

The years in the eighth column, starting from 355, refer to Julian, who became Caesar with Constantius as Augustus on Nov. 6, 355 (*op. cit.* iv. 1078), and Augustus on Nov. 3, 361 (*v. sup.*). After his death in 363 this reckoning along with that of Constantius Augustus remained in use at Oxyrhynchus until the Arab invasion. 1056 and 1695 both fall within the period when Julian was only Caesar; but 1057 belongs to his sole reign, and the view that his regnal years in Egypt started from his accession as Caesar is supported not only by the analogy of the datings by both earlier and later fourth-century emperors, but by the references to his death in his '7th year' in Socrat. iii. 21 and Eutrop. x. 16. This point is a matter of some interest; for in the previous absence of any contemporary evidence concerning the mode of reckoning Julian's years, P. Fay. 20, a rescript of an unnamed emperor on the *aurum coronarium*, dated on Pauni 30 (June 24) of his 1st year, was ascribed by Dessau (*Rev. philol.* xxv. 285) to Julian as against our ascription of it to Severus Alexander. Seeing that the dating in that papyrus is evidently Egyptian, Dessau's explanation comes into direct conflict with the new evidence, and since the handwriting of P. Fay. 20 certainly suggests an earlier date than 362, his view seems to be hardly tenable any longer, though the Severus Alexander date too is admittedly open to objections.

There remain to be explained the fifth and sixth columns, the 11th year reckoned from 340 in 1431 and the 8th year from 343 in P. S. I. vi, the two papyri being written in 351 within a few weeks of each other during the period when Constantius was reigning as Augustus alone after the death of Constans and before the elevation of Gallus to the rank of Caesar (*v. sup.*). In 1431 the other two joint years refer to the era of Constantine

and the regnal year of Constantius respectively, and present no difficulties; but in P. S. I. vi it is remarkable that the regnal year of the Augustus Constantius is ignored, the era of Constantine being the only other year associated with the mysterious '8th year'. These two isolated instances must be explained in one of three ways. (1) The analogy of the other datings at this period would lead us to expect that both the 11th and the 8th years refer to a reigning Augustus or Caesar. In the East in 351 no other Augustus than Constantius or other Caesar than Gallus is known, and, while neither of these is suitable, it is impossible in view of the well-known childlessness of the sons of Constantine I to suppose the existence of a Caesar ignored by the historians of this epoch. Hence if the 11th year in 1431 and 8th year in P. S. I. vi refer to a reigning Augustus or Caesar, the individual or individuals in question must have reigned in the West. There in the spring of 351 the state of affairs was much disturbed, and the constitutional position not quite clear. On Jan. 18, 350, Magnentius seized the purple in Gaul, and soon conquered Italy and most of the western provinces except Illyria, where Vetranio assumed the purple. Constantius at first recognized both Vetranio, who made his submission at the end of 350, and Magnentius, who towards the end of 350 elevated his cousin Decentius to the rank of Caesar. Constantius was not strong enough to attack the usurpers till the spring of 351, the decisive battle of Mursa taking place on Sept. 28 of that year (*op. cit.* iv. 1067). 1431 and P. S. I. vi therefore belong to the brief period when, owing to the recognition of Magnentius, a mention of him in Egyptian datings is possible; but there is the difficulty that the years in 1431 and P. S. I. vi are inconsistent with each other, and start from years (340 and 343) which have no apparent connexion with Magnentius and his family. How long Magnentius had been in Gaul prior to his revolt seems to be unknown, but he would certainly be expected to have reckoned his regnal years from 350, not earlier. Hence the reference of the 11th and 8th years to Magnentius as Augustus and one of his family as Caesar cannot be regarded as at all satisfactory, apart from the general improbability that in Egypt Magnentius' years were taken into account at all. (2) Another solution of the difficulty is to suppose that the 11th and 8th years refer to local eras observed at Oxyrhynchus starting from 340 and 343, but not merely, as in the case of the eras of Constantine I, Constantius, and Julian, forming a continuation of the regnal years of an Augustus after his death. Constantine II died shortly before April 9, 340 (cf. p. 28), and since his regnal years, though certainly ignored in 92 (336), were mentioned in earlier papyri (*v. sup.*), the 11th year in 1431 might be regarded as an era dating from his death. This hypothesis, however, is open to the grave objection that Constantine II's death occurred several months before Thoth 1 (Aug. 29), 340, so that the figure of an era dating from this event ought to have been at the date of 1431 12 not 11; for the 1st year ought to be April–August 28, 340, not a year ending Aug. 28, 341, as is implied in the case of the 45th and 27th years which are there associated with the 11th. Hence (3), so long as the figures 11 in 1431 and 8 in P. S. I. vi remain unsupported, it is probably safest to regard them as erroneous. Mistakes in figures in connexion with the very complicated system of dating employed in fourth-century papyri are frequent, e.g. P. Grenf. ii. 74. 7, where η is a mistake for ι , and P. Strassb. 43. 13, where $\pi\epsilon\mu\pi\tau\eta\varsigma$ $\iota\delta\iota\kappa\tau\iota\omicron\nu\omicron\varsigma$ is wrong. There is no reason to suppose that either the 11th or the 8th year refers to the current indiction (the 9th), and the simplest change is to alter both figures 11 and 8 to 18, and refer the year to Constans, on the hypothesis that for a time after his death his reign became an era like that of Constantine I. There is no doubt concerning the reading ω in 1431, and Vitelli is confident about the reading η in P. S. I. vi, but it is not very difficult to suppose a scribe's omission of an ι there between $\kappa\alpha\iota$ and η . Fresh light may, however, be expected from the unpublished fourth-century material from Oxyrhynchus, which is very large. In the meantime it is satisfactory that the era of Constantine I is established, and

the origin of the two principal Oxyrhynchite eras dating from 324 and 355 is explained. The Christians may have preferred the one, the pagans the other, but they were always used together, and it is remarkable that the memory of the Apostate should have been kept alive for three centuries.

10. *καρπών*: cf. l. 16, where the use of the singular is clear, and 1631. 21, n.

12. *ψαλίου*: the use of this word in a description of a place is not elsewhere attested, and it should perhaps be printed *Ψαλίον* as a name.

18. The traces of letters at the beginning of this line are irreconcilable with a number in hundreds, and the figures in l. 22 seem to be meant for $\frac{1}{3}$ of 8,000 talents, though the arithmetic is not quite exact; cf. ll. 21-2, n.

19-20. *βεβαιο[υμένης . . . ἐπι[δο]χῆς*: the readings of the faint traces are all rather uncertain, but this clause is usual at this point; cf. e. g. 102. 18, 103. 16.

21-2. *Βχξγ* 'B: $\frac{1}{3}$ of 8,000 talents is $2,666\frac{2}{3}$ talents, but the fourth figure is clearly γ , not ς . The fifth is very like the first and suggests 'B (2,000 drachmae) rather than 'Δ. The scribe seems to have regarded the remainder in the tens to be divided by 3 as 10 instead of 20, and so to have put $3\frac{1}{3}$ instead of $6\frac{2}{3}$. Whether three *δόσεις* were at regular intervals throughout the year, or were all made between Mesore (the month of the lease) and Hathur (the month of the date-harvest) is not clear. The remains of l. 23 rather suggest *παραδ[ώ]σω*, i. e. a clause referring to the return of the land in good condition (cf. e. g. 1631. 31), and in that case there is hardly room in l. 23 for a mention of later months. But in l. 21 the formula is unusual, and the restoration of ll. 21-3 is in the absence of a close parallel uncertain.

(c) Sales and Cessions.

1633. BID FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FROM THE STATE.

29.3 × 7.9 cm.

A. D. 275.

A bid from Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion (cf. 1631. 1, n.) for the purchase of unsold State land (l. 8, n.), which was originally private land but had been confiscated, perhaps on account of its being left unsown (l. 12, n.). Similar applications are 370 (probably the last word is to be restored *ὑποσ χέσεως*). 721, 835, 1188. 18-26 (the last three addressed to the idiologus), P. Amh. 68. 17-24, 97, and Brit. Mus. 1157 verso. i (iii. 110) (all three addressed to the strategus), SB. 5673; and cf. 513, a receipt for the repayment of the price of confiscated house-property to the first purchaser by a higher bidder. Those documents all belong to the first century, except P. Brit. Mus. 1157, SB. 5673, and 513, which are of the second century, so that 1633 is much the latest of the series. The formula presents some novelties, and, since the ends of lines are lost throughout, the restorations are in one or two places doubtful, especially as the Greek is poor and the constructions are liable to become confused (ll. 7-8, 28-30, nn.). One or two lines are missing at the beginning, so that the title of the official who is addressed is not preserved; but he was doubtless the strategus or basilico-grammateus, not the idiologus, for a docket appended by him to the end of the

application suits a local, not an Alexandrian, official, and in 513. 4 it is the strategus who gives the *κύρωσις*. The date of this docket, Mesore 30 (Aug. 23) of the 6th year of Aurelian, is important for determining the chronology of that emperor, and has already been discussed in 1476. int., p. 233.

- [πα-]
 ρ[ἄ] Αὐρηλίου Σε[ρ]ήνου τοῦ καὶ
 Σ[α]ραπίωνος τ[οῦ] Ἀ[γα]θείνου [ἀπὸ τῆς
 λαμπρ[ᾶ]ς καὶ [λα]μπροτάτη[ς] Ὁξυ-
 5 ρυγχειτῶν πό[λε]ως. βού[λομαι] ὑπερ-
 βαλεῖν Αὐρήλιον Σερήν[ον]
 κάμμωνος ὑποσ[χ]ομένου [πρὸς? ὠ-
 νὴν ἀπὸ ἀπ[ρά]των τῆς δι[οικη]σε-
 ως πρότερο[ν] Σαραπίωνος [τοῦ]
 10 Ζώιλου περὶ κώμην Παε[ῖ]μιν
 τοῦδε τοῦ νομοῦ ἐκ τοῦ Θ[. . . .] καὶ
 Μηνοδώρου κλήρων ἰδ[ιω]τικῆς
 ἀσπόρου ἀρούρας ἕξ, ἐκ δὲ τοῦ [.]
 κλέους ἀρο[ύρας] πέντε, τὰς ἐ[πὶ] τὸ αὐτὸ
 15 ἀρούρας ἑνδεκα, ἀκολουθῶ[ς] τοῖς γρα-
 φεῖσι ὑπὸ Ἰουλ[ί]ου Μονίμου τ[οῦ] κρατίστου
 διοικητοῦ, πρ[ο]σφέρων μ[εθ'] ἂς ὑπέ-
 σχετο ὑπὲρ τιμῆς δραχμᾶ[ς] ἑξακοσίας
 ἐξή[κοντα] τὰς τ[οῦ] ὑπερβ[ολίου]
 20 δρα[χ]μὰς ἑκα[τ]τ[ὸν] τεσσα[ράκοντα], ὥστε
 εἶνα[ι] τιμὴν σὺν ὑ[περ]βολίῳ [δραχμὰς
 ὀκτακοσί[α]ς,] ἄσπ[ε]ρ κυρωθε[ῖς] διαγρά-
 ψω ἐπὶ τὴν τ[οῦ] νομοῦ δη[μο]σίαν
 τράπεζαν σὺν τοῖς ἐπομ[ένοις]
 25 πρ[ὸς] τ[ὸ] μένειν ἔμοῦ καὶ τ[οὺς] παρ' ἐ-
 μοῦ μεταληψο[μ]ένους β[ε]βαίας ἀπὸ
 παντὸς καὶ κ[αθ]αρὰς ἀπὸ πά[σης] ἐπιβο-
 λῆς καὶ ζητή[σεω]ς· ἥτις κ[υρία] ἔστω?
 διὰ τὸ ἀπὸ τ[οῦ] τα[με]ίου (τὸ?) ὑπερ[β]όλιον τοῦ-?
 30 το βεβ[α]ί[ο]ν. [(ἔτους) 5 Αὐτοκράτορος
 Καίσαρος Α[ο]υκίου Δομ[ι]τ[τ]ίου Αὐρηλιανοῦ

Γερμα[ν]ικ[οῦ] Μ[ε]γίσ[το]ν Περ[σικοῦ] Μεγίστου
Γ[ο]θθικοῦ Μεγίστου Καρπικοῦ[ν] Μεγίστου
Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς Σεβαστ[οῦ] Μεσο[ρῆ] . .

2nd hand Αὐρή(λιος) Σ[ε]ρῆν[ος] ὁ κ[αί] Σαραπ[ίων]
36 ἐπιδέδωκα.

3rd hand δημ(οσία) προετέθη
καὶ κατεχω(ρίσθη)
(ἔτους) 5 Μεσορῆ λ.

7. ἵ. ὑποσ[χ]όμενον. 10. ζῶλλον. 11. ἵ. ἐκ τῶν. 16. ἴουλ[ί]ου. 25-6. ἵ. ἐμο[ί]
καὶ τ[οῖς] . . . μεταληψο[μ]ένοις. 30. ἵ. βέβ[α]ν[ο]ν?. 33. γ[ο]θ[θ]ικοῦ. 39. 5 corr.
from ε.

‘To . . . from Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion, son of Agathinus, of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus. I wish to outbid Aurelius Serenus son of . . . cammon, who promised to buy 6 arourae of private unsown land belonging to the unsold property of the Government, formerly owned by Sarapion son of Zoilus in the area of the village of Païmis in this nome in the holdings of Th . . and Menodorus, and 5 arourae in the holding of . . . cles, making 11 arourae in all, in accordance with instructions of his excellency the dioecetes, Julius Monimus, adding to the 660 drachmae, which Serenus promised for the price, 140 drachmae of the increase, making the price including the increase 800 drachmae, which sum I will pay on ratification to the public bank of the nome with the extra charges, in order that the land may remain the property of myself and my successors guaranteed against all risks and free from any imposition or inquiry, which offer is to be valid, because this increased bid is guaranteed from the Treasury (?).’ Date, signature of the applicant, and official docket ‘Publicly exposed and registered in the 6th year Mesore 30’.

5-6. ὑπερ]βαλεῖν: cf. l. 19, n., P. Halle 14. 3 ὑπερβεβλή[σθ]αί με ὑπὸ Πετενύριος, and 513. 25 ἔνεκα τοῦ ὑπερβεβλησθαι τὴν . . . οἰκίαν ὑπὸ σοῦ.

7-8. πρὸς? ὠ]νήν: after ὑποσ[χ]όμενον a sum would be expected, as in l. 17, but the accusative is ἀρούρας (l. 13). Apparently the scribe started the sentence with the intention of mentioning the higher bid, but proceeded as if he had begun with the usual formula in applications of this kind, βούλομαι ὀνήσασθαι.

8. ἀπ[ρά]των τῆς δι[οικήσε]ως: so 513. 7; cf. ἀπράτων τοῦ ἰδίου λόγου in B. G. U. 1091. 13. τὰ ἐν ἀπράτοις ὑπάρχοντα in B. G. U. 18. 4, ἐπιτηρη(τοῦ) ἀπρά(των) ὑπαρχ(όντων) in P. Ryl. 217. 11. The present passage confirms our translation of ἀπράτα in 513. 7 ‘unsold’, which is supported by Rostowzew, *Kolon*. 150, against Preisigke’s translation (P. Strassb. i, p. 55) ‘not for sale’.

10. Παε[ί]μν: cf. 1699, a contract for the purchase of house-property at this village by Aur. Serenus also called Sarapion, and 1629. 8, n. Παλ[ῶ]σιν and Παῶ[μ]ιν are inadmissible, though a Μηνοδώρου κλήρος at perhaps one of those two villages occurs in 1534. 2.

12. Μηνοδώρου: cf. the preceding n.

ἰδ[ιωτικῆς] ἀσπύρου: cf. B. G. U. 703. 8-9 ἰδ[ιω]τικῆς (so better than ἰδ[ιω]τικοῦ) σπο(ρίμου) ἄρ(ουραι) [. . .] ννὶ ἀσπύρου καὶ ἀβράχ[ου], P. Flor. 64. 7, 15, &c. ἰδ[ιω]τικῆς χέρ(σου) ἀσπ(ύρου). Land sold by the State generally belonged to the ὑπόλογον category (e.g. P. Amh. 68. 3). The circumstance that ἀσπύρον here immediately follows ἰδ[ιω]τικῆς, which refers to the

previous, not to the existing, condition of the land, suggests that the land in question was taken over by the State just because it was unsown by its owner.

15-17. ἀκολουθῶ[ς τοῖς . . . διοικητοῦ: this connects with ὑπερ]βαλεῖν in l. 5; cf. 513. 28 παραδεδοσθαι σοι ταύτην ἐξ ἐπιστο[λῆς τ]οῦ κρατίστου διοικητοῦ. On the dioecetae of this period see 1409 and 1412. intt.

19. ὑπερβ[ολίου: cf. l. 21, P. Tebt. 61 (δ). 408, 302. 14. The usual word is ἐπίθεμα: cf. P. Ryl. 97. 5, n.

24. ἐπομ[ένοις: cf. 513. 12, n.

27-8. ἐπιβ[ω]λῆς: cf. P. Ryl. 202. 1, n., Rostowzew, *Kolon*. 195, Oertel, *Liturgie* 103.

28. ζητή[σεω]ς: cf. 513. 45, 57 εἰν τις ζήτησις περὶ τούτου γένηται, . . . ἐγὼ αὐτὸς τούτο ἀναδέξομαι.

28-30. The last clause ἦτις κ[υρία κτλ. is something new, and cannot be restored with certainty in the absence of a parallel. We suppose ἦτις to refer to a word like ὑπόσχεσις or ἐπιδοχή understood (cf. e. g. 1630. 20), not to ζητή[σεω]ς. ἡ(σ)τινο[σοῦν ἄλλης could be read, but κ[υρία is very appropriate. τα[μεί]ον is very doubtful; ν or π, but not τ, can be read instead of ι. βεβ[α]ι[ο]ν seems to be a mistake for βέβαιον (εἶναι being understood), unless βεβαιοῦ(σθαι) was meant. The supposed second β is very insecure, being unlike the first.

32-4. The titles of Aurelian agree with those in 1455. 20-5, dated in Phaophi 21 of the 7th year.

37. προετέθ(η): cf. P. Amh. 85. 18 ἐν φαίνη(ται) προτεθῆναι τῆσδε τῆς μισθώσεως ἀντίγραφον ἐπὶ τὰς καθηκούσας ἡμέρας δέκα ὅπως μηδενὸς προσαγαγόν(τος) ἐπίθεμα μὲνη ἡμῖν ἢ μίσθωσις βεβαία κτλ.

1634. SALE OF MORTGAGED HOUSE-PROPERTY.

24.1 × 14.3 cm.

A. D. 222.

This papyrus, which is of considerable juristic interest, is a sale of house-property and building-land at Oxyrhynchus, which had been made security (κατοχή, l. 11, n.) for a loan from the purchaser to the vendors of 2 talents, 3,600 drachmae. The full price of the property being 3 tal. 3,600 dr., only the balance of 1 talent was actually paid. The only direct parallel for this in papyri is 1701, also a contract for sale of mortgaged (ἐπὶ ὑποθήκη) house-property, in which the balance was paid after deducting two loans with accrued interest. Usually, where a loan on mortgage was not repaid at the proper time, the creditor took possession of the hypothecated property after calling in the assistance of the government; cf. Mitteis, *Grundz.* 158-65, Schwartz, *Hypothek und Hypallagma* 67 sqq. In P. Brit. Mus. 1164 (k) (iii. 166; 212) a debtor cedes house-property to his creditor in place of the loan and interest, but there is no mention of a mortgage, and similarly there is none in C. P. R. 9 (270-1), where three χειρόγραφα of loans are cancelled as part payment of the purchase-money of house-property. As Rostowzew observes, there may be an indirect reference to such sales as 1634 and 1701 in the clause commonly found in loans on mortgage (e.g. P. Flor. 1. 8) μὴ ἐξέστω . . . πωλεῖν μηδ' ἐτέροις ὑποτίθεσθαι. Besides a few lines lost at the end, the beginnings of lines are missing

throughout. The length of the lacunae is considerable, amounting, if the restorations in ll. 5, 9, and 15-16 are correct, to about 107 letters in ll. 1-7, about 8 more letters being lost in ll. 9-10, 13, 16, 10 more in ll. 8, 11-12, 18-19, 22-3, 26-7, 13 more in ll. 14-15, 17, 20-1, 23 more in ll. 25-6, 25 more in ll. 27-31, and 30 more in l. 24. The general sense of the contract is, however, clear, and, though 1701 is also too incomplete to be of great assistance, much of the formula can be restored from the ordinary third-century sales of house and landed property from Oxyrhynchus, 1200. 14-43, 1208. 6-28, 1276, 1475. 10-40, 1697-1700, P. Giessen 100. At the end is appended a copy of a *συστατικόν* (l. 20, n.), which is here apparently an application to some official from one of the two vendors concerning the appointment of a representative to act for them, not a contract with such a representative like 1642-3; but it is hopelessly mutilated. The buyer, Claudia Isidora also called Apia, who also acts through an intermediary, is mentioned in several papyri of A.D. 218-22 (cf. 1630. 3, n.), and there is hardly any doubt that the reigning emperors (l. 20) were Elagabalus and Severus Alexander, the year being apparently the 5th, not the 4th (l. 11, n.). The handwriting, which distinctly suggests an earlier date in the third century than the reign of the Philippi, supports this view.

- 1 [*Ἀντίγραφον*] τρισσ[ῆ]ς ἐνγράφης ἀσφαλ[ε]ίας σὺν ταῖς ὑπὸ αὐτὴν ὑπογραφαῖς.
- 2 [— καὶ — θυγατέρες —νος γενομένου εὐθηνιάρχου τῆς λαμπροτάτης πόλεως τῶν Ἀλεξανδρέων καὶ ὡς ἐχρημάτιζεν Ῥωμαῖαι καὶ ἀσταί, ἐκατέρα δὲ
- 3 [διὰ τοῦ συσταθέντος κατὰ συστατικὸν γενόμενον —, ὡς διὰ τοῦ ὑποτεταγμένου ἀντιγράφου ὑπόκειται, Τίτου Αἰλίου Μαξίμου, Κλαυδία Ἰσιδώρα τῇ
- 4 [καὶ Ἀπία — θυγατρὶ —ου] καὶ ὡς ἐχρημάτιζεν διὰ Αὐρηλίου Σαρᾶ βουλευτοῦ τῆς Ὁξύρυχειῶν
- 5 [πόλεως καὶ ὡς χρηματίζει? χαίρειν. ὁμολογοῦμεν πεπρακέναι σοι ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν εἰς τὸν αἰεὶ χρόνον τὴν ὑπάρχουσαν ἡμῖν ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ πόλει ἐ]π' ἀμφόδου Χηνοβοσκῶν οἰκίαν λιθίνην καὶ αἶθριον ὑφ' ἃ κατὰ
- 6 [γειον καὶ τὰ τούτων χρηστήριτα —, ὧν γείτονες νότου —, βο]ρρᾶ σο[ῦ τῆς] Κλ[α]υδίας Ἰσιδώρας τῆς καὶ Ἀπίας, ἀπηλιώτου δημοσία ρύμη,
- 7 [λιβὸς —, καὶ ψειλοὺς τόπους —] [. μ]ένων, ὧν ὄλων γείτονες νότου πρότερον Σαραεῦτος

- 8 [—, βορρά —,] λιβδὸς δημοσία ρύμη, ἀπηλιώτου Ἑρωδιαίνης τῆς καὶ Σαρα-
 9 [πιάδος? τιμῆς τῆς συμπεφωνημένης πρὸς ἀλλήλους τῆς προκειμένης
 οἰκίας καὶ χρηστηρίων καὶ ψειλῶν τόπων ἀργυρίου Σεβαστῶν νομί-
 10 [ρίου τάλαντα τρία καὶ δραχμαὶ τρισχειλῖαι ἑξακόσιαι, — πρὸς? τάλαντα
 δύο δρ]αχμὰς τρισχειλῖας ἑξακοσίας ὀφειλόμενά σοι ὑφ' ἡμῶν
 11 [κατὰ ἀσφάλειαν? γεγонуῖαν — τῷ προδιεληλυ]θότι τρίτῳ ἔτει Θῶθ ἐπὶ
 κατοχῇ τῶν ὀνομάτων ἡμῶν
 12 [—, τὸ δὲ λοιπὸν τῆς τι]μῆς ἀργυρίου τάλαντον ἐν αὐτόθι ἀπεσχηκέναι ἡμᾶς
 13 [παρὰ σοῦ διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους —, καὶ παρῶν? ἐν τῷ Ὁξυ]ρυγχεῖτη
 ἐγὼ ὁ Αἴλιος Μαξιμίνοσ [τ]ῆ ἰδίᾳ μου πίστει ἀκο-
 14 [λούθως τῷ συστατικῷ? — κρατεῖν οὖν καὶ κυριεύειν σ]ε τῶν πωλουμένων
 σοι ἐγγαίω[ν κ]α[ι] ἀποφέρεσθα[ι τ]ὰ
 15 [ἐξ αὐτῶν περιεσόμενα πάντα εἰς τὸ ἴδιον ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ἔτους καὶ ἐξουσίαν
 ἔχειν χρᾶσθαι καὶ οἰκονομεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν ὡς ἐὰν αἰρήη,] ἄπ[ερ] καὶ
 ἐπάναγκον παρέξο[μέν σοι] καὶ τοῖς παρ[ὰ σο]ῦ πα-
 16 [ραλημφομένοις βέβαια διὰ παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων πάσῃ βεβαιώσει καὶ
 καθαρὰ ἀπὸ ἀπογραφῆς ἀνδρῶν καὶ γεωργίας βασιλικῆς καὶ οὐσιακῆς
 γῆς καὶ πα]ντὸς εἶδους καὶ ὀφειλῆς πά[σης] καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς οὐ[τινο]σ-
 17 [οῦν ἄλλου, — τάλαντα δύο?] καὶ δραχμὰς τρισχειλί[ας ἑξα]κοσίας, καὶ
 μη[δὲ]ν
 18 [ἐγκαλεῖν? — δεδ]αγικένοι ὑμῶν [. . .] [. . .]τα. περὶ δὲ τοῦ [. . .] [. . .]ς
 19 [—] σ[ο]ῖ τῇ Κλαυδίᾳ Ἰσιδώρᾳ τῇ καὶ [Α]πίᾳ, καὶ [. . .] δα[νε]ίου
 20 [— (ἔτους) ε] Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου Ἀντωνινοῦ Εὐσεβοῦς
 Εὐτυχοῦς καὶ Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου Σεουήρου Ἀλεξάνδρου Καίσαρος
 Σε]βαστῶν Μεχειρ κε. ἔστι δὲ τοῦ συστατικοῦ τὸ ἀντί-
 21 [γραφον — παρὰ —] . γος γενομένου εὐθηνιάρχου θυγατρὸς Ῥωμαίας
 22 [καὶ ἀστῆς — βού]λομαι ἀναγκαιότερων μ[ο]ν πραγμάτων χά[ρ]ιν
 23 [—]τ . . . [. . .]γτουτῆ Κλαυδίᾳ Ἰσιδώρ[α] τῇ καὶ Ἀπίᾳ διὰ
 24 [Αὐρηλίου Σαρᾶ βουλευτοῦ — οἰκίας καὶ αἰθρίου καὶ —] . η ψειλῶν
 τόπω[ν] ἐπὶ τ[οῦ]
 25 [Χηνοβοσκῶν ἀμφόδου? — βιβλιοφυλακ . . ? ἐ]μ[κτ]ήσεων τοῦ Ὁξ]υρυγχεί-
 του] ν[ο]μοῦ
 26 [—] τῆς ὄλη[ς] τειμῆς ἐ[ν] τρισὶ τ[α]λάντ[οις]

- 27 [καὶ δραγμαῖς τρισχειλίαις ἑξακοσίαις —] . σ πάντα . [.] . . αὐτοῦ πίστει
 28 [—] . τωτα σὺν [.] . κ]αταγράφουσι
 29 [— ψειλ]ῶν τόπων [.] . τ?]ῆς πίστεω[ς
 30 [—] . γος κα[.]]ηκα (ἔτους) εἰ
 31 [—]ωμαι δυ[.]
 32 [—]ωγ[.]

5 and 10. ὕφ. 13. ἴδια. 18. ὕμων. 19. ἰσιδωρα.

1-17. 'Copy of a deed of security written in triplicate with the signatures appended to it. . . . and . . . daughters of . . . n, late eutheniarch of the most illustrious city of Alexandria and however he was styled, Romans and citizens (of Alexandria), both acting through the representative appointed by a deed of representation made . . . , as stated below in the appended copy, Titus Aelius Maximus, to Claudia Isidora also called Apia, daughter of . . . and as he was styled, through Aurelius Saras, senator of Oxyrhynchus and as he is styled (?), greeting. We acknowledge that we have sold to you from the present time for ever the stone house and court, with a cellar underneath, and appurtenances . . . owned by us at the said city in the Gooseherds' quarter, . . . of which the adjacent areas are on the south . . . , on the north the land of you, Claudia Isidora also called Apia, on the east a public road, on the west . . . , and vacant ground . . . , of all of which the adjacent areas are on the south the land formerly belonging to Saraeus . . . , on the north . . . , on the west a public road, on the east the land of Herodiaena also called Sarapias (?), at the price agreed upon between us for the aforesaid house, appurtenances, and vacant spaces, 21,600 drachmae of Imperial silver coin, which make 3 talents 3,600 dr., . . . reckoned against (?) 2 tal. 3,600 dr. owed to you by us in accordance with a deed executed . . . in the last year but one, the third, Thoth, upon the security of our names . . . , and we have received from you on the spot from hand to hand in full the balance of the price, 1 talent, . . . , and I, Aelius Maximinus, being present in the Oxyrhynchite nome, by my own pledge in accordance with the deed of representation . . . You are therefore to possess and own the landed property sold to you, and appropriate all the profits obtained from it from the present year onwards, and have power to use and administer it as you choose, and we are bound to deliver it to you and your successors guaranteed always against all claims with every guarantee, and free from persons' property-returns and the cultivation of royal or patrimonial land, and from every obligation or debt of any kind and all other liabilities whatsoever. . . .'

1. ὑπογραφαῖς: cf. B. G. U. 710, a fragment of, apparently, a sale, with a *συστατικόν* appended in ll. 13-16 (cf. l. 20, n.) and numerous signatures following in ll. 17-31.

2. For the restoration of the initial lacuna cf. l. 21.

'Ρωμαῖαι καὶ ἀσθαί: the collocation, which is unusual, is probably intended, as Rostowzew observes, to distinguish the sisters, who belonged to a family of high standing, from the newly created Aurelii, who were not called 'Ρωμαῖοι (cf. Wilcken, *Chr.* 35. i. 9, n.).

3. [διὰ τοῦ συσταθέντος: 505 is arranged differently, the representative using the first person (as also happens here in l. 13) 'Ἐφελᾶς . . . συσταθεὶς ὑπὸ . . . κατὰ συστατικὸν γινόμενον διὰ τοῦ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ μνημονεῖον τῷ ἐνεστῶτι μηνὶ οὐ ἀντίγραφον ὑπόκειται: but cf. 715. 35 (an official docket) διὰ Ἰπποδ() γραμμα(τέως) συσταθ(έντος), and 1646. 22 and P. Gen. 44. 29 δι'

έμοῦ . . . ἀποσυσταθέντος. *συνεσταμένος* is also used, e. g. in 243. 1, and *συσυστανόμενος* in 727. 25. Cf. l. 20, n.

Μαξιμόν: in l. 13 he is called *Μαξιμίνος*. For Claudia Isidora see int.

5. καὶ ὡς χρηματίζει can be omitted, but cf. ll. 2 and 4. A shorter restoration, moreover, is not wanted; cf. ll. 15-16. *πεπρακέναι* is guaranteed by *πωλουμένων* in l. 14; cf. 1276. 5, 13, 1699. 13, 23. καὶ παραχωρηκέναι might be added after it, as in 1200. 17, 1208. 8, 1475. 13, in which case καὶ παραχωρητικοῦ could be added after *τιμῆς* in l. 9, as in 1208. 15, 1475. 24 (in 1200. 22 *τιμῆς* alone). But even in the third century it was an occasional practice to have distinct contracts for *πρᾶσις* and *παραχώρησις*; cf. 1636. int.

7-9. For καὶ ψειλοῦς τόπους cf. ll. 24 and 29, and for *τιμῆς . . . τόπων* cf. 1699. 8-9, 1701. 13-14.

10. *πρὸς* is merely a guess to express the sense and account for the accusative. 1701. 15 is equally incomplete. About 56 letters are lost between *έξακόσiai* and *τάλαντα*. P. Brit. Mus. 1164 (*k*). 8-10 has ἀνθ' ὧν προφέρεται ὁ Ἑρμι[ας ὀφείλεισθαι αὐ]τῷ ὑπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἰσιδώρου . . . δραχμῶν, C. P. R. 9 ἀντὶ τε ὧν ὀφείλω . . . δραχμῶν καὶ ὧν νυνὶ προσλαμβάνω, . . . δραχμῶν τρισχειλίῳν (ὧν καὶ αὐτόθι ἀπέσχον: cf. Rabel, *Zeitschr. d. Savigny-Stift.* xxviii. 313.

11. [κατὰ ἀσφάλειαν? *γεγονῆσαν* . . . : cf. 1701. 15-16 κατὰ ἀσφαλείους (l. -είας) δύο γεγονῆσας ἐπὶ ὑποθήκῃ τῶν [προκειμένων οἰκιῶν. Here ἐπὶ κατοχῇ τῶν ὀνομάτων ἡμῶν . . . corresponds to ἐπὶ ὑποθήκῃ in 1701, but the sense is probably not very different. *κατοχή*, which is a wider term than *ὑποθήκη*, is used with reference to a contract of the nature of a *ὑποθήκη* in 506. 49 ἐξόντος τῷ δεδανεικῶτι ὁπόταν αἰρήται κατοχὴν [αὐτῶν (sc. τῶν ὑπαρχόντων) . . .] ἴσισα[σθ]αι πρὸ τοῦ τῶν ἐγκτήσεων βιβλιοφυλακίου; cf. Schwartz, *op. cit.* 146-7. There may have been a reference to the registration of the *κατοχή* in the ἐγκτήσεων βιβλιοφυλακίου in l. 12; cf. l. 25, n.

τῷ προδιελθ[υ]θῶτι τρίτῳ ἔτει:] καὶ τρίτῳ and διελθ[όντι] τρίτῳ are inadmissible; the traces *σὺτ*, and *ι* is certain. The custom at Oxyrhynchus was to use the aorist not the perfect participle of *διέρχεσθαι* with *ἔτος*. Severus Alexander was not associated as Caesar with Elagabalus (cf. l. 20 and int.) until July 221 (*Prosopogr. Imp. Rom.* i. 215), i. e. near the end of the latter's 4th year, so that 1634, being dated on Mecheir 25 (Feb. 19), cannot belong to that year. The 5th year is also indicated probably by l. 30, where the sign for *ἔτος* seems to be connected with the following *ε*, not with the preceding *κα*.

12. If there was a reference to interest on the loan, it may have occurred here. In 1701. 18-20 the interest is reckoned separately and added to the capital, which was not done here.

13. *πιστεῖ*: cf. ll. 27 and 29, where this word recurs in obscure contexts. From the much discussed *ὡν ἔν πιστεῖ*, a kind of fiduciary sale (cf. P. Ryl. 160 (*c*). int.), 1634 is quite distinct.

14. *ἐπερωθηθεῖς* . . . ὠμολόγησα may well have occurred before *κρατεῖν*, as in 1698. 13, 1699. 12, P. Giessen 100. 14-15.

σ]: the usual order is *κρατεῖν σε καὶ κυριεύειν*, but *κυριεύειν* cannot be read, the vestige of a letter suiting only *ε* or *σ*. One of the two verbs may have been omitted.

15. For [ἐξ αὐτῶν . . . ἔτους cf. 1698. 15-16, P. Flor. 1. 7, and for *έξουσίαν* . . . αἰρή 1699. 15, P. Giessen 100. 17. Line 18 of the last-mentioned papyrus is to be restored ἄσπερ [καὶ ἐπίναγκον παρέξομαι . . .

16. Cf. e. g. 1699. 18, 1700. 13-14. P. Giessen 100. 15-17 should probably be read and restored διὸ ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν κρατεῖν σε καὶ κυριεύειν σὺν ἐκγύμοις καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομένοις τῶν πωλουμένων σοὶ ἀρουρῶν] καὶ . . ., with *οἰκονομεῖν* for *ἐπιτελεῖν*.

17-20. Here 1634 diverges from the usual formula of a sale, and evidently deals with the wiping out of the debt. καὶ ἐπερωθηθεῖς ὠμολόγησα may have followed ἄλλον in l. 17, but is more likely to have come in the lacuna in l. 19, especially if *περὶ δὲ τοῦ* [. . .] [. . .] (ἴρ[θ]ῶ] is possible) corresponds to the usual conclusion *περὶ δὲ τοῦ ταῦτα ὀρθῶς καλῶς γενέσθαι*

ἐπερ. ὠμολ. (c. g. 1698. 26). The rest of l. 19 may be part of a signature of the vendors or their representative. If ἐπερ. ὠμολ. occurred in l. 20 before the date, the Emperors' names there can hardly have been given in full, since they require 107 letters, and to this hypothesis there is the objection that the abbreviation of the titles of Elagabalus and Severus Alexander neither occurs in papyri of their joint reign, nor would be expected in a contract so elaborate as 1634.

20. συστατικοῦ: cf. B. G. U. 710. 13-16, where the remains indicate that the συστατικόν was a document similar to P. Grenf. ii. 71, SB. 4651, 4653 (all from the Great Oasis and using the third person in place of the second). The συστατικόν mentioned in 505. 2 (cf. l. 3, n.) is not preserved. The other third-century documents of this character, 1274, 1642-3, B. G. U. 1093, are ordinary χειρόγραφα, using the second person. The remains of ll. 21-32 do not contain anything corresponding to the usual formula of a contract with a representative, and the circumstance that this συστατικόν apparently began with a name in the dative followed by παρά and the name of one of the two vendors (cf. μ[ο]ν in l. 22) suggests that the person addressed was a high official (the praefect?), not the representative, who is, moreover, possibly alluded to in the third person in l. 27 (cf. n.). That a contract of representation of the usual character was appended to the application in the lost conclusion of 1634 is improbable. On σύστασις in general see Wenger, *Die Stellvertretung im Rechte der Papyri*.

22-3. βούλομαι is extremely doubtful. The word before κλαυδία would be expected to be an infinitive meaning 'sell' or 'cede'.]ντον or]ητον can be read, but suggests no suitable word.

25. Βιβλιοφυλακ . . . ἐ]ν[κτ]ήσεων: cf. l. 11, n., and for the registration of a κατοχή at the archives 713 (= M. Chr. 314).

28. κ]αταγράφουσι: cf. P. Flor. 56. 11, where a petitioner for the execution of a mortgage begins καταγέγρα(μμαι) κατὰ τὰ προ]τε]ταγμένα. For καταγραφή see 1636. 42-3, n.

30.]ηκα (ἔτους) ε: probably the 5th year (of Elagabalus and Severus Alexander), not the 21st year (of Caracalla), is meant; cf. l. 11, n. That the Emperors' names followed is unlikely, since the remains of l. 31 do not belong to a date.]ηκα therefore seems to be the termination of a perfect. The doubtful α of κα] can be λ, but no other letter.

1635. CESSION OF CATOECIC LAND.

14 × 11.3 cm.

44-37 B. C. Plate II.

A fragment of a cession (παραχώρησις) of catoecic land by a cavalry soldier in the reign of Cleopatra VI with Caesarion, i. e. in some year between her 9th and 15th. Near the end of her 8th year she was still associated with Ptolemy XV (1629. 1), and from her 16th year onwards she was associated with, probably, Antony (cf. 1453. 22, n.). The only extant datings of the period of association with Caesarion belong to the 11th year (1629. 1, n.). 26 letters are lost at the beginning of l. 1, which may have projected by 2 or 3 letters beyond ll. 2-15. At the ends of the lines about 50 letters are lost in ll. 1 and 13-14, 4 letters less in ll. 2-12, and 2 letters more in l. 15. No other Ptolemaic cession of catoecic land is extant, but the general construction and sense of 1635 can be restored from three Oxyrhynchus cessions of catoecic land in the earlier Roman

period, P. S. I. 320 (18), Ryl. 159 (31-2), and 504 (early 2nd cent.), which are more complete than 1635 and adhere closely to the Ptolemaic formula. In addition to (or possibly in place of) the usual *παρὰχωρητικόν* (504. 18) the acquirer of the land seems to have undertaken to pay the *βασιλικά*, i. e. taxes of various kinds (ll. 10-11, n.), with regard to which the owner was probably in arrears.

[Βασιλεόντων Κλεοπάτρας θεᾶς] Φιλοπάτορος καὶ Πτολεμαίου τοῦ κ[αὶ
Καίσαρος θεοῦ Φιλοπάτορος Φιλομήτορος ἔτους —, τὰ δ' ἄλλα τῶν
κοινῶν ὡς ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ γράφ]εται, μηνὸς Δύστρου καὶ Τῦβι ζ ἐν
[Ὁξύρυγχων πόλει τῆς Θηβαΐδος? ὁμολογεῖ —

[18 letters τῶν κατοίκων ἰππέων Σπαρτάκωι Πτολεμαίου Μα[κεδόνη —
[20 ,, παρακέ]χωρηκέναι αὐτῶι ἀκολουθῶς τοῖς ὠκο[νομημένοις διὰ
τῶν ἐκ τοῦ ἰππικοῦ ἀφ' οὗ ἐπεδέδωκεν ὁ

5 [10 letters ὑπομνήματος Ἀλε]ξάνδρῳ τῶν πρ[ώ]των φίλων καὶ πρὸς τοῖς
καταλοχισμοῖς τὰς ὑπαρχούσας αὐτῶι περὶ — τῆς —

[τοπαρχίας ἐκ τοῦ — κλήρου] κατοικικῆς γῆς σπορίμου ἐξ ὀρθογωνίου
ἀούρας —, ὧν

[μέτρα? ἀπὸ μὲν ἀπηλιώτου εἰς λί]βα σχοινία δύο ἢμισυ, ἀπὸ δὲ νότ[ου
εἰς βορρᾶν σχοινία —, γείτονες? —

[26 letters]ων, καὶ τὸν πρὸς ταύταις ἀνηγμένον —, ἵνα ὑπάρχωσι τῶι
Σπαρτάκωι καὶ ἐγγόνιοις καὶ

[τοῖς παρ' αὐτοῦ μεταλημψομένοι]σι αἱ προκείμεναι πρὸς οἷς ἔχει κλήρ[οις
καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις σημείοις καὶ? — κυρί-

10 [ὡς τὸν πάντα χρόνον ἀκολουθῶς] τοῖς περὶ τούτων προστεταγμένοις [καὶ
ἐπεσταλμένοις, ἀνθ' ὧν ἔλαβε παρὰ τοῦ Σπαρτάκου

[26 letters]του βασιλικῶν, καὶ τὰ κατὰ τὸν βίον ε. [— καὶ μηδὲν παρα-
συγγραφῆσειν μηδὲ κακο-

[τεχνήσειν μηδ' ἐγκαλέσειν περὶ] τῶν προκειμένων παρευρέσει μηδεμ[ιαί,
ἀλλὰ καὶ παντελῶς παρέξεσθαι τῶι Σπαρτάκωι

[αὐτὰς? διὰ παντὸς μὲν βεβαίας,] καθαρὰς δὲ ἀπ[ὸ] βασιλικῶν κα[ὶ] —

[26 letters] αὐτοῦ ἀνηκοντ[.] τουτ[ο] —

15 [27 ,,]ων κα[.] . [.] . π[] —

2. ζ corr. from λ. It is not quite certain that the correction is in a different hand.

1-2. For the restorations cf. P. S. I. 549. 2, 1629. 1-4.

3. Μα[κεδόνη: cf. 1628. 5, n. τῶν κατοίκων ἰππέων may have followed, and then οἱ δύο ἀγνῆς Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης, as in 1628. 8, 1629. 10.

4-5. Cf. P. S. I. 320. 5-7, Ryl. 159. 5-7, 504. 8-10, as restored in P. Ryl. 159. 5-7, n. (in the two last papyri *ᾠκονομημένοι* is to be restored in the place of *προστεταγμένοι*). The name lost is that of the owner of the land. 366 (probably 14-15, not 41-2), a fragment of a similar cession of catoecic land at Païmis, has *ὑπομνήματος* [τοι]ς παρὰ Ἡλιοδώρου καὶ Εἰρηναίου τῶν πρὸς τοῖς κατα[λοχισμοῖς] corresponding to l. 5.

5-6. Cf. P. S. I. 320. 9-10, Ryl. 159. 8, 504. 10-11. After the number of the arourae, which was probably small (cf. l. 7, n.), there may have been something corresponding to P. S. I. 320. 11-12 *σὺν τοῖς ἐπετησίαις ἐκ . . . [. . .] ἀγ[.] του γεωργοῦ μισθώσει*.

6-7. For *ὧν μέτρα* cf. e. g. P. Tebt. 383. 22. *διατεινούσας* can also be read on the analogy of e. g. B. G. U. 1037. 29. The other Oxyrhynchus cessions omit the *μέτρα*, but give the *γείτονες*, which were probably mentioned here in ll. 7-8; cf. l. 8, n.

7. *σχουία*: the *σχουίον* was the side of an aroura and 100 cubits in length. This piece of land was apparently oblong, and if the number of *σχουία* lost in the lacuna was *δύο*, the number of arourae was 5.

8. *ῶν*: perhaps *γείτονες δὲ δηλοῦνται διὰ τῶν περὶ αὐτῶν προκτήσεων οἰκονομῶν*; cf. 504. 12-13, where *δηλοῦνται* comes at the end.

8-9. For *ἵνα ὑπάρχωσι . . . μεταληψομένοις* cf. P. Ryl. 159. 14, 504. 13-14. Before *ἵνα* a word of 5 or 6 letters is sufficient. *τὸν πρὸς ταύταις ἀνηγμένον* probably refers to land of some kind 'recovered' for cultivation; cf. P. Tebt. 61 (b). 127 *ὑπολόγου ἀναχθείσης*, and the *πρόσθεμα* in P. Petrie 20. iii. 12-13. *τόπον*, suggested by Rostowzew, is perhaps better than *κλήρον*, though cf. l. 9 *πρὸς οἷς ἔχει κλήροις*, where the subject of *ἔχει* seems to be the person ceding the land. That phrase with the datives following corresponds to *σὺν τοῖς ἄλλοις τε[κμηρίοις]? . . . | (l. καὶ | σημείοις?)* in P. Ryl. 159. 15-16 and to *σὺν τοῖς ἄλλοις σημείοις καὶ | . . . θ . . . ποῖς* (not *τεκμηρίοις*) in 504. 15-16. The *σημεία* are more probably 'boundary-marks' than 'title-deeds' (the edd. of P. Ryl. 159 suggest both interpretations).

9-10. For *κυρίως . . . ἐπισταλμένοις* cf. P. Ryl. 159. 16-17, where there is a lacuna of about 9 letters between *ἐπ[ε]σταλμένοις* and *ἀνθ' ὧν*, and 504. 17, where the participles are *π[ροαν]αγραφομένοις* καὶ ἐπ[ε]σταλμένοις. Cf. the next n.

10-11. Cf. P. Ryl. 159. 18-19 *ἀνθ' ὧν ἔλαβε παρὰ τῆς Τα[ρχίτου] | (a sum in talents of copper?) τοῖς δέουσι καιροῖς (ἀπέχω τὸ παραχωρητικὸν occurs in the signature in l. 46), and 504. 17-20 [ἀ]νθ' οὗ ἀπέσχεν ἡ αὐτὴ Ἀ[φροδιτο]ῦς παρὰ τοῦ Φλαν[γίου] Ἀπίωνος παραχωρητικῶν ἀργυρίων Σεβασ[τοῦ νομίματος] χειλέων δρ[αχμῶν] ἐκ πλήρους μῆθεν παρασυγγραφῆσα[σαν] π[ερὶ] τοῦτο (?) τὴν ὁμολογοῦσαν κτλ. Two participles in l. 10 are quite enough (cf. the preceding n.), and after [καὶ ἐπισταλμένοις] there remain before [του] (Σπαρτάκου is inadmissible) about 55 letters to be accounted for. *ἀνθ' ὧν ἔλαβε* (or *ἀπέσχε*) *παρὰ* is practically certain, and if the end of l. 10 is rightly restored, there is room for e. g. [ταλάντων δύο καὶ τῶν]του βασιλικῶν (possibly *ὀφειλομένων ἐπ' αὐτῶν* with *ταλάντων* in the preceding line). *βασιλικά* here are clearly, as in l. 13, dues to the king, corresponding to what in Roman times were called *δημόσια* (cf. 504. 24). For this use of the term cf. P. Tebt. 29. 13-14 *τῶν ὑπο[κ]ε[ι]μένων τῆς χρή[σε]ως βασιλ[ικῶν]* and 140. 1 *λόγος βασιλικῶν καὶ δαπάνης*, O. G. I. 90. 13 *βασιλικά ὀφειλήματα*. The payment by Spartacus of the *βασιλικά* due from the person who makes the cession is, we suppose, supplementary to his payment of a *παραχωρητικόν*, but in l. 11 *ἀνθ' ὧν ἔλαβε παρ' αὐτῶν βασιλικῶν* might be restored, in which case the payment of the *βασιλικά* would take the place of a *παραχωρητικόν*, and there was some longer phrase than *ἐπισταλμένοις* in l. 10.*

καὶ τὰ κατὰ τὸν βίον ε . . . [: if καὶ μηδὲν . . . ἐγκαλέσειν, which is restored from P. Ryl. 159. 19-20, is right, the word beginning *ε . . . [* is probably a verb connecting with the following infinitives, the subject being the person who cedes the land, and a quite short word would suffice, for *τῶι Σπαρτάκῳ* may have been written after *ἐγκαλέσειν* (cf. P. Ryl. 159. 20). The

letter following ϵ seems to begin with a vertical stroke, i. e. π , ν , ι , or κ . *κατὰ τὸν βίον* is more likely to mean 'for his lifetime' than 'for his livelihood', but in the absence of a parallel the context remains obscure. It is difficult to connect *καὶ τὰ κατὰ τὸν βίον* with what precedes without altering the text.

12-13. For *ἀλλὰ καὶ . . . βεβαίως*] cf. P. Ryl. 159. 21-3, 504. 21-3.

13. [*βασ*]δικῶν: cf. ll. 10-11, n.

14-15. The remains of these two lines do not correspond to the formula of P. Ryl. 159. 24-8, 504. 24-9.

1636. CESSION OF LAND.

35 × 11.2 cm.

A. D. 249.

A contract for the cession (*παραχώρησις*, l. 33) of $\frac{1}{3}$ aroura of corn-land at Scruphis, a village in the Western toparchy (1285. 71), from Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion (cf. 1631. 1, n.), in return for 400 drachmae. This is the first clear example from Oxyrhynchus of a third-century cession as distinct from a sale. In 1200. 16, 1208. 8, and 1475. 13 *πεπρακέναι* and *παρακεχωρηκέναι* are combined. The land is not stated to have been catocetic, but since it formed part of a *κλήρος* it may have belonged to that category, like the lands which are the subjects of contracts of *παραχώρησις* in e. g. C. P. R. 6 (238) and B. G. U. 94 (289). In place of the usual signature of the person ceding the land there is the signature of the other party, acknowledging the cession, which is here called a *καταγραφή*. 1704 (298) is apparently another contract of cession, but with a somewhat different formula, in which there seems to be no mention of a price. 1703 (3rd cent.) is the beginning of a similar contract, but with *καταγεγραφέναι* as the principal verb. 1702 (290) may be a sale or cession or both combined, but the fragmentary P. Giessen 51 (202; also from Oxyrhynchus), where in l. 6 τοῦ *καταγραφ[ομένου]* refers to the object of the contract, is probably parallel to 1703 rather than a sale. The bearing of the new evidence concerning *καταγραφή* is discussed in ll. 42-3, n.

[*Ἀυρήλιος*] *Σερήνος ὁ καὶ Σαραπίων Ἀγαθείνου*
 [*μητρὸς Τ*] *αποσειριάδος ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως*
 [*Ἀυρήλι*] *ῶ Πανεσνεῖ Πτόλ[λι]δος μητρὸς Ἀν-*
 [*.*] *ἰς ἀπὸ κώμης Σερούφως χαίρειν.*
 5 [*ὁμολογῶ*] *παρακεχωρηκέναι ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν*
 [*εἰς τὸν ἀεὶ*] *χρόνον ἀπὸ τοῦ ὑπάρξαντός μοι ἀγορα-*
 [*στικῶ δικ*] *αἰῶ περὶ [τ]ὴν αὐτὴν Σερούφιν ἐκ τοῦ*
 [*.*] *ἰς κλήρου διμοίρου μέρους σειτικῆς*
 [*ἀρούρης μ*] *ἰᾶς ἐ[ν θ]ρούοις μεθ' ὃ ἀ[πε]δόμην υἱοῖς*

- 10 [Αύρηλ(ίου) Σ]ωπίω[νο]ς γυμνασιάρχ(ήσαντος) τ[ῆ]ς αὐτῆς πόλεως
 [καὶ] . ημι Στε[φά]νου γυμνασιάρ[χ(ήσαντος)] τῆς αὐτῆς πό[λεως]
 [τρίτον μέρος τὸ λ[ο]ιπ[ὸν] τρίτον μέρος πρότερον
 [Κατιλλιανο]ῦ τοῦ καὶ Οὐάρου, ἧς ὄλης γείτονες νότου
 [.], βορρᾶ γύης, ἀπηλιώτου ἐτέρων ιδιωτικῆ,
- 15 [λι]β[δ]ς [σοῦ τοῦ] παραχωρουμένου, τὰς δὲ συμπεφω-
 [ν]ημένας πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὑπὲρ παρα[χ]ωρητικῶ
 τοῦ αὐτ[οῦ] μ[έ]ρο[υ]ς τρίτου ἀ[ρ]γυρίου Σ[ε]βαστοῦ νομίσ-
 [μ]ατος δ[ραχ]μὰς τετρακο[σ]ία[s] αὐτ[ό]θι ἀπέσχον
 [π]αρὰ σοῦ παραχρῆμα διὰ χ[ειρ]ός, καὶ ἐπά[να]γκες
- 20 παρέξο[μαί] σοι κ[αὶ] ἐ[κ]γόνους [κ]αὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μετα-
 [λ]ημψομένοις τ[ὸ] τῆς ἀρούρης τρίτον β[έ]βαιον
 [ἀ]πὸ τοῦ ἐμοῦ ὀνό[μα]τος καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς τοῦ ἐξ ὀ-
 [ν]όματός μου ἐπελε[υ]σομένου σοι, ἀρκουμένου σοι
 τῆ εἰς με ἀπὸ τ[οῦ] προτεταγμένο[υ] μου προκτήτο-
- 25 [ρ]ος {μου} Κατιλλια[νο]ῦ τοῦ καὶ Οὐάρου τ[οῦ] αὐτοῦ ἀρού-
 [ρ]ης τρίτου βεβ[αι]ώσει, ὅπερ καὶ παρέξομαί σοι
 [ἀ]πὸ τῶν ὑπὲρ αὐτ[οῦ] τελουμένων δημοσίων
 καὶ ἐπιμε[ρ]ισμῶν παντοίων τῶν μέχρι τοῦ
 διελθόντος 5 (ἔτους) καὶ αὐτ[οῦ] τοῦ διελθόντος 5 (ἔτους) διὰ τὸ
- 30 τὰ ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνεστῶ[τ]ος α (ἔτους) τούτου πρόσφορα εἶναι
 σοῦ τοῦ παραχω[ρ]ουμένου, πρὸς ὃν καὶ εἶ[ν]αί
 τὰ ἀπὸ τοῦ αὐτοῦ α (ἔτους) δημόσια παντοῖα. κυρία
 [ἡ] παραχώρησις [δ]ισσῆ γραφεῖσα, ἣν ὀπηνίκα
 ἐὰν αἰρῆ δημοσιώσεις δι[ὰ] τοῦ καταλογείου, οὐ
- 35 προσδεόμενος μεταλήψεως μου διὰ τὸ ἐν-
 τεῦθεν εἶ[δ]οκεῖν με τῆ ἐσομένη ὑπὸ σοῦ
 δημοσιώσει, περὶ δὲ τοῦ ταῦτα οὕτως ὀρθῶς
 καλῶς γενέσθαι ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὑπὸ σοῦ ὠμολόγησα.
 (ἔτους) α Ἀυτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Γαί[ο]ν Μεσσίον
- 40 Κύντο[υ] Δεκίου Τραιανοῦ Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς
 Σεβαστοῦ Χοίακ α.

2nd hand [Αύρ]ήλιος Πανσενεὺς Πτόλλιδος ἔσχον τὴν κα-
 [ταγραφῆ]ν ὡς πρόκειται, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς

[ὁμολόγησ]α. Αὐρήλιος Θέων ὁ καὶ Ἀσκληπιά-
 45 [δης ἐπικαλ]ούμενος Ζώϊλος ἔγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ
 [μὴ εἰδότης γ]ράμματα.

23. 1. σου for σοι after ἀρκουμένου. 27. δημοσιῶ. 45. ζώϊλος.

‘Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion, son of Agathinus and Taposirias, of Oxyrhynchus, to Aur. Panesneus son of Ptollis and An . . ., of the village of Seruphis, greeting. I acknowledge that I have ceded to you from the present time for ever from my property by right of purchase in the area of the said Seruphis in the holding of . . ., consisting of the $\frac{2}{3}$ part of 1 aroura of corn-land overgrown with rushes, after deducting the $\frac{1}{3}$ part which I sold to the sons of Aurelius Sotion, ex-gymnasiarch of the said city, and to . . . son of Stephanus, ex-gymnasiarch of the said city, the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ part formerly owned by Catillianus also called Varus, of all of which the adjacent areas are on the south . . ., on the north a field, on the east private land of other persons, on the west land of you, to whom the cession is made, and I have received on the spot from you straightway from hand to hand the sum agreed upon between us for the cession of the said $\frac{1}{3}$ part, 400 drachmae of Imperial coin, and I am bound to deliver the $\frac{1}{3}$ aroura to you and your descendants and successors guaranteed from claims made against you in my name or by any other person in my name, you being satisfied with the guarantee of the said $\frac{1}{3}$ aroura which I received from my above-mentioned predecessor, Catillianus also called Varus, which land I am also to deliver to you free from the taxes paid upon it and imports of all kinds up to the past 6th year and including the said 6th year, because the profits of it from the present 1st year onwards, belong to you, to whom the cession is made, who are also responsible for the taxes of all kinds from the said 1st year onwards. This deed of cession, of which there are two copies, is valid; and whenever you choose you are to publish it through the record office without requiring my concurrence, because I hereby agree to the publication to be made by you; and having been asked by you the formal question whether this is done rightly and fairly I gave my consent. The 1st year of the Emperor Caesar Gaius Messius Quintus Decius Trajanus Pius Felix Augustus, Choiak 1. 1, Aur. Panesneus, have received the conveyance, as stated above, &c.’

11. γυμνασιαρ[χ(ήσαντος)]: ὁ γυμνασιαρ[χ(ήσαντι)].

13. [Κατιλλιανο]ῦ τοῦ καὶ Οὐάρον: cf. l. 25. Κατίλλιος Οὐάριανός in 1201. 16, who died in 258, is possibly the same person.

21. β[έ]βαιον: in 1475. 29 βέβαια καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ μόνου τοῦ ἡμετέρου ὀνόματος κτλ.; cf. 1702.

11. There is also an ellipse of καθαρὸν, as often, before ἀπό in l. 27.

23-5. ἀρκουμένου . . . προκτῆτο[ρ]ος: cf. 1475. 30, 1702. 12-13.

29. 5 (ἔτους): sc. of the Philippi.

41. Χοΐακ α: this date (Nov. 28) is the earliest mention of Decius in Egypt. The Philippi entered on a 7th year in Egypt, as is proved by P. Brit. Mus. 950-1 (no month) and coins; but Decius was Augustus on Oct. 16, 249, according to Cod. Justin.

42-3. ἔσχον τὴν κα[ταγραφὴ]ν: i. e. ‘the conveyance has been made to me’: cf. 1704. 25, and on καταγραφὴ in general Mitteis, *Grundz.* 177-8. His remarks require modification in the light of the new evidence (cf. int.); for καταγράφειν is now known from 1703 to occur in third-century contracts of cession, and καταγραφὴ in the signatures of 1636 and 1704 means not the contract by which the land is conveyed, but, as is indicated by ὡς πρόκειται, the actual cession itself, so that it is something more than a ‘relationsweiser Ausdruck für die Auffassung’. But the new evidence supports Mitteis in his rejection of Preisigke’s view

(*Girozesen* 441) that *καταγραφή* refers to registration in the public archives. A better discussion of the term has now been provided by Partsch in his commentary on P. Freiburg 8, a contract for the sale of slaves in 143, which mentions *περὶ καταγραφῆς συγχωρήσεις*. He explains *καταγραφή* not as 'Niederschrift' (so Mitteis), but as 'die rechtsgeschäftliche Anerkennungserklärung die der Veräusserer in der Urkunde abgibt'. For *καταγραφῆς τέλη* see 1697. 33 and n.

(d) *Divisions of Property.*

1637. DIVISION OF LANDED PROPERTY.

27.6 × 11.6 cm.

A. D. 257-9.

On the verso of 1531, a taxing-list of payments in corn, is a much abbreviated copy of a contract for the division of landed property in the Oxyrhynchite and Hermopolite nomes among five persons, including a brother and sister (ll. 1-2) and probably two brothers (ll. 5-6). How the property, which is described in quite general terms as an *οὐσία*, came into the possession of the contracting parties does not appear: it was divided by the contract into two halves, of which one was assigned to the three men in proportions which are not preserved, the details (ll. 19-20) being for the most part omitted, while the other half was assigned to the two women, who receive $\frac{3}{8}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ respectively of the whole, the details (ll. 27-36) presenting some new geographical information. All the parties to the contract were acting with or through some one else, and the technical distinctions of phraseology with regard to various kinds of guardianship are noticeable (l. 3, n.). The division was made in accordance with the decision of a judge appointed by Mussius Aemilianus, who was first vice-praefect and then praefect in 257-9 (l. 9; cf. 1468. 1-2, n., and Lesquier, *L'armée romaine* 517). The title of this judge, a centurion who was *princeps* of the praefect's staff, is of some interest (l. 10, n.). The writing reaches the end of a column, but may have been continued in a second column, for the papyrus is broken vertically on the right-hand side, and the ends of lines are missing throughout. That the length of the lacunae sometimes extended to 15-20 letters is indicated by practically certain restorations in ll. 17-18 and 24; but some lines (e.g. 12, 14, 22) were probably shorter, and abbreviations may have been used more extensively than we have supposed. The writing becomes larger towards the bottom of the column. Other contracts from Oxyrhynchus concerning division of property are P. Ryl. 156 (1st cent.), 503 (118), 1278 (214), 1638 (282); cf. also 1721 (187).

[Ὁμολογο]ῦσιν ἀλλήλοις Αὐρήλιου Ἀμμωνιανὸς καὶ ἡ τοῦτο[υ ὀμοπατρία
καὶ ὀμομη(ρία)?

[ἀδελφῆ] Ἑρακλειδαίαινα ἀμφότ(εροι) Ἀύρηλ(ίου) Ἑρακλείδου γεν[ο(μένου)]
17 letters

[ὁ μὲν Ἀμμωνιανὸς μετὰ κουράτορος Ἀύρηλ(ίου) Πασίωνος [18 letters
[.] πόλ(εως) καὶ ὡς χρη(ματίζει), ἡ δὲ Ἑρακλειδαίαινα μετ'
ἐπιτρόπ[ου 16 letters

5 [τῆς Ὁξύρυγ]χιτῶν πόλεως, καὶ Ἀννιανὸς ὁ καὶ Ἑρακλειανὸς καὶ [Πασίων
ὁ καὶ Ἀπολλώνιος) ἀμφότ(εροι) ?

[.] τοῦ καὶ Ἀπολλωνίου) δι(ὰ) Παθερμουθίου τοῦ καὶ Σιλβαν[ο]ῦ
[. καὶ Ἰσεῖς

[. . .] [ι.]φίλου χρη(ματίζουσα) χωρὶς κυρίου τέκνων δικαίῳ πα[ρόντος καὶ
εὐδοκ(οῦντος) τοῦ

[ἀ]νδρὸς αὐτῆς Ἀύρηλίου Ἐπιμάχου γενο(μένου) εὐθη(νιάρχου) βουλ(ευτοῦ)
τῆς λαμπ(ρᾶς) [16 letters δι-

ηρήσθαι πρὸς ἑαυτοὺς ἐξ ἐνκελ(εύσεως) τοῦ λαμπ(ροτάτου) Μουσσίου Αἰμι-
λ(ιανοῦ) διὰ κριτοῦ τοῦ ?

10 δοθέντος Δημητρίου (έκατοντάρχου) τοῦ ἀξιο(λογωτάτου) πρίγκιπος τῆς
ἡ[γεμονίας] ἐκ συμφά(νου)

καὶ ἴσου μερισμοῦ τῆς οὐ[σί]ας καὶ λελογχέ(ναι) κ[οι]νῆ τὰ ὑπογεγραμμένα
ὑπάρχοντα ὄντα περὶ τὸν Ὁξύρυγχιτήν καὶ Ἐρμοπολείτ[ην] νομὸν ,
καὶ λελογχέ(ναι) κοινῆ τὸν μὲν Ἀύρηλ(ιον) Ἀμμωνιανὸν κατὰ μέρος ', τὸν
δὲ Ἀννιανὸν καὶ Πασίωνα τὸν καὶ Ἀπολλώνιον κατὰ μέρος ',

15 ὡς εἶναι μέρος ἡμισυ τῆς πάσης οὐσίας. ἥς δὲ [συνέλαχον γῆς οἱ προ-
κ(εῖμενοι) ?

τὸ καθ' ἓν τῆς τοποθεσίας διὰ τῶν ὑπογεγραμμένων [ὑπαρχόντων] ?

δηλοῦται. ἔστι δὲ ὧν συνέλαχον εἰς τὸ καθ' αὐ[τοὺς] ἡμισυ μέρος οἱ περὶ
τὸν Ἀύρηλ(ιον) Ἀμμωνιανὸν καὶ Ἀννιανὸν τὸν καὶ Ἑρακλειανὸν καὶ Πασίωνα
τὸν καὶ Ἀπολλώνιον τῶν ὑπαρχ(όντων) τὸ καθ' ἓν περὶ κώμην

(ἀρούρας) . . .

20 Ὁξύρυγχιτοῦ) νομοῦ περὶ κώμην Χῦσιν ὡς ἐκεῖ δεδήλ(ωται), καὶ [περὶ]
17 letters

καὶ τὰ ἐξῆς.

τὴν δ' Ἑρακλειδαίαιναν κατὰ μέρος δ' ἡ' καὶ τὴν Ἰσεῖν [κατὰ μέρος ἡ',
ὡς εἶναι καὶ τούτων τὸ λοιπὸν ἡμισυ μέρος] τῆς [πάσης οὐσίας, καὶ ?
ὁμοίως λελογχέ(ναι) ἐκ συμφά(νου) ὁμοίως καὶ ἴσου μερισμοῦ τῆς οὐσίας

25 τὰ ὑπογεγραμμένα ὑπάρχ(οντα), ὧν τὸ καθ' ἓν τῆς [18 letters

γῆς τοποθεσίας διὰ τῶν ὑπογεγραμμένω[ν ὑπαρχόν-?

των δηλοῦται. ἔστι δέ · π(ερί) Ἰβιωνα Χύσ[εως (ἀρούρας) . . , Ὁξ(υρρυχίτου)
νομοῦ?

[ἐ]ν μὲν τῇ ἄνω τοπ(αρχία) μετ' ἄλλα, καὶ π(ερί) Θῶλθιν Ἄρταπ[άτου
ἀμπελικὰ

[κ]τήμ(ατα) β καὶ καλ(αμείας) καὶ ἐποίκ(ια) καὶ χρησ(τήρια) καλ(άμυνα)
Ἄρταπ(άτου) [δι(ὰ)

30 (ἀρούρας) κζδ' ἡ' ἰς' καὶ τὰς συνμισθ(ουμένας) τοῖς κτή(μασι) σι(τικὰς) (ἀρούρας)
[.

[κ]αὶ π(ερί) Παεῖμιν δι' Ἀντᾶ Ὡρου (ἀρού.) ι, καὶ δι(ὰ) [.
(ἀρού.) . . ,

[κ]αὶ δι(ὰ) Φαῦλλον (ἀρού.) ια, [[καὶ]] δι(ὰ) δὲ Ζωίλου (ἀρού.) ι, δι(ὰ) [δὲ
. (ἀρού.) . . ,

[κ]αὶ π(ερί) Ἀντιπέρα (Πέλα) δι(ὰ) Ἰούστου καὶ μετόχ(ων) (ἀρού.) λα, καὶ
δι(ὰ) Παθερ-?

μουθί[ο]ν (ἀρού.) ιβη' [καὶ δι(ὰ)] Ερ[.] (ἀρού.) βλδ', [.

35 [. . .] π · [.] · [. . . μετ' ?] ἄλ[λα πα]ραλειφθ[έντα ?

[. . .] · [24 letters] τι α[.

10. δημητριου ρ̄. 11. ἴσου. 12. ὑπαρχοντα; so in l. 25. 19. ο of τον corr.
22. ἴσειν. 24. ἴσου. 27, 28, 31, 33. π'. 33. ρ of αντιπερα corr. from (or to?) λ.

1-31. 'The Aurelii Ammonianus and his sister on his father's and mother's side Heraclidiaena, both children of Aurelius Heraclides, late . . . , Ammonianus acting with his *curator*, Aur. Pasion . . . and as he is styled, Heraclidiaena with her *tutor*, . . . of Oxyrhynchus, and Annianus also called Heraclianus and Pasion also called Apollonius, both (?) sons of . . . also called Apollonius, through Pathermuthius also called Silvanus . . . , and Iseis daughter of . . . philus, acting without a guardian by the *ius liberorum*, in the presence and with the consent of her husband Aur. Epimachus, late eutheniarch and senator of the illustrious . . . , acknowledge that they have divided among themselves by the command of his excellency Mussius Aemilianus through the appointed judge, Demetrius the centurion, the most honourable *princeps* of the praefecture, by a harmonious and just division of the estate, and have had assigned to them in common the appended properties, situated in the Oxyrhynchite and Hermopolite nomes . . . , and have had assigned to them in common, Aurelius Ammonianus for his share . . . , Annianus and Pasion also called Apollonius for their share . . . , making a half share of the whole estate. Details of the situations of the land jointly obtained by the aforesaid persons are given in the appended properties. Details of the properties which the party of Aur. Ammonianus and Annianus also called Heraclianus and Pasion also called Apollonius obtained jointly for their half share are as follows: in the area of the village of . . . arourae; in the Oxyrhynchite nome in the area of Chusis what is there stated, and in the area of . . . , and so on. And Heraclidiaena has had assigned to her for her share $\frac{3}{8}$ and Iseis for her share $\frac{1}{8}$, this making the remaining half share of the whole estate, and they have likewise obtained by a likewise harmonious and just division of the

estate the appended properties ; of which the details of the situations are given in the appended properties. These are: in the area of Ibion Chuseos . . . arourae ; in the Oxyrhynchite nome in the Upper toparchy, &c. and in the area of Tholthis Artapatou 2 vineyards and reed-plantations and farmsteads and appurtenances of the reed-plantations at Artapatou, cultivated by . . ., 27 $\frac{7}{16}$ arourae, and . . . arourae of corn-land which are leased with the vineyards ; and in the area of Païmis, cultivated by Antas son of Horus, 10 arourae . . .'

3. μετὰ κουράτορος : on the distinction between κουράτορες and ἐπίτροποι as guardians of orphans see 888. 3, n., Mitteis, *Grundz.* 248. *Curatores* were for those under 25 years, *tutores* for those below the age of puberty (14), though the distinction is not always observed so nicely as here. κύριος (l. 7) applies only to a *tutor* for women. A different relationship is presumably implied in l. 6, where διά, not μετὰ, is the preposition, and [φροντιστοῦ may be the word lost after Σιλβα[ο]ῦ; cf. e.g. 1686. 2. φροντιστής (cf. Mitteis *l. c.*, P. M. Meyer, *Griech. Texte*, p. 57) is often used practically in the sense of *tutor* or *curator*, but here might correspond, as often, to *procurator*, for διά indicates a representative or agent of some kind. In 1645. 2 a woman acts δι' ἐπιτρόπου, whereas here μετὰ is the preposition in l. 4.

6. The lacuna after Σιλβα[ο]ῦ may be filled by [φροντιστοῦ (cf. l. 3, n.) or a patronymic or an official title.

7. πα[ρ]όντος καὶ εἰδοκ(οῦντος) : the combination of these two participles is common, and cf. P. Gen. 11. 3 (350) συνεστῶτος . . . καὶ συνευδοκοῦντος. παρών is here equivalent to συμπαρών or συνεστῶς, on which terms see Wenger, *Stellvertretung* 179-81, Castelli, S. A. M. i. 50-6. After the general introduction of Roman citizenship a κύριος could be dispensed with, but Egyptian tradition maintained the custom of a woman having a kind of acting κύριος.

9. For διὰ κριτοῦ cf. 1195. 1 κριτῆ δοθέντι ὑπὸ . . . τοῦ κρατίστου ἡγεμόνος, Mitteis, *Ber. d. Sächs. Gesellsch.* 1910. 124, *Grundz.* 43. Where the judge was appointed by agreement between the parties, not by the praefect, κριτῆς καὶ μεσίτης is found.

10. (ἐκατοντάρχου) . . . ἡγεμονίας : cf. 1722. 1 (about the reign of Diocletian) πρί]γκιπι τοῦ διασημοτάτου ἡγουμένου Αἰγύπτου, and the *centurio princeps* in 1424 (about 318). No instance of *princeps* is quoted in Lesquier's index of *L'armée romaine*. Rostowzew compares Cagnat, *Inscr. Gr. ad res Rom. pert.* iii. 1230 (Arabia; 185 or 231) ἐκατονταρχον λεγ(ιῶνος) δ' Σκυθικῆς πρίγκιπα [. . . .] 'Ιουλ(ίου) Σατορνεῖνου [πρεσβ(ευτοῦ) Σεβ(αστοῦ)] ἀντιστρ(ατήγου), where Domaszewski restores ἡγεμονίας after πρίγκιπα, 1264 (Arabia; 3rd cent.) β(ερε)φ(ικαίριος) καὶ ἀκομενταρήσιος καὶ κορνικουλάριος καὶ ἐκατόνταρχος γενόμενος τῆς ἡγεμονίας, Domaszewski, *Rangordnung* 97 sqq., who remarks that the πρίγκιψ ἡγεμονίας is to be regarded as chief of the *officium* of the praefect, and the predecessor of the *princeps officii praesidis* of the fourth century. Cf. also Cagnat, *op. cit.* i. 629 πρίγκιψ ὄφηκίου ἡγεμόνος, iv. 131 στρατιώτης ἱππεὺς . . . ἐξ ὄφικίου τοῦ λαμπροτάτου ἡγεμόνος καστρίου Κωνσταντος. An ἀντίρρησις addressed τῇ τάξει τοῦ πρίγκιπος τῆς ἐξουσίας τοῦ κυρίου μου τοῦ λαμπροτάτου ἡγεμόνος ἐπαρχίας Ἀρκαδίας in 426 will be published in Part xv. Parallel to the position of a *centurio princeps* as chief of the praefect's staff was probably, as Rostowzew observes, the position of the π(ριμι)π(ιλάριος) ἐπάρχου Αἰγύπτου in B. G. U. 13. 3 (cf. P. S. I. 461 int.; in 1416. 29, n. 1. π(ριμι)π(ιλάριος) for π(ραι)π(όσιτος)), this officer ranking one degree higher than the *centurio princeps*.

10-11. ἐκ συμφώ(νον) καὶ ἴσου : cf. l. 24 and B. G. U. 444. 8 συμφώ(νον) διαί[ρεσε]ως.

11. κ[ου]νή : cf. l. 13. The apparent repetitions of the same word or phrase at very short intervals, and the awkward constructions (cf. ll. 21-7, n.), may well be partly due to omissions from the longer original contract.

16. [ὑπαρχόντων? : cf. l. 25 and l. 26, where, however, a word different from ὑπαρχόν]των would cause the structure of the sentence.

19-20. *περὶ κώμην* . . . : according to the restoration and punctuation adopted in the text this village was in the Hermopolite nome (cf. l. 12), as we suppose the first village in the list in ll. 27 sqq. to have been; cf. l. 27, n. If *τοῦ* is substituted for (*ἀρούρας*) . . ., and there is no stop before *τοῦ* ὄξ., it becomes necessary to suppose the omission of a number of *arourae* and *καί* after *νομοῦ*, which is unsatisfactory. For *τοῦ Ἐρμοπολίτου νομοῦ* in place of *κώμην* there is hardly room, and the Hermopolite nome was almost certainly not mentioned in l. 27. The circumstance that in l. 12 the Oxyrhynchite nome is mentioned before the Hermopolite, while in ll. 19-21 and 27-34, as restored by us, a Hermopolite village comes first, is outweighed by the advantage gained by providing actual mentions of the Hermopolite section of the *οὔσια* in the abbreviated contract. If all the villages mentioned in the two lists are Oxyrhynchite, the Hermopolite section must be included under *καὶ τὰ ἐξῆς* in l. 21.

20. *Χῦσιν*: a village in the Ἄνω τοπαρχία of the Oxyrhynchite nome; cf. 1285. 67, 1659. 12. In 1724. 7 land *περὶ Χῦσιν* is stated to be in the *κωμογρα(μματαία) Πασκῶ*, which was a district in the Hermopolite nome known from P. Amh. 88. 8-9 *ἐν τῶι Πασκῶι περὶ Μνάχιν*, B. G. U. 553 A. iii. 7, 554. 7 *Πασκῶ Τοοῦ*, P. Ryl. 99. 2 *ἐν τῷ Πασκῶ περὶ κωμόγρ(αμμα-τείαν) Τοοῦ*. The point at which *Πασκῶ* occurs in B. G. U. 553-4 indicates that this was at the extreme north of the Hermopolite nome (cf. 1659. int.), and evidently *Χῦσιν* was close to the boundary between that and the Oxyrhynchite nome, while *Ἰβίων Χύσεως* (l. 27, n.) seems to have been actually inside the Hermopolite nome. The *Ἐρμοφίλου κλῆρος* is mentioned in connexion with both villages (1724. 8 and 13).

21-7. The construction does not agree exactly with that of ll. 13-19. *καὶ* in l. 23 can be omitted. In l. 26 *σης* or *της* can be read instead of *γης*, and e. g. *τῆς [τῆς συλληχθείσης τοποθεσίας* or *τῆς [τῆς συλληχθείσης | γῆς τοποθ.* is possible; but l. 16 has *τῆς τοποθεσίας* simply, and these words may have been written twice in ll. 25-6 by mistake. For *τοποθεσία* cf. P. Giessen 100. 9 and P. S. I. 300. 11, where Rostowzew suggests *ἐπὶ ταῖς οὔσαις γεινῶναι τε καὶ τοποθεσίας. ὑπαρχόντων* in ll. 26-7 (cf. ll. 16, 25) is open to the objection that, if the antecedent of *ὧν* is *ὑπαρχ(οντα)*, something of a tautology is produced. *σων* or *γων* could be read in place of *των*.

27. *Ἰβίωνα Χύσεως*: cf. 1442. 2, 1724. 13. This village, which presumably was near *Χῦσις* (l. 20, n.), would at first sight be expected to be also in the Ἄνω τοπαρχία of the Oxyrhynchite nome, but we prefer to assign *Ἰβίων Χύσεως* to the Hermopolite nome and refer *Ὁξ(υρρυχίτου) νομοῦ* to what follows, as in l. 20; cf. ll. 19-20, n. If *Ἰβίων Χύσεως* was in the Oxyrhynchite nome, *μέν* in l. 28 becomes superfluous. The absence of *δέ* to answer it creates no difficulty, for in the original contract *ἐν δὲ τῇ μέσῃ τοπαρχίᾳ* no doubt occurred in the section here indicated only by *μετ' ἄλλα* before *καὶ π(ερί) Θῶλθιν Ἀρταπ[άτου]*. That village is evidently *Θῶλθις* in the Middle toparchy (1285. 104), to which Ἀρταπάτου belonged (1285. 110). Since Ἀρταπάτου is always used in the genitive, there is nothing to show whether it is here dependent on *Θῶλθιν*, as *Χύσεως* is on *Ἰβίων*, or two normally distinct villages are here combined, like *Bacchias* and *Hephaestias* (P. Fay. 15. 4, n.); but the former alternative is the more probable, especially on account of the mention of Ἀρταπάτου by itself in l. 29 and the existence of two more villages called *Θῶλθις* in other toparchies (1285. 123, 141), from which this *Θῶλθις* was distinguished by the addition of Ἀρταπάτου. In 1285. 40, where [. . . .] *ανρ* . [corresponds to *Ψῶβθεως* in l. 133, [*Ψῶβθ(εως)* .] *ανρ* . [is probable, there being two other villages called *Ψῶβθις* in the list.

28-9. *ἀμπελικὰ κτῆματα β καὶ καλ(αμείας)*: cf. 1631. 7, n.

31. *Παεῖμιν*: a village in the *Λιβὸς τοπαρχία*; cf. 1629. 8, n.

33. *Ἀντιπέρα (Πέλα)*: cf. 1659. 42, where *Ἀντιπ(έρα) Πέλα* follows *Πέλα* and *Παεῖμις* at the end of a list of villages in the *Λιβὸς τοπαρχία*, this being the only other mention of it. Whether the penultimate letter here was *λ* corrected to *ρ* or *ρ* corrected to *λ* is not clear;

but if the name of this village, which was evidently facing Πέλα on the other side of a river or canal (the ancient representative of the *Bahr Yusuf?*), was Ἀντιπέλα, a mistake must be supposed in 1659. 42.

35. μετ'] ἀλλ[λα: cf. l. 28. There would be room for 2 more letters in the lacuna after [λα. κα]ταλειφθε . . . cannot be read.

1638. DIVISION OF AN INHERITANCE.

A 27.7 × 18.4 cm.; B 14.6 × 16 cm.

A. D. 282.

A contract for the division of the property of Psenamounis, a deceased inhabitant of Senokomis, a village in the Western toparchy, among his two families by different wives. The elder family, consisting of a brother and sister, received a house and adjoining ground, $3\frac{1}{2}$ arourae of corn-land and part (probably $\frac{2}{7}$; cf. l. 11, n.) of 4 slaves, while the rest of the property was assigned to the younger family, which consisted of two brothers of full age and three minors. The formula of the contract is somewhat unusual owing to the circumstance that the elder family consented to take less than the full amount to which they were entitled, in consideration of the payment of the deceased's debts by the younger family. Provision was made for obtaining the consent of the minors to the contract when they reached full age. Owing to the loss of the ends of lines throughout the construction of ll. 6–18 is not quite clear; but most of the document can be restored, and apparently the apodosis to ἐπ(ε)ί in l. 3 does not begin until l. 17. After that point a fragment of a duplicate (B) in a different hand, but with the signatures in the same hands, is of assistance in filling up the lacunae; the supplements derived from it are underlined in our text of A. Practically certain restorations of ll. 22, 24, 26, 28–30 show that in ll. 1–31 about 50 letters (in l. 28 45, in l. 29 61) are missing at the ends. In ll. 32–4 the lacuna is about 12 letters longer, and in ll. 35–9 about 5 letters longer still, but the writing of the second and third hands (ll. 33–9) is more spaced out than that of the first. The other contracts of the same class from Oxyrhynchus are mentioned in 1637. int.: of third and fourth-century contracts from other nomes for division of property, P. Tebt. 319 resembles 1638 in beginning with a long clause headed by ἐπεί; P. Brit. Mus. 978, Strassb. 29, and probably Flor. 50 are of the more usual type, ὁμολογοῦμεν . . . διηρῆσθαι . . . καὶ λελοχθέναι. P. Gen. 11 (350), a contract concerning the roofing of a court, which is supplementary to a division of property, also begins like 1638, as does 1721.

Ἀυρήλιοι Ἀφοῦς καὶ Τααρπαῆσις ἐκ μητρὸς Σινθώνιος καὶ οἱ ὁμοπάτριοι
ἀδελφοὶ Ἀρῆτ καὶ Σαρᾶς ἐκ μητρὸς Ταμμωνᾶτος οἱ τέσσαρες
Ψεναμού-

- μιος Πανσείριος ἀπ(ὸ) κώμης Σενοκώμεως, ἡ δὲ Τααρπαῆσις χωρὶς κυρίου
 τέκνων [δικαίῳ παρόντος καὶ εὐδοκοῦντος? 20 letters ἀλλήλοις
 χαίρειν. ἐπὶ ὁ κοινὸς ἡμῶν πατὴρ καὶ δηλούμενος Ψεναμοῦνις ἐτελεύτησεν
 ἐπὶ τε ἡ[μῖν τοῖς προκειμένοις? καὶ τοῖς ἀφήλιξιεν ἡμῶν ἀδελφοῖς —
 καὶ —
 καὶ Σάμμι ἐκ μη(τρὸς) τῆς προτεταγμένης Ταμμωνᾶτος τοῖς ἑπτὰ κληρονόμοις,
 καὶ τὰ ὑπ' αὐτ[οῦ καταλειφθέντα πάντα ὄντα? ἐν ψιλῷ τόπῳ καὶ
 σιτικάῃς ἀρούραις καὶ ἐνδο-
 5 μενικοῖς σκεύεσι καὶ ἄλλοις καὶ τετραπόδοις καὶ δουλικοῖς σώμασι τέσσαρσι
 Πανεχώ[τη? ὡς (ἐτῶν) . . καὶ — ὡς (ἐτῶν) . .
 καὶ Σινθῶνιν ὡς (ἐτῶν) κε καὶ τὴν ταύτης θυγατέραν Ταπάτριν ὡς (ἐτῶν)
 ι, κοινὰ ὄντα [διηρήκαμεν?, ἔδοξεν δὲ τῷ Ἀφοῦτι καὶ τῇ Τααρπαῆσει
 τῶν καταλει-
 φθέντων ἐπὶ μόνοις τεισεῖν ἀρκεσθῆναι καὶ λαβεῖν εἰς τὸ κατ' αὐτοὺς
 μέρο[υ]ς τῆς κλη[ρονομίας τὸν — ἐν κώμῃ Σενοκώμει
 μετὰ τῆς πατρικῆς οἰκίας αὐτῶν ψειλὸν τόπον βίκου ἐνός, οὗ γείτονες
 νότου ψ[ιλὸς τόπος? —, βορρᾶ —, ἀπηλιώτου
 εἴσοδος καὶ ἔξοδος, λιβὸς Ὀννώφριος καὶ ἄλλων, καὶ περὶ τὴν αὐτὴν
 κώμην ἐκ τοῦ [— κλήρου ἀπὸ τῶν προκειμένων? σιτικῶν ἀρουρῶν —?
 10 ἀρούρας τρῖς ἡμισυ, ὧν ὅλων γείτονες νότου ὁδός, βορρᾶ Παταύριος καὶ
 ἄλλων, ἀπηλιώτου —, λιβὸς Σαρα-?
 πίωνος ἄρξαντος Ἀλεξανδρίας, καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν προκειμένων δουλικῶν σωματί[ων]
 μέρη δύο ἀπὸ μερῶν ἑπτὰ? — τῶν ἐπιβαλλόντων αὐτοῖς?
 μερῶν ἀπὸ τῶν προκειμένων καταλιφθέντων παντοίων πάντων ὑπὸ τοῦ
 π[ατρὸς — καὶ? μηδεμίαν
 ἔφοδον ἢ ἐπέλευσιν αὐτοὺς ἔχειν εἷς τινα ἕτερα τῶν τῆς κληρονομίας παρὲξ
 τ[οῦ] προκειμένου ψιλῶς τόπου καὶ τῶν σιτικῶν ἀρουρῶν τριῶν ἡμίους
 καὶ τῶν μερῶν δύο τῶν δουλικῶν σωματίων, ἐφ' ᾧ τε καὶ τοὺς περὶ τὸν
 Ἀρετ [καὶ τὸν Σαρᾶν τελέσαι πάντα τὰ ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρὸς κατα-
 λειφθέντα δημό-
 15 σιά τε καὶ γεουχεικὰ καὶ ἰδιωτικὰ ὀφ(ει)λήματα, κ[αὶ τ]ὴν ἀπόδοσιν τ[ο]ύ[τ]ων
 ποιήσασθαι ἅμ[α τοῖς ἐτέροις ἀδελφοῖς?, καὶ ἀπαρενοχλήτους καὶ ἀζημί-
 ους παρ[έξει]ν τὸν τε Ἀφοῦν καὶ τὴν Τααρπαῆσιν περὶ παντὸς τοῦ
 ἐπελευσομένου [ἢ ἐμποιοσμένου καθ' ὀνηδοτοῦν τρόπον, παρέξειν
 δὲ τὸν Ἀρετ καὶ

τὸν Σαρᾶν [το]ῦς ἐτέροισι καὶ δηλουμένους ἀφήλικας ἀδελφούς ἐν ἡλικίᾳ
γενομένου[ς] εὐδοκεῖν τῆδε τῇ ὁμολογίᾳ?, — τῶν ἐπιβαλλόν-
των αὐτοῖς μερῶν τῶν τῆς κληρονομίας ταῖς ἐνγεγραμμέναις αἰρέσεσιν
ἀλ[— περὶ πάντων πεισθέν-?

τες ὁμολογοῦσιν οἱ μὲν περὶ τὸν Ἀφοῦν καὶ Τααρπα[ῆ]σιν ἐκουσίως καὶ
αὐθ[αιρέτως καὶ ἀμετανοήτως? — ι τῶν

20 ἐπιβαλλόντων αὐτοῖς μερῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν εἰς τὸν αἰὶ χρόνον καὶ μηδεμίαν
[ἔφοδον ἢ ἐπέλευσιν ποιήσασθαι περὶ? ὦν ἔσχαμεν μερῶν, ἐφ' οἷς?
καὶ ἡ(ρ)κέσθησαν, τοῦ τε προκίμενου ψειλοῦ τόπου καὶ τῶν σιτικῶν
ἀρουρ[ῶν] τριῶν ἡμίσιους καὶ τῶν μερῶν δύο τῶν δουρικῶν σωμάτων,
κυριεύειν δὲ?

ὁμοίως ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν εἰς τὸν αἰὶ χρόνον καὶ χρᾶσθαι ἡμᾶς καὶ διοικῖν καὶ
οἰκ[ονομεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν ὡς ἔαν αἰρώμεθα ἀνεμποδίστως σὺν ἐκγό-
νοις καὶ τοῖς παρ' ὑμῶν μεταλημψομένοις, οἱ δὲ περὶ τὸν Ἀρετ καὶ
Σαρᾶν [. τωσ . . . τῶν καταλειφθέντων ὡς πρόκειται? ὑπὸ
τοῦ πα-

τρὸς ἅμα τοῖς ἐτέροις ἀδελφοῖς καὶ χρῆσασθαι καὶ αὐτοὺς ὡς ἔαν αἰρῶντε
ἀνεμ[ποδίστως] σὺν ἐκγόνοις καὶ τοῖς παρ' αὐτῶν μεταλημψομένοις

25 καὶ τὴν ἀπόδοσιν ποιήσασθαι τῶν πάντων ὀφιλομένων ὑπὸ τοῦ πατρός,
καὶ ἀπαρενοχλήτους παρέξειν τὸν Ἀφοῦν καὶ Τααρπαῆσιν περὶ
παντὸς τοῦ ἐπέλευσομένου, καὶ παρέξειν τοὺς ἀφήλικας εὐδοκῖν τῆδε τῇ
ὁμολογίᾳ ἐν ἡλικίᾳ γενομένους, καὶ βεβαιώσιν τοῖς περὶ τὸν Ἀφοῦν
τὰ ἐν αὐτοῖς

ἐνγεγραμμένα ἀπὸ πάντων πάσῃ βεβαιώσει καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ τε ὀφιλῆς καὶ
κα[τοχῆς] πάσῃ καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς οὐτινοσοῦν ἄλλου, ἔτι δὲ καὶ ἀπὸ τῶν
ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν τελουμένων δημοσίων καὶ τελεσμάτων πάντων καὶ ἐπικλασ-
[μῶν καὶ ἐπιμερισμῶν παντοίων τῶν ἕως τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ζ (ἔτους)

καὶ αὐτοῦ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ζ (ἔτους) διὰ τὸ τὰπὸ τοῦ εἰσιόντος η (ἔτους)
τούτων πρόσφορα εἶναι τ[ῶν] περὶ τὸν Ἀφοῦν, πρὸς οὓς καὶ εἶναι τὰ
τοῦ αὐτοῦ η (ἔτους) δημόσια τελέσματα. κύρι-

30 α τὰ τῆς ὁμολογίας γράμματα ὀκτασ(σ)ὰ γραφέντα πρὸς τὸ ἐκάτερον μέρος
ἔχειν δ[ισσόν], ἅπερ ὀπηνίκα ἔαν αἰρῶνται ἢ καὶ τις αὐτῶν ἀνοί-
σουσι διὰ δημοσίου,

οὐ προσδεόμενοι τῆς τοῦ ἐτέρου μετα[λήμ]ψεως οὐδὲ ἐτέρ[ας] συμμευδοκῆσεως
διὰ τὸ ἐντεῦθεν εὐδοκεῖν τῇ ἐσομένῃ διὰ τοῦ καταλογείου δημοσιώ-

σει, καὶ ἐπερωτήσαν[τες ἀ]λλήλ[ο]υς [ἐπὶ τούτ]οις ὠ[μ]ολόγησαν. [(ἔτους) ζ
 Ἀυτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου Πρόβου Περσικοῦ
 [Μεγίστου Γοθ?]ικοῦ Με[γί]στου Ε[ύσε]β[ο]ῦς Εὐτ[υχ]οῦς Σεβαστοῦ Φαρ-
 |μοῦθι κδ. (2nd hand) Αὐρήλιου Ἀπποῦς καὶ Ταερπαήσις ἐλάβομεν
 — τῶν

μερῶν τῆς πάσης [π]ατρικῆς [κλη]ρονομ[ίας] κ[αὶ] ἠρκέσθημεν ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς
 ἐγγεγραμμένοις τοῦ ἐν-?

35 γαί[ο]ν καὶ τῶν μερῶν [δ]ύο τῶν δι[ο]υλικῶν σ[ω]μάτων ἐπὶ πᾶσι τοῖς προ-
 κιμένοις, καὶ ἐπερωτηθέντες ὠμολογή-
 σα[με]ν. Αὐρήλιος Λεωνίδης Καλλιστράτου [έγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν μὴ εἰδῶτων
 γράμματα.

(3rd hand) Α[ύ]ρη[λ]ί[ο]υ Ἀ[ρε]τ[ο]ῦ καὶ Σαράς εὐδοκοῦμεν πᾶσει τοῖς προκειμένοις
 καὶ πάντα ποιήσομεν καὶ ἀζημίους καὶ ἀπαρε-
 νοχλήτους παρ]έξομεν τοὺς περὶ τὸν Ἀφοῦν ὡς πρόκειται, καὶ ἐπερωτηθέν-
τες ὠμολογήσαμεν. —

έγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν μὴ εἰδῶτων γράμμα[τα].

6. 1. Σωθῶναι . . . καὶ τῆ κτλ.

12. ὑπο; so in l. 25.

14. ἀρετ': so in l. 23.

18. ταις ἐγγεγραμμεναις αἰρεσεσιν corr. from τοις ἐγγεγραμμενοις . . . οἰς.

21. π Of προκιμενου

corr. from ψ.

22. α of αει corr. ικ of διοικιν corr. from κι.

23. 1. ἡμῶν for ὑμῶν.

24. 1. αἰρῶνται.

28. ὑπερ.

30. τα τ corr. from της.

33. 1. Ἀφοῦς καὶ Τααρπαήσις.

37. εἰ of πασει corr. from η.

‘The Aurelii Aphous and Taarpaësis, whose mother is Sinthonis, and their brothers on the father’s side Aret and Saras, whose mother is Tammonas, all four children of Psenamounis son of Pausiris, in the village of Senokomis, Taarpaësis acting without a guardian by the *ius liberorum*, in the presence and with the consent of . . ., to each other, greeting. Whereas our common father the aforesaid Psenamounis died leaving us the above-mentioned and our brothers who are minors, . . . and . . . and Sammis, whose mother is the aforesaid Tammonas, the seven of us, his heirs, and (we have divided?) all the property left by him, consisting of a vacant space, corn-land, household furniture, &c., four-footed animals, and four slaves, Panechotes aged about . . ., . . . Sinthonis aged about 25 and her daughter Tapatris, aged about 10, being held in common, and Aphous and Taarpaësis decided to be content with only certain portions of what was left, and to receive for their share of the inheritance . . . at the village of Senokomis with the paternal house a vacant space to the extent of 1 βίκος, of which the adjacent areas are on the south a vacant space (?) . . ., on the north . . ., on the east an entrance and exit, on the west the land of Onnophris and others, and in the area of the said village in the holding of . . . from the aforesaid corn-land 3½ arourae, of all of which the adjacent areas are on the south a road, on the north the land of Patauris and others, on the east . . ., on the west the land of Sarapion (?), ex-magistrate of Alexandria, and from the aforesaid slaves two shares out of seven (?), (and to renounce any other?) shares due to them from all the aforesaid property

of all kinds left by their father . . . , and (?) to bring no claim or action against any other parts of the inheritance except the aforesaid vacant ground, $3\frac{1}{2}$ arourae of corn-land, and two shares of the slaves, on condition that the party of Aret and Saras discharge all the debts, whether public, or attaching to the land, or private, left by our father, and pay them in conjunction with the other brothers (?), and shall secure Aphous and Taarpaësis against any trouble or injury in respect of any claim or action of any kind whatever, and that Aret and Saras shall obtain the consent of the other previously mentioned brothers, who are minors, to this contract when they come of age, . . . the shares due to them from the inheritance according to (?) the choices written therein . . . , the parties to the contract acknowledge, on the one hand the party of Aphous and Taarpaësis that they have voluntarily and of their own choice and irrevocably (renounced?) the shares due to them from the present time for ever, and will bring no claim or action about the shares (?) which we have received, with which they are also satisfied, namely the aforesaid vacant ground, $3\frac{1}{2}$ arourae of corn-land, and two shares of the slaves, and that they own these likewise from the present time for ever, and we have the use, disposition, and administration of them as we choose without hindrance with our offspring and successors, and on the other hand the party of Aret and Saras that they . . . the property left by the father together with the other brothers, and they too have the use of it as they choose without hindrance with their offspring and successors, and will pay all their father's debts, and secure Aphous and Taarpaësis against any trouble in respect of any claim, and will obtain the consent of the minors to this contract when they come of age, and will guarantee to the party of Aphous all the property described in it against all claims with every guarantee, as free from any debt or liability or any other claim whatsoever, and also from all public dues, taxes, extra levies, and rates of all kinds payable on it up to the present 7th year and including the present 7th year, because the profits of this property from the coming 8th year onwards belong to the party of Aphous, who are responsible for the public taxes of the said 8th year. This deed of contract is valid, there being 8 copies of it in order that each party may have 2, and whenever they or any one of them choose, they may register it publicly without requiring the participation of the other side or any further agreement, because they forthwith agree to the publication to be made through the record-office, and having asked each other the formal question they gave their consent on these terms.' Date and signatures.

2. For *παρόντος καὶ εὐδοκούντος* cf. 1637. 7, n., and for *ἀλλήλοις* in similar contexts P. Amh. 99. 4, Brit. Mus. 978. 4, Ryl. 157. 3.

4. For *ψιλῶ τόπω* (including the house mentioned in l. 8) and *σιτικαῖς ἀρούραις* (perhaps followed by a figure; cf. l. 9) cf. l. 21.

4-5. *ἐνδομενικοῖς σκεύεσι*: cf. P. Leipz. 28. 20 *ἐνδομενικοῖς διαφόροις σκεύεσι*.

5. *Πανεχώ[τη]*: this is a common masculine name at Oxyrhynchus, the feminine form being *Πανεχώτις* (e. g. 1208. 3); hence *καὶ τῇ ταύτης θυγατρὶ* (cf. l. 6) is unsuitable. *Πανεχά[τη]*, which is also masculine, cannot be read.

6. For *διηρήκαμεν* cf. P. Gen. 11. 5 *ἐπειδὴ . . . [δ]ιαιρήκαμεν πρὸς ἐαυ[τ]οὺς*. With e. g. *διαίρεται ὁ κατήγησε* (cf. P. Tebt. 319. 4) the accusatives in ll. 5-6 are not accounted for; but in any case these ought to have been datives. For *ἔδοξεν δέ* cf. P. Tebt. 319. 10.

8. *οἰκίας*: this is apparently ignored in ll. 4 and 21.

βίκου: a land-measure of unknown size; cf. 100. 10, P. Halle, p. 199.

ψιλὸς τοπὸς?: or e. g. *ψ[εναμούσιος]*.

11. For *μέρη δύο* cf. ll. 14 and 35. *ἀπὸ μερῶν ἐπτά* is restored on the analogy of 503. 6-7 *μέρη δύο ἀπὸ μερῶν πέντε*. For *ἐπτά* cf. l. 4 and *κοινὰ ὄντα* in l. 6, which suggests that before division the property was owned in equal shares by the brothers. *τεσσάρων* is improbable, for since there were four slaves to be divided, these would probably, if the elder

family received two shares out of four, have been assigned as individuals. For fractions of a slave cf. 722. int. and P. Freiburg 8. 13-14.

12. *μερῶν ἀπό*: the second word is not *δύο* or *ἐπτά*. For the preceding restoration *τῶν ἐπιβαλλόντων αὐτοῖς* cf. ll. 17-18 and 19-20, where too the verb which apparently governs *μερῶν* is missing. That lost in l. 19 may well have been the same as here, and if *ἐπιβαλλόντων* refers to the claims of the elder family upon the property prior to the division, *ἀφίστασθαι* would be suitable; but if *ἐπιβαλλόντων* refers to the present contract, a word like *κρατεῖν* or *κυριεύειν* is required; cf. l. 19, n. In place of *καί*, which leaves *ἔχειν* in l. 13 dependent on *ἔδοξεν* in l. 6, *ὥστε* or *ἐφ' ᾧ* (cf. *ἐφ' ᾧ τε* in l. 14) can be read. That the main sentence began in l. 12 and *ἔχειν* is dependent on *ὁμολογοῦσι* to be supplied there is improbable, since *ὁμολογοῦσι* occurs apparently for the first time in l. 19, and the general correspondence between ll. 12-18 and 19-26 is quite intelligible if ll. 12-17 belong to the *ἐπ(ε)ί* clause, but not if they belong to the main sentence.

15. *ὀφ(ε)λήματα*: cf. l. 25 *ὀφίλομένων*.

ἄμ[α τοῖς ἐτέροις ἀδελφοῖς?]: cf. l. 24. An adverb (e. g. *ἀμ[έμπτως]*) is possible.

ἀπαρενοχλήτους καὶ ἀζημί[ο]υς: for the combination cf. P. Brit. Mus. 932. 20. In l. 25 there is hardly room for two words, and in ll. 37-8 *ἀπαρενοχλήτους* apparently occurred second.

17. For *τῆδε τῆ ὁμολογία* cf. l. 26; but since this clause still belongs to the *ἐπεὶ* sentence (cf. l. 12, n.), another word than *ὁμολογία* (e. g. *διαίρεσει* or *τούτοις*) may have been used here.

18. The position of *περιπ[(οἱ περιγ.)]* in B indicates only a short lacuna between it and *τες*, so that *ἀλλ[ήλων] — περὶ πάντων ἐπερωτήσαν|τες* is unsuitable, and cf. P. Freiburg 8. 8 *κατὰ πᾶν συνπεπεισμένοι*.

19. For *καὶ ἀμετανοήτως*, which can be omitted, cf. P. Strassb. 29. 31. The doubtful *ι* before *τῶν ἐπ[ι]βαλλόντων* in B can be *ν*, so that e. g. either *ἀφίστασθαι τῶν οἱ κρατεῖν τῶν* could be read, or *εἰληφέναι τὸ πᾶν τῶν* (cf. *λαβεῖν* in l. 7, *εἰλάβομεν* (?) in l. 33, and *ἔσχαμεν* in l. 20); cf. l. 12, n. The verb in l. 23, which balances that in l. 19, is also uncertain.

21. There does not seem to be room for *κρατεῖν δὲ καὶ κυριεύειν*, which are usually found together in this context.

23. [*αἰθαρέτως* (cf. l. 19) is possible after *Σαρᾶν*. In B there is hardly room for *κρατεῖν* between]*τως* [and *τῶν καταλι|φθέ[ντων (κεκλη]ρῶσ[θαι* is inadmissible).

25. Cf. l. 15, n., and l. 37.

28. The supplement (cf. 1208. 22, 1700. 19) is rather short (44 letters besides the sign for *ἔτους*), compared to that in l. 29 (61 letters, which can hardly be diminished except by omitting *τόν*).

30. *δ[ι]σσόν* ought strictly to have been *τετρασσόν*, since there were 8 copies; cf. 1704. 20, 1717. 4. B has *ερωνται η κε τις*. For *ἀνοίσουσι διὰ δημοσίου* cf. 1208. 24 (as corrected in P. Ryl. 163. 13-14, n.) *ἀνοίσις διὰ δημ*. That the *δ* after *ἐσομένη* in B belongs to *διὰ* rather than *δημοσίωσει* is not quite certain; but without *διὰ τοῦ καταλογείου*, for which cf. 1698. 24 (it is omitted in 1208. 25), the supplement is only 42 letters.

32-3. On the titles of Probus see 1631. 34, n. As far as the lacunae in A are concerned, *Περσικοῦ Μεγίστου Ροδικοῦ | Μεγίστου Παρθ[ικ]οῦ Μεγίστου* might be restored, but the shorter restoration, which omits *Παρθ. Μεγ.*, suits B better, and in A there may have been a space before the date.

33. For *ἐλ[λ]ῖβομ[εν]* in B cf. l. 7. If the genitive *μερῶν* in l. 34 is right, something like *τὸ πᾶν* is expected to account for it (*μετελ[λ]ῖβομ[εν]* cannot be read in B, unless *Ταερπαιή(σις)* was written, which is unlikely). The body of the contract does not help at this point; cf. l. 19, n.

37-8. That B had more than *ἀπαρενοχλήτους* is certain, for even *ἀ[ζ]ημίους καὶ ἀπαρενόχλη|*

των (*sic*) παρέξομεν gives only 20 letters in a lacuna corresponding to [δοτων . . . ευδοκου] in the line preceding; cf. l. 15, n. One of the adjectives here may have been ἀνεισπράκτους, which is often coupled with ἀπαρενοχλήτους in papyri.

38. B omits τὸν before Ἀφούν.

(e) Loans.

1639. PAYMENT IN ADVANCE FOR WHEAT.

30.5 × 13.6 cm.

B. C. 73 or 44? Plate III.

An acknowledgement from two Persians of the epigone to a κάτοικος ἱππεύς of the receipt of the price of 30 artabae of wheat, which were to be delivered after the harvest. The formula, which closely resembles that of P. Reinach 30 (late 2nd cent. B. C.), is largely that of a loan. The papyrus, which certainly belongs to the first century B. C., is dated in Phaophi of the 9th year of an unnamed sovereign, and the resemblances between the first hand of 1639 and 236 c (reign of Auletes; Part ii, Plate v) and P. Grenf. ii. 39 (2nd year of Auletes?; Plate v) and between the third hand of 1639 and P. Tebt. 103 (21st year of Auletes?; Part i, Plate vii) suggest the 9th year of Auletes (B. C. 73) or of Cleopatra VI (B. C. 44; cf. 1629. 1, n.). The payment is, however, made through the private bank of Heraclides at the Serapeum of Oxyrhynchus (ll. 3-5, n.), and though banks other than βασιδικὰ τράπεζαι existed in Ptolemaic Egypt, the earliest known reference to an ἰδιωτικὴ τράπεζα is in B. C. 6 (P. Brit. Mus. 890. 2, from Hermopolis). Moreover the docket of the bank in ll. 30-1, certifying the payment of the price in question, is identical in form with bank-dockets on first-century receipts from Oxyrhynchus (l. 31, n.). We are therefore not prepared to exclude the attribution of the 9th year to Augustus, though 1639 presents a more strongly marked Ptolemaic appearance than the Oxyrhynchus papyri from the earlier part of his reign, e. g. 277.

The juristic character of that class of documents to which 1639 belongs has been much disputed. Rabel (*Zeitschr. d. Savigny-Stift.* xxviii. 315 and P. Basel 5. int.), Preisigke (P. Strassb. 1. int.), and now P. M. Meyer (*Griech. Texte* 7. int., in opposition to P. Hamb. 21. int.) distinguish those examples, in which, as in 1639, the price is not stated, from those in which it is given, and which are to be regarded as payments in advance (e. g. P. Tebt. 109). The former class they consider to be instances of *datio in solutum*, 'Hingabe an Erfüllungsstatt', i. e. undertakings for the cession of property in payment of a previously existing debt, couched in the form of a fictitious sale of the property in advance. We (P. Hibeh 84 (a). int., Tebt. 379. int.), in common with Wenger (*Gött. gel. Anz.* 1907. 316), Berger (*Strafklauseln* 143), and Mitteis (*Chr.* 139), have regarded both sets of

examples as genuine sales in advance. Wilcken (*Archiv* v. 253) and Bell (P. Brit. Mus. 1656 and 1774. int.) are undecided. The simpler hypothesis that the omission of the price, which is no uncommon feature of sales (cf. e. g. B. G. U. 177, 584, 806; P. Brit. Mus. 282), is really immaterial, and that the money for which a receipt is given actually changed hands, even though its amount is not stated, gains much support from 1639, which, without giving the actual sum, not only mentions the bank making the payment, but has a docket similar to those found in receipts involving an actual payment. Evidently the omission of the price is here to be explained by the circumstance that the amount of it was not an essential element in the contract, which is mainly concerned with the delivery of the produce bought, and the same explanation holds good in the other examples in which the price is not specified. The *datio in solutum* explanation of these instances seems to us over-subtle, like the theory of the 'fictive Mitgift', for which see 266. int. There is indeed an example of a *datio in solutum* in P. Gradenwitz 10 (B. C. 215-214); but there the price of the asses surrendered by a fictitious sale is given, and a clause in the contract, to which there is no parallel in 1639, definitely states that the transaction was made in settlement of a loan, and the formula of P. Gradenwitz 10 develops into that of a *salé*, not like P. Hibeh 84 a and 1639 into that of a loan, so that it does not provide any support for a *datio in solutum* explanation of 1639. In the absence of a definite indication that such contracts as 1639, in which goods are paid for but not delivered, conceal a prior relationship of creditor and debtor between the parties, making the payment for the goods fictitious, these documents are to be explained simply as acknowledgements of payments in advance, and the converse of such contracts as 914 and B. G. U. 1146, in which goods are delivered but not paid for, i. e. are bought on credit.

Ὁρσενουφίς καὶ Πεκῶ[σι]ς ἀμφ[ό]τεροι Πετοσίριος Πέρσαι τῆς ἐ-
 πιγονῆς Θεώ[υ]ι τῶι καὶ [Θ]οῶγυι Θεῶνος τῶν κατ[ο]ίκων
 [ί]πῆων χαίρειν. ὁμο[λ]ο[γ]οῦμεν ἔχε[ιν] παρὰ σοῦ ἐπὶ τοῦ
 [πρὸ]ς Ὁξυρύγῳ πῶλει Σ[α]ραπιείου ἃ [καὶ] διαγράφεται
 5 [διὰ] τῆς Ἡρα[κλε]ίδου ιδιωτικῆς τραπέζης τιμῆν
 [πυρ]οῦ σ[τε]ρεοῦ ἀκρίθου ἀρταβῶν τρι[ά]κοντα, ἃς καὶ ἀπο-
 [δῶ]σομέ[ν] σοι ἐν τῶι Π[α]ύνι μ[η]ν[ι] τ[οῦ] ἐνεστῶτ[ο]ς ἐνάτ[ο]υ
 [ἔ]τους π[υρ]ρὸν στερεὸν [νέον] καθαρὸν ἄδ[ο]λον ἄκριθον
 [μέτρῳ] τοῦ[?] τῆς π[ό]λεω[ς] Σαραπιείου? κατα[στ]ήσαντες
 10 τοῖς ἰδί[ο]ις ἀνηλώμα[σιν] οἷς ἂν συντάσ[σ]ης ἐπὶ τ[οῦ] αὐτοῦ
 ἱεροῦ. ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ποιῶ[μ]εν [κ]αθὰ γέγραπται, ἐκτεί-

σ[ο]μέν σοι δι' ἐγγύων ἀλλήλων τιμὴν ἐκάστης ἀρτάβης
 ἦς ἑ[ὰ]ν [μῆ] ἀ[π]οδώσι χαλκοῦ δραχμὰς τετρακισχιλίας,
 τῆς πράξεως σοι οὔσης ἕκ τε ἀμφοτέρων καὶ ἐξ οὗ ἐὰν
 15 αἰρήῃ καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων ἡ[μ]ῖν πάντων καθάπερ
 ἐκ δίκη[s,] μῆ μενουσῶν ἡμῖν π[ί]στεων [κ]αθ' ὄντινον
 τρόπ[ον, τ]ῶν δ' ἐπενεχθησομένων ὑφ' ἡμῶν ἀκύρων
 οὐσῶν. ἀ[γ]ώγιμοί σοι δὲ ἐσόμεθα ἐπὶ τε τοῦ προνο-
 μασμ[έν]ου Σαραπιείου καὶ ἐπὶ παντὸς ἀσύλου καὶ
 20 ἄρχοντ[ο]ς καὶ ὄπου ἂν τῶι καθόλου περιπίπτῃς ἡμῖν.
 κυρία [ἢ χ]εῖρ παντα[χῆ] ἐπιφερομένη καὶ παντὶ τῶι
 ἐπιφέ[ρο]ντι.

(ἔτους) θ Φαῶφι κ.

2nd hand Ὀρσενούφης καὶ Πεκῦσις ἀποδώσομεν

25 τ[ὰ]ς τ[ο]ῦ πυροῦ ἀρτάβας τριάκοντα
 κ[αθό]τι πρόκειται.

Ἀμμώνιος Σ[ω]σιπάτρου γέγραφα ὑπὲρ
 αὐ[τ]ῶν ἀξιω[θ]εῖς διὰ τὸ μὴ ἐπίστασ-
 θα[ι] αὐτοὺς γρ[ά]μματα. (ἔτους) θ Φαῶφι κ.

3rd hand ἔτους θ Φαῶφι κ, διὰ Ἡρα(κλείδου) τρα(πέξης)

31 [γέγ]ορον ἢ διαγρα(φή).

On the verso

ἔτους θ Φαῶφι, χειρό(γραφον) (πυροῦ) (ἀρταβῶν) λ
 Ὀρσενούφιδος τε καὶ Πεκ(ύσιος) πρ(ὸς) Θεώ(να) τὸν καὶ
 Θεῶ[ν].

13. 1. ἀ[π]οδώμεν.

18. Final ι of ἀ[γ]ώγιμοι corr. from σ.

‘Orsenouphis and Pekusis, both sons of Petosiris, Persians of the epigone, to Theon also called Thoönis, son of Theon, of the catœcic cavalry, greeting. We acknowledge that we have received from you at the Serapeum at Oxyrhynchus the sum paid through the private bank of Heraclides as the price of 30 artabae of hard wheat unmixed with barley, which we are to deliver to you in the month of Pauni of the present 9th year in hard, new, pure, unadulterated wheat, unmixed with barley, by the measure of the Serapeum (?) of the city, transporting it at our own expense to whomever you may appoint at the said temple. If we fail to perform these conditions, we will forfeit, being jointly sureties for each other, to you the price of each artaba which we fail to deliver, 4,000 drachmae of bronze, you having the right of execution upon us both or whichever you choose and upon all our property, as if by a legal decision, no plea of any kind remaining to us, and any that we

may produce being invalid. And we shall be liable to arrest by you at the aforesaid Serapeum and in any place of asylum and before any magistrate and in any place whatsoever where you may encounter us. This bond is valid wherever and by whomever it is produced. The 9th year, Phaophi 20.' Signature of Orsenouphis and Pekusis, docket of the bank, and on the verso the title.

3-5. Cf. 1132. 8-12, n., 1411. 4, n., where this papyrus is referred to, and Preisigke's discussion of the evidence for banks at the Serapeum of Oxyrhynchus in *Girowesen* 20-7. To his seven instances should be added (besides 1639) 305 τῆς Ἀρποκρατίωνος τοῦ Ἀπερώτος ἰδιωτικῆς τρ. (A. D. 20), 319 τῆς Πλου[.]ωνος τρ. (37), 304 τῆς Ἀμμωνίου καὶ Ἐπιμάχου τρ. (55), 1132. 9 τῆς ἐπὶ τοῦ πρὸς Ὁξ. πόλ. Σαρ. Φανίου ἀρχιερατεύσαντος καὶ Πτολεμαίου τῶν σὺν Ἀὔδασίῳ Παυλείῳ ἐπιτηρητῶν τρ. (162), 1473. 6 τῆς ἐπὶ τοῦ πρ. Ὁξ. πόλ. Σαρ. τρ. (201). Preisigke, who owing to the brevity of our description of 305 did not realize that the ἰδιωτικὴ τράπεζα of Harpocration was at the Serapeum, considered that there were two kinds of banks there, (1) the δημοσία τράπεζα ('Staatskasse'), and (2) a bank leased by the government ('Staatsbank'), having specially close relations with the State, and distinct from the ἰδιωτικαὶ τράπεζαι, which were purely private companies. It is, however, clear from 305 and 1639 that there was an ἰδιωτικὴ τράπεζα at the Serapeum, and if that was distinct from the bank leased by the government and sometimes administered by ἐπιτηρηταί (91, 513, and 1132), four of Preisigke's six instances of a 'Staatsbank' (267, 264, 269, and 98) together with 319 and 304 are more likely to refer to an ἰδιωτικὴ τράπεζα: for all these instances are concerned with private, not official, transactions, and that banks named after individuals often belonged to the class of ἰδιωτικαὶ τράπεζαι in spite of the omission of the word ἰδιωτικὴ is clear from (1) 305, where ἰδιωτικῆς is omitted in the docket διὰ τῆς Ἀρποκρατίωνος [τρ]ί- (πεξῆς) γέ[γο]γεν ἢ διαγραφ(ή), (2) P. Brit. Mus. 1168, where ἰδιωτικὴ is once inserted (l. 21), and once omitted (l. 54), in connexion with the Σύρου τράπεζα at Hermopolis in A. D. 44, and (3) the probable identity of the Πτολ(εμαίου) τρ. at Hermopolis in P. Brit. Mus. 1168. 49 with the Πτολεμαίου ἰδιωτικὴ τρ. in P. Ryl. 173. 1 (10 years earlier). The question of the relation of private banks to those leased by the government has not yet been definitely decided; cf. Wilcken, *Grundz.* 160. If the view which we put forward in connexion with 513 is correct, and the Ptolemaic bank-monopoly continued in the Roman period, there is no need to suppose the existence of more than one bank besides the δημοσία τράπεζα at the Serapeum of Oxyrhynchus; if Preisigke is right in distinguishing the leased from the private banks, it becomes necessary to suppose the existence of at least two. The use of the term ἰδιωτικὴ, which is evidently contrasted with δημοσία, is not inconsistent with our view, and as far as Oxyrhynchus is concerned the evidence concerning private banks is decidedly unfavourable to Preisigke's distinction between them and 'Staatsbanken'. Of the six instances of private banks at Oxyrhynchus quoted by him (*op. cit.* 37) the first, concerning the bank of Harpocration at the Serapeum (305; *v. sup.*), refers to a private transaction, but the other five (from 288-9) occur in receipts for payments of taxes to the State; and of four more 312 (37) διὰ Δωρί(ωνος) καὶ Πτολ(εμαίου) τρα(π.), 308 (45) διὰ Δωρί(ωνος) καὶ Διον(υσίου) τρα(π.), and 313 (47) διὰ Κολ(λούθου) (or διὰ Κολ(λυβιστικῆς)?), καὶ [. . .] () τρα(π.) also occur in tax-receipts, while only 323 διὰ τῆς [.]θέωνος τραπ. γέγονεν ἢ διαγραφ(ή) and [διὰ τῆς Π]αμφίλου τοῦ Σαραπίωνος τραπ. περιέ(λ)νται ἢ διαγραφ(ή) refers to a private transaction. The phenomenon of tax-receipts issued by banks called τοῦ δέινος appears first in Theban ostraca of Augustus' reign (Wilcken, *Ost.* i. 92-3; Preisigke's proposal in *op. cit.* 17¹ to identify ἡ Κεφάλου τράπ. in these with ἡ ἐν Διοσπόλει τῇ μεγάλῃ τράπ., of which Κεφάλος was τραπεζίτης according to *Ost.* 1345, is vitiated by the difference of about 100 years between the dates of *Ost.* 1345 and 1365, &c.). Wilcken with some hesitation regarded these as issued by the δημοσίᾳ τράπ., and if it is once admitted, as is done by Preisigke

following Wilcken, that at Thebes in the early Roman period the δημόσια τράπ. were called after the names of individuals, the Oxyrhynchus examples of tax-receipts issued by banks may after all refer to the δημοσία τράπ. Their formula is just the same as that found in Wilcken's *Ost.* 361, 1317, 1319-20, in which the substitution of διὰ τῆς τοῦ δέινος τραπ. for ἐπὶ τῆν τοῦ δέινος τράπ. found in his 1365, &c., probably does not affect the meaning materially. The only instance of an official bank with a name in the genitive is P. Tebt. 587 (about A. D. 1) ἐπὶ τῆ(ν) [ἐν Πτολ(εμαίδι)] Εὐεργ(έτιδι) δημο(σίαν) τρά(π.) Δωρίωνο(ς) τρα(πέζιτου), but this variation from the usual description of an official bank as one ἐφ' ἧς ὁ δείνα is hardly parallel to the examples of banks called τοῦ δέινος simply. At Arsinoë Preisigke considers that the bank τοῦ δέινος in the Ταμείων quarter was a 'Staatsbank' because some of its transactions concern official payments; but the banks at Oxyrhynchus which he regards as private were to an even larger extent, so far as is known, concerned with official payments, and the case for separating the bank Ταμείων from the other banks at Arsinoë is not at all strong. At Hermopolis there was a bank known as ἡ μισθωτῶν τράπεζα, all the transactions concerning it being of a private character. This too Preisigke on the evidence of the name regards as a 'Staatsbank'; but he classes the ἐπιτηρουμένη τράπεζα at Hermopolis (P. Flor. 1. 3, &c., Strassb. 52. 8, *Mélanges Nicole* 193, P. Ryl. 176. 2) with the private banks, though the parallelism between it and the bank at the Serapeum of Oxyrhynchus administered by ἐπιτηρηταί (cf. p. 59) suggests that it was a bank which was normally leased, and, if so, it ought on Preisigke's theory of 'Staatsbanken' to be identical with the μισθωτῶν τράπεζα. We are therefore not prepared to accept his account of official and private banks in the Roman period as satisfactory. Our own view may be briefly expressed as follows. In the Ptolemaic period besides the βασιλικαὶ τράπεζαι there were banks called in P. Rev. Laws lxxv-vi τράπεζαι simply, which were all leased by the State and apparently called after the names of the lessees, as illustrated by the Σωτίωνος τράπεζα at Acoris (P. Reinach 7. 9); but whether the Πτολεμαῖος τραπεζίτης at a village of the Arsinoite nome (P. Fay. 12) was, as Preisigke (*op. cit.* 10) supposes, a lessee rather than a βασιλικὸς τραπεζίτης is very doubtful. As soon as the Romans took Egypt, probably even earlier, ἰδιωτικαὶ τράπεζαι make their appearance, and banks which were evidently not δημόσιαι τράπεζαι are found in connexion with official payments. Such banks are distinguished from the δημόσιαι τράπεζαι by being called after individuals; but the bank-monopoly of the government still survived, and the persons who gave their names to banks, whether these were called ἰδιωτικαὶ or not, are probably to be regarded as lessees. In the second and third centuries these banks are sometimes found under the administration of official ἐπιτηρηταί, a circumstance which may be due to the difficulty of finding private persons willing to become lessees of banks, just as it became difficult to obtain tax-farmers (cf. 44) and agoranomi (cf. 1642). The existence in each metropolis of a single leased 'Staatsbank', which was specially privileged in regard to official transactions, side by side with a number of purely private banks owned by individuals and not leased to them, seem to us unwarranted by the evidence which is so far available.

5-6. τιμὴν π[υρ]ῶν: cf. int. and l. 13, where the value per artaba in case of failure to deliver the wheat at the proper time is 4,000 drachmae. This sum, which is unusually high, probably represents twice, or at any rate, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the amount of the price paid by Theon; cf. Berger, *Strafklauseln* 34-5, 111, 143-6; P. Tebt. 105. 46, 109. 15, nn.

8. στερεὸν [νέον καθαρὸν ἄδ]ολον: cf. 836, 1629. 11, P. Reinach 9. 20, &c. Reinach translates στερεὸν 'compact'. We suppose it to mean 'hard', i. e. 'ripe'.

9. [μέτρῳ τοῦ?] τῆς π[ό]λεως Σαραπιείου?: a mention of a temple-measure is in any case rendered probable by τ[ο]ῦ αὐτοῦ ἱεροῦ in ll. 10-11, and for Σαραπιείου cf. ll. 18-19 τοῦ προωνομασ[μέν]ου Σαρ. (though the reference there, as in l. 11, can be to the mention of the Serapeum in l. 4) and P. Tebt. 109. 20-1 [μέτρῳ] ἑξαχωνικάκι δρόμου τοῦ ἐν τῇ προγεγραμμένῃ

κώμη Σουχίου. But only seven letters are expected in the initial lacuna, and ι adscript elsewhere in 1639 is not omitted except in subjunctives (cf. the next n.), so that there is barely room for τοῦ, and though π[ι]λεω[ς] suits the traces and σ of τῆς is fairly certain, there may be a letter between σ and the supposed π.

10. οἷς ἂν συντάσ]σης: cf. P. Reinach 28. 9-10 καταστήσωι οἷς ἂν συντάσση ἐν τῇ [Ἀκώριος, and for the omission of ι adscript l. 20 περιπίπτῃς. The vestige of a letter joining ης is very slight and indecisive, but ἐξ ἀλληλεγγύης is not expected at this point, especially as δι' ἐγγύων ἀλλήλων occurs in l. 12, and ἄνευ δίκης (cf. e. g. P. Reinach 20. 25-6 τοῖς ἰδίο[ις ἀνηλώμασι ἄνευ] δίκης καὶ κρίσεως καὶ πάσης κακοτεχν[ίας]) is not long enough.

13. Cf. ll. 5-6, n.

16. π[ι]στων: cf. e. g. B. G. U. 1156. 24-5 μὴ ἐξι(να) αὐτοῖς ἐπιφέρειν πίστει μήτε καταφεύγειν ἐπὶ . . .

18. ὁ[γ]ώγιοι: the connexion between the occurrence of this clause and Persians of the epigone (l. 1) is once more illustrated (cf. 1471. int.); but 1639 is noteworthy for not being a συγχώρησις, like the other contracts in which the clause occurs.

27. Σ[ω]σιπάτρου: Ἀ[ν]τιπάτρου is unsuitable, but the first letter might begin with a straight stroke, e. g. Π.

30. τρα(πέζης): or τρα(πέζιτου), since there is no τῆς before Ἡρα(κλείδου).

31. [γέ]γονεν ἢ διαγρα(φή): cf. int. and 264. 26, 267. 34, 269. i. 22, 305 and 323 (quoted on p. 59), and Preisigke, *Griechen* 232-3.

1640. LOAN OF WHEAT.

15 × 14.5 cm.

A. D. 252.

This conclusion of a contract (χειρόγραφον) for a loan of wheat is chiefly interesting on account of the mention of a new measure called πρὸς ἑκατοστὰς δέκα and apparently identical with the μέτρον τετραχοίνικον (ll. 4-5, n.). Other Oxyrhynchus loans of corn in the Roman period are 988 recto (224) and 1040 (225); and like them and 1711 (a late third-century loan of money), &c., 1640 was written in duplicate in parallel columns. We omit Col. i, of which only the ends of lines are preserved.

[ἀποδώσω ἐν μηνὶ Παῦ-
 νι τοῦ ἐν[ε]στ[ώ]τος τρίτου] ἔτρου[ς]
 πυροῦ νέου καθαροῦ ἀδόλου ἀβώλου
 ἀκρίθου κεκοσκινευμένου μέτρῳ
 5 πρὸς ἑκατοστὰς δέκα ἀνυπερ[πε]θέτως.
 εἰ δὲ μὴ, ἐκτίσω σοι τοῦ ὑπερπεσόντος
 χρόνου διάφορον ἐκ τρίτου, γεινο-
 μένης τῆς πράξεως παρά τε ἐμοῦ
 καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μοι πάντων.

- 10 κύρια τὰ γράμματα διςσὰ γραφέντα παν-
ταχῆ ἐπιφερόμενα [καὶ π]αντὶ τῷ ὑ-
πὲρ σοῦ ἐπιφέρωντι, [καὶ ἐπ]ερωτηθεὶς
ὁμολόγησα. (ἔτους) γ [Ἀύ]τοκράτορων
Καισάρων Γαίου Οὐίβ[ί]ου Τρεβωνιανοῦ
15 Γάλλου καὶ Γαίου Οὐίβ[ί]ου Ἀφινίου Γάλλου
Οὐέλδουμιανοῦ Οὐόλου[σ]ιανοῦ Εὐσεβῶν
Εὐτυχῶν Σεβ[α]στῶν Φαῶφι κ.
2nd hand Ἀύρήλιος Καλπούρσιος ἔσχον
καὶ παραμεμέτ[ρημαι] τὰς τοῦ πυροῦ
20 ἀρτάβας δεκάπεντε καὶ ἀποδώσω
τῇ δηλουμένῃ προθεσμίᾳ, καὶ ἐπε-
ρωτηθεὶς ὁμολόγησα.

16. εὐσεβῶ.

‘. . . I will repay in the month Pauni of the present 3rd year in wheat that is new, pure, unadulterated, free from earth and barley, and sifted, by the measure of (?) ten hundredths without delay; or, if I fail, I will forfeit to you for the overtime an extra payment at the rate of one-third, you having the right of execution upon myself and all my property. This deed written in duplicate is valid wherever and by whomever on your behalf it is produced, and in answer to the formal question I gave my consent.’ Date and signature of the borrower.

2. τρίτου] ἔτου[ς : Col. i has apparently τρίτ]ου ἔτ[ο]υ[ς] at this point, certainly not δ]ευτέρ[ο]υ or] πρώτ[ο]υ.

4-5. μέτρῳ πρὸς ἑκατοστὰς δέκα : the clause introduced by πρὸς generally refers to the standard to which the actual measure in use was equated, the accompanying participle, where expressed, being συμβεβλημένῳ ; cf. P. Lille 21. 23-5 and Ryl. 166. 15-16, n. Here, however, if a participle is to be supplied at all, συμβεβλημένῳ is hardly appropriate, and the phrase is in any case novel and not parallel to e. g. P. Amb. 43. 9 μέτρῳ δικαίῳ τῷ πρὸς τὸ βασιλικὸν χαλκοῦν. $\frac{10}{100}$ presumably refers to an artaba, of which the fraction $\frac{1}{10}$ is known (cf. 1446. int.), and the phrase is, we think, merely a variant for μέτρῳ δεκάτῳ, which would be parallel to the instances of μέτρῳ τετάρτῳ, ἕκτῳ, and ὀγδόῳ. On these concrete measures containing $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, and $\frac{1}{8}$ of artaba see Hultsch, *Archiv* ii. 290, and Bell, P. Brit. Mus. v. p. 158. With an artaba of 40 choenices, such as is found in 9 verso and elsewhere, a measure containing $\frac{1}{10}$ of it would be a μέτρον τετραχοῖνικον, and though Hultsch wished to identify this with the μέτρον ἕκτον and refer both to the artaba of 24 choenices, the μέτρον τετραχοῖνικον can apply just as well to an artaba of 40. Another possible explanation of μέτρον πρὸς ἑκατοστὰς δέκα would be to connect it with the μέτρον ἐνδεκάμετρον in a corresponding position in P. Fay. 90. 14, i. e. an artaba of 11 μέτρα or 44 choenices, as contrasted with an artaba of presumably 40 choenices in which the original loan was made (cf. Hultsch, *Archiv* ii. 293). The $\frac{10}{100}$ would on this view represent the difference between the standards used in the payment and repayment of the loan, and ἑκατοσταί as extra charges, probably

sometimes connected with differences of measures, are well known ; but the first explanation seems to suit *πρὸς ἑκατοστάς* better. The phrase recurs in 1743. 8.

7. *διάφορον ἐκ τρίτου* : *ἐξ ἡμολίας* is more usual ; cf. 1474. 18 and 1628. 16, nn.

13. (*ἔτους*) *γ* : only the bottom of *γ* is preserved, but *α* is excluded by the month in l. 17, since Decius was still reckoned as reigning on March 4, 251 (cf. 1476. int.), and *β* is not a suitable reading.

1641. LOAN WITH RIGHT OF HABITATION.

14.5 × 16 cm.

A. D. 68.

The concluding part of a contract (*χειρόγραφον*) for the loan of 80 drachmae, the lender having in lieu of interest the right to inhabit the borrower's house. An allusion to a document of this description occurs in 1105 ; but 1641 is the first specimen of this class from Oxyrhynchus, and the formula is worded somewhat differently from the parallel contracts B. G. U. 1115 (Alexandria ; B. C. 13) and P. Hamb. 30 (Arsinoite nome ; 89), while P. Brit. Mus. 1168 (Hermopolis ; 44) is phrased as a lease. The juristic character of these contracts, especially in relation to the law of mortgage, has been much discussed, most recently by P. M. Meyer in P. Hamb. 30. int. In 1105 *ὑποθήκη* and *ὑποθέσθαι* are used with regard to the property ($\frac{2}{3}$ of a house) in which the right of habitation was ceded by the borrower in lieu of interest ; but Meyer is not justified in accepting Levy's assumption that the antecedent of *ὧν ὑπέθετο* in 1105. 14 is *οἰκίας . . . συνκυρόντων* rather than the *μερῶν τριῶν ἀπὸ μερῶν πέντε*. Owing to the loss of the beginning of 1641 it is impossible to be certain on the question whether *ὑποθέσθαι* or some kindred term occurred in it ; but no reference to a mortgage is found in the extant portion of the papyrus, and it is likely to have agreed on this point with B. G. U. 1115, P. Hamb. 30, and Brit. Mus. 1168, which have none ; cf. Manigk, *Gläubigerbefriedigung*, 21 sqq., Partsch, *Archiv* v. 511-13.

Vestiges of 2 lines.

[. . .] . . . α . . . [.] ἀ[πὸ] τῆς ἐ(νε)στῆσης ἡμέρας χρωμένου σοῦ καὶ τῶν
 παρὰ σοῦ τῶν ὑπ[ὸ σ]οῦ εἰσοικισθησομένων τῶν τε οἴκῳ καὶ πν-
 5 λῶν καὶ δώματι καὶ αὐλῇ καὶ εἰσόδῳ καὶ ἐξόδῳ καὶ τοῖς ἄλλοις
 τῆς οἰκίας χρηστηρίοις πᾶσι ἀκολούτως, οὐκ οὔσης με οὔτ' ἄλλῳ
 οὐδενὶ ἐξουσίας ἐκβάλλιν σε οὐδὲ τοὺς παρὰ σοῦ ἐκ τοῦ ἐνοικι-
 σμοῦ μέχρι τοῦ τὸν χρόνον πληρωθῆναι, ἐφ' οἷς καὶ βεβεῶσαί (σοι)
 καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ τὸν ἐνοικισμὸν πάση βεβαιώσει. καὶ τοῦ χρύ(νο)υ
 πλη(ρω)-
 10 θέντος ἀποδώσω σοι τὰς τοῦ ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς ὀγδοήκοντα, ἐὰν
 δὲ παρασυνγραφῶ ἢ μὴ ποιῶ καθὰ γέγραπται, ἐκτίσω σοι τοῦ μὴ

μὲν βεβειῶσαι τὸν [ἐν]οικισμὸν ὅ[ς] π[ρ]όκειται ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς
 τεσσαράκοντα καὶ ἰς τὸ δημόσιον τὰς ἴσας, τὸ δ' ἀργύριον παρα-
 χρῆμα μεθ' ἡμιολίας σὺν τοῖς καθήκουσι ἀφ' οὗ ἔαν παρασυν-
 15 γραφήσω χρόνου τόκοις, τῆς πράξεως σοι οὐσης ἕκ τε ἔμοῦ καὶ
 ἕκ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μοι πάν[τ]ων, καθάπερ ἕκ δίκης. κομι-
 σαμένον δέ σου τὸ ἀργύριον μετὰ τὸν χρόνον ἐκχωρήσις
 ἕκ τοῦ ἐνοικισμοῦ ἐν ἄλλαις ἡμέραις ἐξήκοντα, παραδοὺς
 ἦν ἂν παραλάβης θύραν καὶ κλεῖδαν. κυρία ἢ χεῖρ πανταχῆ
 20 ἐπιφερομένη καὶ παντὶ τῷ ἐπιφέροντι. (ἔτους) τεσσαρασκαϊδε-
 κάτου Νέρωνος Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος Σεβαστοῦ Γερμανικοῦ
 Αὐτοκράτορος μηνὸς Γερμανικείου 15. (2nd hand) Σαραπίων Σαραπίωνος
 τοῦ Σαραπίωνος μητρὸς Σαμπατύμ[ιος] ? . . .] . . . ὠρίδου
 ἔχωι παρὰ τοῦ Τε . . . ικοσ . κων τὰς το[ῦ] ἀργυρίου δραχ[χ]μὰς
 25 [ὀδοσώ]κ[η]τα κ[α]ι φ[α]λ[α]ίου κ[α]ὶ ἀπ[ο]δώσω ?
 [.] . . . [.]ς β[ε]—

6. 1. ἀκολύτως . . . μοι. 8. 1. βεβαιῶσαι; so in l. 12. 9. u of βεβαιώσει corr.
 from ε. 14. ou corr. from ω. 18. δ of παραδοὺς corr. from τ. 20. ντι (ἔτους)
 over an expunction. 25. 1. κ[ε]φα[λ]αίου.

' . . . from the present day you and your agents who shall be installed there by you are to use the house, pylon, roof, court, entrance, exit, and all the other appurtenances of the house without hindrance, neither I nor any one else having the right to expel you or your agents from the habitation until the expiration of the period, on condition that I also guarantee the habitation to you and your agents by every guarantee. And when the period has expired, I will repay you the 80 silver drachmae, or, if I violate the contract or fail to perform its conditions, I will forfeit to you on account of failure to guarantee the habitation as aforesaid 40 silver drachmae and to the Treasury an equal amount, and the original sum increased by one half together with due interest from the date of my violation of the contract, you having the right of execution upon both myself and all my property, as if by a legal decision. And when you recover the money at the end of the period you are to surrender the habitation within 60 days more, delivering up the door and key which you receive. This deed is valid wherever it is produced and for any person who produces it.' Date and signature of the borrower.

5. δώματι: 'roof'; cf. Luckhard, *Das Privathaus im ptoł. und röm. Aeg.* 74-5.

16-19. κομισαμένου . . . κλεῖδαν; this clause corresponds to B. G. U. 1115. 45-53, but not to P. Hamb. 30. 27-8, if the remains of those unintelligible lines have been rightly deciphered.

22. Germaniceus (Pachon) 16 is May 11. A still later date in Nero's 14th year, Pauni 4, occurs in 289. i. 9. By Mesore Galba was recognized; cf. 377 (which is wrongly assigned to the year 67 instead of 68) and Wilcken, *Ost.* ii. 21.

25. For ἀπ[ο]δώσω cf. e. g. P. Tebt. 390. 21; but ἀν[τ]ι τῶν τούτων τόκων can be read on the analogy of P. Hamb. 30. 33.

(f) Appointments of Representatives.

1642. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONS.

24 x 22.7 cm.

A. D. 289.

A deed whereby Aurelius Demetrianus appoints his 'brother' to represent him at a trial in the Oxyrhynchite nome concerning the nomination by Demetrianus of Aurelius Agathinus also called Origenes (1475. 10, n.) as his successor in the office of agoranomus. Other Oxyrhynchus deeds for the appointment of representatives to appear in court are 261 (55), 376 (77), 365 (late first cent.), 97 (115-16), 726 (135); cf. also 1274, 1643, P. Grenf. ii. 71, SB. 4651, 4653, B. G. U. 286 and 1093, which are all third or early fourth century deeds appointing representatives to go to Alexandria for other purposes. 1642, which is called in l. 8 an *ἀποσυστατικόν* (cf. 505. 2 *συστατικόν*), is, as usual, a *χειρόγραφον*, but has at the end the concluding phrase of a letter, which is abnormal. Below the deed and in the same hand is a much corrected draft of instructions for the representative. This is continued on the verso, and later a somewhat different and shorter version of ll. 12-30 was added in ll. 44-55. The beginnings of lines in the instructions are missing on both sides: on the recto, to judge by fairly certain restorations in ll. 18 and 20, about 17 letters are lost; on the verso, to judge by ll. 48 and 50, about 25 letters seem to be wanting in ll. 44-55, but the writing there is somewhat smaller than in ll. 31-43, where the initial lacunae probably do not exceed 20 letters. These estimates can be reduced in size if abbreviations were more freely employed than we have supposed, and the external appearance of the papyrus, which in ll. 1-5 has an adequate margin on both sides, hardly suggests that the loss is so large; but though in l. 20 *καὶ ὡς χρημ(ατίζει)* can be omitted, an initial lacuna of only 8 letters seem irreconcilable with l. 18.

The decipherment and restoration of the interesting but very cursively written instructions are difficult, especially in ll. 44-55, where the ink is faint and the surface of the papyrus damaged; but the general sense can as a rule be made out. After apparently a heading (l. 12 corresponding to l. 44), comes a series of arguments to be used by the representative in answer to various pleas which might be put forward by Agathinus; the sections often take the form *ἐὰν . . . λέγη* (or another verb), *λέξεις οὕτως*, e. g. ll. 13, 29, 33. The first section (ll. 13-28 = 45-54), which is the longest and most intelligible, gives a general statement of Demetrianus' and his opponent's actions with regard to the filling up of the office of agoranomus. That this office in combination with that of eutheniarch had towards the end of the third century fallen into desuetude at Oxyrhynchus owing to lack of candidates, but was revived by a praefect who was probably Valerius Pompeianus shortly before 288, was already known from 1252 verso. ii. In that

papyrus the *τάγμα* of gymnasiarchs and the prytanis of the senate are found taking action in regard to the nomination of eutheniarchs, the responsibility for whose appointment ultimately rested with the praefect. Here, too, there is a reference (l. 14 = 45) to the long-existing vacancy in the office, but the mode of appointment described is slightly different, the holder of the office being called upon by the praefect to nominate his successor (l. 15 = 46), a procedure which is also found in the case of *πράκτορες* and comarchs; cf. 1405. int. Demetrianus, who had himself filled a term of office as agoranomus, was summoned before the praefect to take part in the nominations, and somewhat against his will was induced on March 19 (probably 288) to nominate as his successor Agathinus, who was not only well off himself but had children under his *manus* owning property (ll. 16-20 = 47-50). A month later (apparently) Agathinus appealed to the praefect against this nomination (ll. 20-2 = 50-2). The answer of the praefect to this petition (ll. 27-8) is obscure; but he seems to have referred the matter to the local authorities, i. e. more probably the strategus (l. 42) than the epistrategus (l. 32), for the services of the representative of Demetrianus were required in the Oxyrhynchite nome (l. 2). The sentence in ll. 22-4, which is ignored in the second draft, is hopelessly broken: in ll. 24-6 Demetrianus argues that Agathinus and his sons were, owing to their wealth and the orders of the praefect, the proper persons to be chosen, and (ll. 26-7 = 52-3) claims that they should be made to do their duty.

The second section (ll. 29-30 = 54-5), which provides an answer to the charge that Demetrianus' action was due to private enmity against Agathinus, introduces a mention of Demetrianus' wife, who 'knows her own business' (l. 55), and did not require the assistance of the representative, if the second person in l. 30 refers to him, as usual.

The third section (l. 31 and perhaps l. 32) apparently refers to a possible claim by Agathinus to substitute for himself an ex-scribe of the public bank, the answer being that this individual was not sufficiently wealthy, and that his children were not available for sharing the responsibilities of the office. Another section (ll. 33-4) deals with the possible proposal of Agathinus to give up his property rather than accept office, an extreme measure which in the third century was not uncommonly employed (cf. 1405. int., P. S. I. 292). The answer is only partially preserved, but seems to refer to the fact that Agathinus had already undertaken equally onerous duties. The following section (ll. 35 or 34-43) is of a more general character, somewhat like the first; but it is too incomplete for restoration. That Demetrianus was successful in his efforts to get Agathinus appointed is shown by 1208. 16, where the latter is called agoranomus in 291.

The reference to the property of the *ὑποχέρια τέκνα* affords an interesting

piece of evidence for the introduction into Egypt by the *constitutio Antoniniana* of the Roman conception of *patria potestas*, concerning which the silence of papyri has been sometimes misinterpreted; cf. l. 5, n.

Αὐρήλιος Δημητριανὸς καὶ ὡς χρηματίζω Αὐρηλίῳ Ἀ[. . .]ῶ Διδύμῳ τῷ
 ἀδελφῷ χαίρει[ν].
 ἀποσυνίστημί σε κατὰ ταῦτά μου τὰ γράμματα παραστήναι παρὰ σοὶ ἐν
 τῷ Ὀξυρυχίτῃ
 τῇ ὀνομασίᾳ τῇ ὑπ' ἐμοῦ γενομένη παρὰ τῷ διασημοτάτῳ ἡγεμόνι
 Οὐαλερίῳ Πομπη-
 ιανῷ εἰς τὴν ἀντ' ἐμοῦ ἀγορανομίαν Αὐρηλίου Ἀγαθείνου τοῦ καὶ
 Ὀριγένους Οὐαριανοῦ
 5 καὶ [ὡς] χρηματίζει ἐπὶ πόρῳ ἑαυτοῦ καὶ τῶν ὑποχειρίων τέκνων καὶ
 πάντα πρᾶ-
 [ξαι ὅ]σα κάμοι παρόντι ἔξεστιν εἰς τὸ μήτε ἐκποιηθῆναι αὐτοῦ τὴν
 εὐπορίαν ἀκ[ει-
 [νήτων? μηδ]ὲ καὶ κεινητῶν, μηδὲ μὴν προχωρεῖν τι αὐτῷ ἐπὶ περιγραφῇ
 [τῆς πολι]τικῆς χορηγίας. κύριον τὸ ἀποσυστατικὸν πανταχῇ ἐπ[ιφ]ερ[όμενον,
 [καὶ ἐπερωτηθεῖ]ς [ὡμ]ολόγησα. ἐρρωσθαί σε εὐχομαι, ἀδελφέ.
 10 [(ἔτους) ε τοῦ κυρίου] ἡμ[ῶ]ν Διοκλητιανοῦ καὶ (ἔτους) δ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν
 Μαξιμιανοῦ Σεβαστῶν
 [.] κς.

[21 letters]του . π() [[αν[. .]] Αὐρήλ(ιον) Ἀγαθ]εῖνον τὸν καὶ Ὀριγένην
 καὶ ὡς χρημ(ατίζει)
 [ἐὰν? 30 l.] κελευσθῶμεν τὴν ἔκδειαν εἰπεῖν, λέξεις οὕτως.
 [20 l.] τὸν τῆς ἀγορα(νομίας) στ]έφανον πλείστῳ χρόνῳ ἐκλειοπῶτα
 15 [32 ,,] . . διὰ τὸ ἐξ ἀντονομασίας συνίστασθαι ταύτην
 [τὴν ἀρχὴν] ἐγὼ δὲ ἐν τοῖς χειροτ[ο]ν[ή]μασι ἔ[?]τι τε ἐπὶ τοῦ
 ἡγεμόνος [[ἐτύχανον]] ᾧν
κατὰ τὴν τοῦ ἡγ(εμόνος) πρόσταξιν
 [17 l.] καὶ ὅμως εἶξα [[διὰ τὸν τοῦ ἡγεμόνος φόβον]] καὶ κελεύσαντος τοὺς
 [πληρώσαντας ὀνομάζ]ειν ἀνθ' ἑαυτῶν καὶ αὐτὸς πληρώσας ἐχειροτόνησα
 [εἰ]ς ἀρ[χά]ς γ[ι. .] . . [. τῇ κγ τοῦ] Φαμενώθ [[Αὐρ]] τὸν προκείμενον Αὐρήλ(ιον)
 Ἀγαθεῖνον τὸν καὶ [Ὀ]ριγ[έ]νη[ν]

- 20 [καὶ ὡς χρημ(ατίζει) ἐπὶ πόρω ἐ]αυτοῦ καὶ τῶν ὑποχειρίων τέκν[ων] ἐπειδὴ
 ὑπ' αὐτόν ἐστιν, καὶ ὁμῶς
 [15 l. πλ]ηρωθείσης αὐτῶ τῆς ὀνομασίας τ[ῆ] κγ [[τοῦ Φαρμ(οῦθι)] ἐκκέκληται
 [17 ,,]σαντος ἀλλ' ἵνα ἐν τῶ μεταξὺ τὰς ἀ[ρχά]ς μὴ ἐκφορήση. οὗτος δὲ
 τοιουτ[. .
].. ρίξεσθαι
 [17 ,,]σ[. .] . ἀζοντες αὐτῶ καὶ τῶν τέκνων [[. . [. υκα]] ἐπὶ
 [17 ,,]ματων. καὶ γὰρ εἰς τὰς ἄλλας ἀρχὰς μάλιστα δὲ ταύτην δις
 α . . . [.
 25 [17 ,, τῶ]ν ἐν περιουσίᾳ τυγχανόντων αἰροῦνται καὶ μάλιστα κεκελευσμέ-
 [νοι? 13 l.]ν καὶ ἀξιούμεν αὐτὸν ἔχεται τῆς ἀγορα(νομίας) [[κατὰ τοὺς
 νόμους]] ὀνομασθέντα
 γ[εγάμενον καὶ αὐτὸν πληρώσαντα ἀντονομάσαι
 [16 l.]ν. ὑπέγραψεν γὰρ τῇ ἐκκλήτῳ αὐτὸς ἡγ(εμὸν) ὥστε μενουσῶν παρα-
 γραφῶν παρὰ τοῖς'
 [14 ,, α]ὐτοῖς τὰς παραγραφάς.
 [ἐὰν δὲ λέγῃ με ἐκ . . .] . . . [. .]μίας ὀνομακέναι α[ὐ]τὸν ἢ πρὸς ἔχθραν,
 λέξεις οὗτ(ως)· οὐδεμία μοί ἐστι
 30 ἔχθρα πρὸς αὐτ(όν)?, οὐδὲ γ]ὰρ κοιωνίαν ἔχει ὑπαρχόντων πρὸς τὴν ἡμετέραν
 σύμ[β]ιο[ν.] οὐδὲν τοῦτο πρὸς σέ ἐστ[ι].

Verso.

- [ἐὰν δὲ λέγῃ? 11 l.] τῶν πρὸ αὐτοῦ γραμματέ[ων τῆς δη]μοσίας τραπέζης
 ὀνομάσθαι εἰς ἀγορα(νομίαν),
 οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐξουσίαν ἔχων . . [. . .] ὁ ἐπιστρά(τηγος) ἀλλὰ ἵνα ὑπάρχειν ἔξα
 [19 l. ὀ]νομάζεσθαι [[ἀξι]μίαν] αὐτῶν [[γ]ραμμ[?]ατέων]] δόξας
 ἐκκαλε(ί)σθαι ὁ Σαραπίων
ταύτης τῆς πόλ(εως)
ἀρξ(as) οὐ
 [15 ,, ἐὰν δὲ] λέγῃ περὶ ἐκστάσεω[s,] λέξεις ὅτι ἐξεφόρησεν κληροῦ(χος) αὐτὸς
καὶ τὰ τέκνα
αὐτοῦ ἄπεστι.
 πάντα
 [20 ,,]σαι μηδὲ ἐν δι . οξ]]
 35 [20 ,,] ἀλλ' ἐκείνου μὲν ἀξιῶ γὰρ πρὸς ταύτην τὴν ἀρχὴν
 [20 ,,]εἰ ἐπειδὴ ἐξ ἀντονομασίας σύνκειται καὶ ἀνάγκη
 [τὸν 19 l.]σκ[ο]ντα κατέχεσθαι. παρενεχθήτωσαν οὖν
] γο . . ο . φ[.]ωφα . ἐλευθερίας, καὶ γὰρ τὰ ἀρχεῖα καὶ . . αρματεῖαν ἔφερον [. . ?]
ἀμα τῇ ὀνο-
μασίᾳ
 [20 l.] . τῇ εὐπορίᾳ κ[αὶ τ]ῶν ὑπ[ο]χειρίων τέκνων [[ἦν]] ἦν αὐτὸς
 [20 ,,] . ἡ τὴν σχ . . λιαν, ἀλλὰ ἀντέχω πρὸς τὰς ἐπικει-

- 40 [μένας 15 1.] [[καί]] κὰν γὰρ τὰ ἀληθῆ ἐκῆι μὴ ὁμολογῶσι διὰ τινα
 [20 1.] . [.] οὐδ' ἐὰν καταταξώμεθα ἀναγκαῖον εἶναι τῆ ξέ-
 [16 ,, τῆ διανοία τοῦ στρατηγοῦ [[κάκεινο δὲ ἀξιώ . [.] . . . [.] . ἀτων]]
 [[20 ,,] . . . δευτέρα φυλῆ καταταγῆναι καὶ δέομα[ι] παρα . [. . . .]]
 [25 ,,] . . . [.] . . ὑπ . . . ἰο[.] . [.] .
 45 [25 ,,] τῆσατο τὸν τῆ[s ἀ]γορα(νομίας) σ[τέφ]ανον πλείστῳ χρόνῳ ἐκλειοπότη
 [29 ,,] . διὰ τὸ ἐξ ἀντονο[μασ]ίας συνίστασθαι ταύτην τὴν ἀρχὴν
 [29 ,,] . καὶ τὸ ξέγον . . . [.] . κα [.] . ὅμως εἶξα κατὰ τὴν τοῦ
 [ἡγεμόνος πρόσταξις τὸν πληρώσαν]τας τὸν χρόνον ἀνθ' ἑαυτῶν [ὄνομ]άζειν,
 καὶ αὐτὸς ἀκόλουθα
 [ποιῶν? 22 1. κα]τακαλῶν τῆ κγ τὸν προκείμενον Ἀγαθεινον τὸν καὶ
 Ὀριγ(ένην)
 50 [ἐπὶ πόρῳ ἑαυτοῦ καὶ τῶν ὑποχειρ]ῶν τέκνων ἐπειδὴ [ὑπ' α]ὐτόν ἐ[στι]ν,
 ἰω . λ . ροσ . .
 [πληρωθείσης αὐτῷ τῆς ὀνομασία?]ς ἐκκέκληται τῆ [κγ] τοῦ Φαρμο[ῦθι] . [.]
 διὸ ὑπαρχον-
 [20 1. ἀγορα]νομίαν καὶ ἀξιοῦμεν αὐ[τ]ὸν ὀνο[μα]σθέντα ἔχεισθαι τῆς ἀρχῆς
 [24 ,, λ]όγους πεποιηκε[ν] . [.] . σ [.] . [.] . ἀς μου εἶναι ἀ[π]οφάντως
 [23 ,, ἔχ]θραν πρὸς αὐτὸν [.] . [.] . ὑμα[.] περιουσίαν ὑπαρχόντων . . [.] . καὶ
 55 [25 ,,] . ἀματα πρὸς τὴν ἡ[με]τ[έρ]α[ν] γυναῖκα, [[εἰ]] ἐκείνη οἶδεν τὸ ἑαυτῆς.

3. ὑπ. corr. from γ. 4. θ of αγαθεινου corr. from γ. 6. οι of εκποιηθηναι corr. 13. δ of εκδειαν corr. from γ. 22. ἰνα. 26. 1. ἔχεισθαι. τη of της corr. 37. χ of παρενεχθητωσαν corr. from η?

I-11. 'Aurelius Demetrianus and as I am styled to Aur. A . . . Didymus, his brother, greeting. I appoint you by this my deed to appear at home in the Oxyrhynchite nome as my representative at the nomination made by me to his excellency the praefect Valerius Pompeianus of Aur. Agathinus also called Origenes, son of Varianus and as he is styled, as my successor in the office of agoranomus upon the security of his property and that of the children in his *manus*, and to perform every act lawful for me if I were present, in order that his wealth whether immovable or movable may not be alienated, and he may obtain no advantage to the injury of the city's provision of supplies. This deed of representation is valid wherever it is produced, and in answer to the formal question I gave my consent. I pray for your health, brother.' Date.

3. Οὐαλερίῳ Πομπηιανῶ: cf. 1416. 29, n.

5. ἐπὶ πόρῳ ἑαυτοῦ καὶ τῶν ὑποχειρίων τέκνων: cf. ll. 20, 53, 1413. 8 ὁ ὀνομασθεῖς ἐπὶ τῷ ἰδίῳ πόρῳ ὀνομάσθη. Mitteis (*Grundz.* 275) considered that the Roman idea of *patria potestas* was of practically no account in Egypt, but evidence for its influence is now coming to light. The present passage shows that the property of children did not escape liabilities attaching

to that of their father. In 1703 a father is found executing the *καταγραφή* of property which his *ὑποχείριοι υἱοί* (by different wives) had bought through him, this procedure being parallel to that found in 1268, where in the case of house-property belonging to a daughter (l. 8) the *καταγραφή* is performed by the father and uncle (l. 5), *τοῦ πατρὸς ἔχοντος ἀὐτῆ(ν) ὑπὸ τῆ χειρὶ κατὰ τοὺς Ῥωμαίων νόμους* (l. 9). In 1208. 6 a seller of land inherited from his mother acts *μ[ε]τὰ συμβεβαιωτοῦ τοῦ πατρὸς τοῦ καὶ ἔχοντος αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῆ χειρὶ κατὰ τ. Ῥωμ. νόμ.*; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 977. 13-15 (*ὁμολογῶ πεπρακέναί . . . τὸν ὑπάρχοντά μοι καὶ ὠ[ν]θήνεντα ὑπ[ὸ] (ὄρ ὑπ[έρ] τῆς | ἐπ' ἔξουσίας μοι θυγατρὸς Εὐτροπίου . . . διεξελθούσης τὸν βίον ἐπ' ἐμοὶ κατὰ πάντας τοὺς [νόμους?]* In SB. 5692. 11 *ὁμολογῶ πεπρακέναί σοι . . . τὴν ὑπάρχουσαν τῷ ἀφήλικι μου νιῶ καὶ [15 letters] ἰω κ[α]τὰ τ[ὸ]ν νόμους* it is tempting to restore *ὑποχειρ[ί]ω*. The most recent discussion of *patria potestas* in Egypt is by Taubenschlag, *Zeitschr. d. Savigny-Stift.* xxxvii. 177-230.

6. *ἐκοινηθῆναι*: for this verb in the sense of 'alienate' cf. P. Brit. Mus. 483. 41. The allusion is to *ἔκστασις*; cf. l. 33.

8. *πολιτικῆς χορηγίας*: the agoranomus, besides his duties as notary, was concerned in the bread-supply at this period; cf. 1252 verso. 17, n.

11. The month can hardly be earlier than Pharmouthi, for the events described in the instructions apparently refer to the same year. Since the appeal of Agathinus was made on the 23rd of that month (l. 21 = 51), and the praefect had already given his answer (l. 27), the deed is likely to have been written in the period Pachon-Mesore.

14. *ἐκλειπιότα*: on this analogy *ἐκλελοί[π]ότων* rather than *ἐπιλελοί[π]ότων* is to be restored in 1252 verso. 17.

15. *ἀντονομασίας*: cf. int. and 1405. 17 *ἀντονομάσθαι*.

16. *χειροτ[ο]νῆ[μα]σι ἔ[?]τι*: *χειροτ[ο]νῆ[θει]σι* is less likely. *ἔ[?]τι* is not satisfactory, but *χειροτ[ο]νῆ[μα]σι* is hardly long enough. At the end of the line *ῶν* was perhaps included in the deletion.

20. *ὄμως*: cf. l. 17. The supposed *μ* is more like *ν* or *π*.

21. *ἐκκέκληται*: cf. 1408. 7, n.

23. *σπ[ο]ν[υ]δάζοντες*, but not *ὄν[ο]μάζοντες*, can be read.

24. *δὲς α . . . [; or δ(ε)ῖ σα . . .*

27. *αὐτὸς ἡγ(εμών)*: or *αὐτό(ς) ὁ ἡγ.* or *αὐτο(ῖ) ὁ ἡγ.*

παραγραφῶν: the meaning here is not clear, perhaps 'exceptions', as in P. Leipzig 38. ii. 4 *αἱ ἐκ τῶν νόμων ἀρμόζουσαι δικαιολογίαι καὶ π[αρ]αγραφαί*.

30. *σε*: apparently not *με*.

43. *δευτέρα φυλῆ*: cf. 1413. 12, n.

45. *ἀγορα(νομίας)*: the traces are not very suitable, but this word is required by the context; cf. l. 26 and 1252 verso. 16. *ῆσατο* is perhaps *ἀποκατεσ[τή]σατο* (sc. *ὁ ἡγεμών*). *ἀνε]δήσατο* (cf. 1252 verso. 20) cannot be read.

51. *Φαρμο[ῖ]θι .]* or *Φαρμ(οῖ)θι . . . [. . .]* can be read.

1643. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE.

25.5 × 11.3 cm.

A. D. 298.

A deed whereby an athlete, who bears an interesting list of titles (ll. 1-3, n.), appoints a friend to go to Alexandria in search of a fugitive slave. The document, though called an *ἐπίσταλμα* (l. 13), hardly differs in form from an *ἀποου-*

στατικόν (cf. 1642. int.). 1423, a fourth-century ἐντολή for the arrest of a slave, is similar; cf. 1422. int., where the evidence concerning fugitive slaves is collected.

- [Αὐρήλ(ιος) Σαραπ]άμμων ὁ καὶ [Δ]ίδυμος Ὁξυρυνχέι-
 [της] καὶ Ἀθηναῖος π[ε]ρι[ο]δονίκης κράτιστος
 [ξυστάρχης διὰ βίου καὶ ὡς] χρημα(τίξω)
 [Αὐρήλ(ίω)]φ καὶ ὡς χρημα(τίξεις) ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς Ὁξυρυν-
 5 [χειτῶν πόλε]ως χαίρειν. ἀποσ[υ]νίστημί σε κατὰ τόδε τὸ
 [ἐπίσταλμα ὡς]τε σε ἀποδημοῦντα εἰς τὴν λαμπροτά-
 [την Ἀλεξάνδρια]ν ἀναζητῆσαι δοῦλόν μου ὀνόμα-
 [τι]ν ὡς (ἐτῶν) λε, ὃν καὶ σὺ αὐτὸς γνωρίζεις
 [.], ὄνπερ ἀνευρῶν παραδώσεις,
 10 [ἐξουσίας σοι] οὔσης ὅσα κάμοι παρόντι ἔξεστιν
 [.]σθαι καὶ εἶργιν καὶ μαστιγοῖν καὶ ἐνα-
 [γωγὴν ποιεῖν? ἐ]φ' ὧν δέον ἐστὶν πρὸς τοὺς ὑποδεξα-
 [μένους αὐτὸν] καὶ αἰτεῖσθαι ἐκδικεῖαν. τὸ δὲ ἐπί-
 [σταλμα τοῦτο] μοναχόν σοι ἐξεδόμην, ὅπερ κύ-
 15 [ριον ἔστω] πανταχοῦ ἐπιφερόμενον, καὶ ἐπερωτη-
 [θεὶς ὁμολό]γησα. (ἔτους) ιδ καὶ (ἔτους) ιγ τῶν κυρίων
 [ἡμῶν Διοκλ]ητιανοῦ καὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ Σεβαστῶν καὶ (ἔτους) ε
 [τῶν κυρίων ἡμ]ῶν Κωνσταντίου καὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ τῶν
 [ἐπιφανεστάτ]ων Καισάρων Παχῶν ις, ὑπατίας Φαύστου
 20 [καὶ Γάλλου.]
- 2nd hand [Αὐρήλι]ος Σαραπάμμων ὁ καὶ Δίδυμος
 [κράτιστο]ς ξυστάρχης διὰ βίου ἐπέστει-
 [λα πάν]τα τὰ προκείμενα ὡς πρό-
 [κειται.]

5. αποσ[υ]νίστημι.

23. a of προκειμενα corr. from οis.

‘ Aurelius Sarapammon also called Didymus, a citizen of Oxyrhynchus, . . . and Athens, victor in the whole cycle of games, of the rank of excellency, president for life of the xystus, and as I am styled, to Aurelius . . . , and as you are styled, of the said city of Oxyrhynchus, greeting. I appoint you by this my instruction as my representative to journey to the most illustrious Alexandria and search for my slave called . . . , aged about 35 years, with whom you too are acquainted . . . ; and when you find him you are to deliver him up, having the same powers as I should have myself, if present, to . . . , imprison him, chastise him, and to make an accusation before the proper authorities against those who harboured him, and

demand satisfaction. This instruction I have issued to you in a single copy, which is to be valid wherever produced, and in answer to the formal question I gave my consent.' Date and signature of Sarapammon.

1-3. Cf. P. Brit. Mus. 1178. 50-4 (as restored from C. I. G. 5909) ἐπ[ὶ ἀρ]χι[ρέ]ων τοῦ σύμπαντος ξυστοῦ καὶ ξυσταρχῶν διὰ βίου καὶ [ἐπὶ βαλανεί]ων τοῦ Σεβαστοῦ Μ. Αὐρ. Δημοστράτου Δαμᾶ [Σαρδιανοῦ Ἀλεξανδρείως Ἄν]τινοῖως Ἀθηναίου Ἐφεσίου Σμυρναίου Περ[γαμηνῶ] Νε[ικομηδέως] Μειλησίου Λακεδαιμονίου Τραλλιανοῦ παγκρα[τ]ισ[τ]οῦ δις περιοδονείκου πύκτου ἀλείπτου παραδόξου . . . (A. D. 194), and Kenyon-Bell's notes. *κράτιστος* (*egregius*) was the customary epithet of epistrategi and other imperial procurators of equestrian rank, but by the end of the third century was applied to persons of less importance, e. g. a *ducenarius* in 1711. 4. Another *περιοδονίκης* occurs in C. P. Herm. 7. ii. 4.

11.]ασθαι: or]εσθαι or]ησθαι. For ἐνα[γωγὴν ποιεῖν cf. ἐνάγειν in P. Leipzig 38. i. 14 and 16.

(g) *Settlements of Claims and Receipts.*

1644. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.

15.3 × 13.5 cm.

B. C. 63-62. Plate II.

A nearly complete contract, written in the reign of Ptolemy Auletes (cf. 1628), whereby three brothers belonging to the catocic cavalry renounce any claims against their nephew Moschion with regard to a loan of an unspecified amount of silver, borrowed by him some years previously from their mother, who had lately died, a renewal of the loan having been arranged (l. 19, n.). A few lines at the end, containing the list of (six) witnesses and signatures, are missing. The formula resembles that of settlements of disputes or repayments of loans, of which the other first century B. C. examples are all Alexandrian *συγχωρήσεις* of Augustus' reign (B. G. U. 1148, &c.), while of the second century B. C. examples only the illegible P. Amh. 42 (B. C. 179; Arsinoë) was (apparently) a *ἐξαμάρτυρος συγγραφή*, like 1644, the others being notarial agreements (e. g. P. Grenf. ii. 26, Taur. 4, Reinach 12) or *χειρόγραφα* (P. Reinach 11).

Βασι[λεῦντο]ς Πτολεμαίου θεοῦ Νέου Διονύσο]ν Φιλ[οπά]τορος Φιλαδέλφου
 ἔτου]ς ἐν]νεακαιδεκάτου, τὰ δ' ἄλλα τῶν κοινῶ]ν ὡς ἐν Ἀλ[εξ]ανδρείᾳ
 γράφετ[αι, μ]ηνὸς Περιτίου καὶ Χοίαχ ἐν Ὁξυρύγχων πόλει
 τῆ]ς Θη]βαίδος. ὁμολογοῦσιν Πασίων καὶ Πτολεμαῖος καὶ
 5 Ἀπ[ο]λλ[ώ]νιος, οἱ τρεῖς Διονυσίου Μακεδόνες τῶν ἐν τοῖς κατοίκοις
 ἰππεῦ[σιν,] τῶι τῆς γ[ε]νομένης αὐτῶ]ν ἀδελφῆς Βερενίκης
 τετε[λε]ν[τ]ηκυίας υἱῶι Μοσχίονι . [. .] . [. .]ος Μακε-
 δόν]ι τῶν κα]τοίκων ἰππέων, πάντες ἀγνίας Κλεοπάτρας
 Ἀφροδί]της, μηθὲν ἐγκαλεῖν αὐτοὺς μηδ' ἄλλον ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν

- 10 μηδ' ἐγκαλέσειν μηδ' ἐπελεύσεσθαι τῷ Μοσχίῳ μηδὲ τοῖς
 παρ' αὐ[τοῦ] περὶ οὗ ἔθετο ὁ Μοσχίων τῇ τῶν ὁμολογούντων
 μητρὶ αὐτοῦ δὲ Μοσχίωνος κατὰ μητέρα μάμμη Ἀρσινόη
 Π[τολ]εμαίου καὶ ταύτης μετηλλαχίας τὸν βίον
 δ[α]νείου ἐντόκου ἀργυρικοῦ κεφαλαίου ἄλλως χρηματί-
- 15 σθ[έντος] κατὰ συγγραφὴν διὰ τοῦ ἐν τῇ προειρημένῃ πόλει
 μνημονεῖου ἐν τοῖς ἔμπροσθεν χρόνοις, μηδὲ περὶ ἄλλου
 μηδενὸς ἀπλῶς τῶν κατὰ τὴν δηλουμένην τοῦ δανείου
 συγγραφῆν, ἕνεκα τοῦ τὸν Μοσχίωνα διὰ τινὰς αἰτίας τὸν
 καιροχωρισμὸν τῆς προειρημένης ἀργ[υ]ρικῆς συναλλάξεως
- 20 εἰς τὴν Ἀρσινόην ἐν πίσ[τει] διὰ τὴν προγεγραμμένην
 ιδιότη[τ]α πεποιῆσθαι. [ἐ]ὰν δὲ τις ἡμῶν παρὰ τὰ προγε-
 γραμ[μ]ένα παρασυγγραφῆ[ῃ] ἢ ἐπέλθῃ τ[ῶ]ι Μοσχίῳ, χωρὶς
 τοῦ τὴν ἔφοδον ἄκυρο[ν] εἶναι καὶ π[ρ]οσαποτεισάτω
 ὁ ἐπ[ε]λθὼν ἢ ὁ ὑπ[ε]ρ αὐ[τοῦ] ἐπελευσ[όμε]ν[ος] Μοσχίῳ
- 25 ἢ [ῶ]ι ἐ[ὰ]ν ἐπέλθῃ τῶ[ν] παρ' αὐτοῦ ἐπί[τιμ]ον ἀργυρίου
 δραχμὰς πε[ντ]ακοσί[ας] καὶ εἰς τὸ βασιλικ[ὸν] τὰς ἴσας, καὶ μηθὲν
 ἦττον. ἐπ[ὶ] δὲ πᾶσ[ι] τ[οῖς] προγεγραμμένοις συν-
 ευδοκοῦσιν [οἱ τ]ῶν ὁμολογούντων μ[άρτυ]ρες, τοῦ μὲν
 [Πασίωνος Διον]ύσιος. [—
- 30 [13 letters]λοδ[—
 [13 „]τ . . [—

On the verso

ἔτους ιθ Χοίαχ, [ὁμολο]γία
 Πασίωνος καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν
 π[ρὸς] Μοσχίωνα.

‘In the reign of Ptolemy, the god Neos Dionysus Philopator Philadelphus, the 19th year, and the rest of the formula as written at Alexandria, the of the month Peritius or Choiak, at Oxyrhynchus in the Thebaid. Pasion, Ptolemaeus, and Apollonius, all three sons of Dionysius, Macedonians of the catoecic cavalry, acknowledge to the son of their late deceased sister Berenice, Moschion son of . . . , Macedonian of the catoecic cavalry, all the parties being from the street of Cleopatra Aphrodite, that neither they nor any one else on their behalf have or will have any ground of complaint or will proceed against Moschion or his agents concerning the loan of money at interest which Moschion made from the mother of the three acknowledging parties and maternal grandmother of Moschion

himself, Arsinoë daughter of Ptolemaeus, who too has died, which loan has been otherwise specified by a contract drawn up through the record-office in the aforesaid city in former times, or concerning any other provision whatever of the above-mentioned contract of loan, because Moschion for various reasons has effected the renewal of the aforesaid money-agreement with Arsinoë under a pledge (?) on account of the above-stated kinship. If any of us violates the contract or proceeds against Moschion, apart from aggression being invalid, the aggressor or his representative shall in addition forfeit to Moschion, or any representative of Moschion against whom aggression is committed, a fine of 500 drachmae of silver, and to the State an equal amount, and nevertheless (this contract shall be valid). The witnesses of the acknowledging parties join in consenting to all the above-mentioned provisions, they being, for Pasion, Dionysius . . . ' Title.

2. *ἐννεακαιδεκάτου*: the vestiges of the letter after the lacuna do not suit *ἐπτακαιδεκάτου*.

3. Choiak in B. C. 63 began on Dec. 7.

8-9. *ἀγνίας Κλεοπάτρας Ἀφροδίτης*: cf. 1628. 8, n.

11. *ἔθετο*: for this term in reference to the borrower cf. P. Grenf. ii. 22. 5, 31. 8, Leipz. 7. 11.

14. *ἀργυρικοῦ* qualifies *δ[α]νείου*, not *κεφαλαίου*; cf. l. 19 *ἀργ[υ]ρικής συναλλαγῆως*.

χρηματισθ[έντος]: cf. 99. 11-12 *διὰ Ἀνδ[ρομάχου καὶ Διογένους] ἀγορανόμων κεχηρημάτισται*, and 1648. 35, n.

19. *καυοχωρισμόν*: this word, which seems to correspond to *ἀνανέωσις* in e. g. 1105. 21, is new. There is hardly any doubt about the reading, *καταχωρισμόν* being inadmissible.

20. *ἐν πίσ[τει]*: this might mean merely 'in good faith', but more probably implies a security of some kind given by Moschion.

25-6. *ἀργυρίου δραχμάς πε[ντ]ακοσί[ας]*: the circumstance that the penalty, like the loan itself (ll. 14, 19), was in silver is unusual, private payments in the late Ptolemaic period being generally in bronze. The penalty to the State (also 500 silver drachmae) is higher than the customary 100 silver drachmae for the State in the Pathyris papyri, but in P. Taur. 4. 25-6 (B. C. 126) an *ἐπίτιμον* of 20 talents of bronze with 400 silver dr. to the State occurs. In the Alexandrian *συνχωρήσεις* 500 drachmae occurs as an *ἐπίτιμον* (e. g. B. G. U. 1107. 20-1), but the amount of the customary *ώρισμένον πρόστιμον* to the State is nowhere mentioned.

1645. RECEIPT FOR PERSONAL EFFECTS.

21.5 × 30.6 cm.

A. D. 308.

An acknowledgement addressed to a man through his wife by a woman acting through her *ἐπίτροπος*, who was in this case appointed by the *ὑπομνηματογράφου* (ll. 2-3, n.), of the receipt of money, furniture, and clothing belonging to her lately deceased mother. B. G. U. 419 (276-7) is a somewhat similar acknowledgement, but as the result of an arbitration.

[Ἵπατείας τῶν δεσποτῶν ἡμῶν Δ]ι[ο]κλητιανοῦ τοῦ πατρὸς [Ἀυγούστου] τὸ
 ἰ' καὶ Γαλερί[ου Οὐ]αλερίου Μαξιμιανοῦ Σεβαστοῦ τὸ ἕβδομον πρὸ
 μιᾶς Καλανδ(ῶν) Σεπτεμβρ(ίων).

[*Αύρηλία Διδύμη* θυγάτηρ *Ἀρίου*, δι' ἐμοῦ τοῦ κατ[ασ]ταθ[ι]έντος αὐτῆς ἐπιτρόπου κατὰ τοὺς γεγονότας ἐπὶ *Αύρηλίων Γληγορίου* τοῦ καὶ *Θέωνος* [26 letters] . τοὺς *Ἀρσενίου* [γε]νομένων ἐνάρχων ὑπομνηματογράφων ὑπομνηματισμοὺς τῷ *ιδ* (ἔτει) καὶ *β* (ἔτει) *Μεχεῖρ*

[. . . ? *Μάρκου Αὐ*]ρη[λί]ου *᾽Ωρίωνος* *Μάρκ[ο]υ Αὐ*]ρη[λί]ου *Ἀπολλωνίου* τοῦ *Ἰσιδώρου* *Σωσικοσμίου* τοῦ καὶ *Ἀλθαιέως*, *Αύρηλίῳ* *Μέλανι* *Μαξίμου* *κοσμη-*

5 [τεύσαντο]ς τῆς λαμπρ[ᾶς κα]ὶ λαμπροτάτης *᾽Οξυρυγ[χι]τῶν* πόλεως διὰ τῆς συμβίου *Αύρηλία[ς]* *Θεοδώρας* *Εὐδαίμονος* ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς χαίρειν.

[ὁμολο]γῶ ἀπεσχη[κ]έναι καὶ πεπληρῶσθαι παρὰ σοῦ τὰ εὐρεθέντα παρὰ σοὶ τῆς μητρὸς μου *Ἀρτεμίτος* τὸν βίον ἀναπαυσαμένης

[*Χρυσοῦ*]^ω μὲν πρώτου στ[α]θμῷ *Ἀ[λεξ]ανδρινῷ* οὐγκίας δύο γράμματα τέσσαρα παρὰ κ[ερ]άτιον ἓν, καὶ ἀφ' ὧν εἶχες [[*παρ*]] αὐτῆς κατὰ χιρόγραφον [.] *πραγματίας* ἀργυρίου [τ]αλάντων εἴκοσι[ι] τάλαντ[α] δεκατέσσαρα πλήρη ἀριθμοῦ διὰ χιρός, τῶν δὲ ὑπολοίπων τάλαντων

[ἐξ ἀποδοθέν]των [αὐ]τῇ τῇ μητ[ρί] μου περιούση, κ[λεινίδ?]ιον ξύλιν[ο]ν, τ[υ]ρία μικρὰ τριβακὰ δύο, στρωμάτια τριβακὰ δύο,

10 [.] *ιδιόχρωμον* μεσο[τριβ]ακόν, ὑπολύχνιον, τραπέξι[ο]ν, κιθών[ιο]ν πεδικόν τριβακόν, τὰ πάντα ἐκ πλήρους

[.] [.] [. . οὐ]δὲ περὶ ἄ[λ]λου οὐ[δενὸς] ἀπαξἀπλ[ῶ]ς τῷ κα[θό]λου ἐνγρ[ά]φου ἢ ἀγράφου πράγματος ὀφειλήματος [45 letters] τὸ σύνολον ἀπὸ τ[ῶν] ἐ[μ]προσθεν χρόνων μέχρι τῆς ἐνεστώσης [ἡμέρας καθ' ὄντιναοῦν τρόπον ?, καὶ ἀναδεδωκέναι εἰς ἀκύρωσιν τὸ πρ[ο]κίμενον [τ]ῶν τάλαντων εἴκοσι γραμμάτιον. τὴν δὲ

[ἀποχ]ὴν ? ταύτην σοὶ ἐξεδόμην πρὸς ἀσφάλ[ει]άν [σο]υ διὰ τοῦ ἐπιτρόπου ἀγραμμάτων ὄντων ὑπογράφοντος, ἦτις

15 [*κυρία* ἔστω πανταχοῦ ἐπιφερομένη, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεῖ]σα [ῶ]μολόγησα. (2nd hand) *Αύρηλεία Διδύμη Ἀρίου* δι' ἐμοῦ τοῦ ἐπιτρόπου *Μάρκου*

[*Αύρηλείου ᾽Ωρίωνος* ἔσχον παρὰ *Αύρηλί]ου* *Μέ[λ]ατος* διὰ τῆς συμβίου *Αύρηλίας* *Θεοδώρας* τὰς προκιμένας

[*Χρυσοῦ* οὐγκίας] δύο γρ[ά]μματα τέσσαρα παρὰ κ[ερ]άτι[ο]ν ἓν καὶ τὰ τῆς λοιπάδος ἀργυρίου τάλαντα δεκατέσ(σ)ερα πλήρης,

[καὶ ἔσχον] τὴν προκιμένην κατασκευὴν ?] ἐκ πλήρους, καὶ οὐδένα λόγον ἔχω πρὸς αὐτὸν περὶ οὐδενὸς τοῦ καθόλου

[εἰς τὸ λοιπὸν, καὶ ἐπ[ερωτηθεῖσα ὁμολ]ό[γ]ησα ὡς πρόκιτε. Αὐρήλειος
 Ὡ[ρείων] ἔγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτῆς κελεύσει
 20 [τῆς προγεγραμμένης? Αὐρηλίας Διδ]ύμης γράμματα μὴ εἰδυεῖς.

1. το ἱ. 2. υρ of *αυρηλιων* corr. from ρ. 1. Γρηγορίου. 7. ι of *ειχες* corr. from σ.
 9. περιουση' Pap. 1. τ[υ]λεία. 10. π of *πεδικον* corr. from κ? 1. παιδικόν. 14. ων of
αγραμμάτων corr. from ου. 16. 1. Μέ[λ]ανος. 18. θ and υ of *καθολου* corr. 19. 1. πρό-
 κείται . . . ἔγραψα. εἰ of *αυρηλειος* corr. from ἰς. ὑπερ.

‘In the consulship of our masters Diocletianus father of the Augusti for the 10th time and Galerius Valerius Maximianus for the 7th time, the day before the Calends of September. Aurelia Didyme daughter of Arius, through me her guardian appointed by memoranda drawn up before the Aurelii Gregorius also called Theon . . . and . . . son of Arsenius, formerly hypomnematographi in office in the 14th and 2nd year, Mecheir . . ., Marcus Aurelius Horion son of Marcus Aurelius Apollonius son of Isidorus, of the Sosicosmian tribe and Althaeon deme, to Aurelius Melas son of Maximus, ex-cosmetes of the illustrious and most illustrious city of Oxyrhynchus, through his wife Aurelia Theodora daughter of Eudaemon, of the said city, greeting. I acknowledge that I have received and been paid in full by you the property of my deceased mother Artemeis found in your possession, consisting of 2 ounces, 4 grammes less one carat of gold of the first quality on the Alexandrine standard, and out of 20 talents of silver belonging to her, received by you in accordance with a deed of . . . administration, 14 talents, the complete amount, from hand to hand, the remaining 6 talents having been paid to my mother in her lifetime; a wooden bed, 2 small worn cushions, 2 worn mattresses, a partly worn undyed . . ., a lampstand, a small table, a worn child's frock, all complete, and (I make no claim concerning this) or any other matter, debt, or . . . at all of any kind whatever, whether secured in writing or not, from former times up to the present day, and I have given up to you for cancellation the aforesaid bond for 20 talents. And I have issued to you for your security this receipt . . . through my guardian, who signs since I am illiterate, which receipt shall be valid wherever it is produced, and in answer to the formal question I gave my consent.’ Signature of Didyme written by Horion.

1 For the dating cf. P. Grenf. ii. 72, 75, as corrected by Mommsen, *Hermes* xxxii. 544.

2-3. The local official who was generally addressed in regard to the guardianship of minors (*ἐπιτρόπου* implies that Didyme was a minor; cf. 1637. 3, n.) was the exegetes; cf. 888. int. and B. G. U. 1070. The hypomnematographi ranked at the head of the municipal officials; cf. 1412. 1-3, n. *ὑπομνηματισμούς* probably implies an application in court; cf. 898. 26-7 *Φιλόνικου τοῦ στρα(τηγοῦ) καθ' ὑπομνηματισμούς κρείναντος ἑτερόν μου ἐπίτροπον κατασταθῆναι*. The 14th year (of Galerius) and 2nd (of Severus) was 305-6.

4. *Μέλανι*: in l. 16 *Μέ[λ]ανος*, probably less correctly.

4-5. *κοσμη[τεύσαντο]ς*: *ς* is doubtful and]ου could be read; but *κοσμη[τεύσαντος βουλευ-τ]οῦ* here does not suit ll. 6-7 and 9, where the initial lacuna is of the same size and a much shorter restoration is preferable.

7. The meaning of the interlinear addition is quite obscure. *χρυσὸς πρῶτος* is a novel expression in papyri, apparently referring to the quality of the gold. This is the earliest reference in a papyrus to the Alexandrine standard of Byzantine gold, which is frequently mentioned later. Cf. 154. 13, n.

7-8. *χιρόγραφον* [.] *πραγματίης*: this seems to mean a deed appointing Melas to

be the *πραγματευτής* of Artemeis. The lacuna may have contained an adjective, or]*πραγματίας* may be the termination of a compound word.

10. The word before *ιδιόχρωμον* is likely to have been a dress of some kind; cf. B. G. U. 327. *7 σουβρικοπάλλιον ιδιόχ. μεσο[τριβ]ακόν* is a new form. *πεδικόν* (= *παιδικόν*) is very uncertain: the first letter was certainly *ι* or *κ* originally, and there was apparently another letter (*σ* or *λ*?) between it and *ε*, while between *δ* and *ι* there is a lacuna in which a narrow letter like *ρ* might be lost; but, though there is no clear evidence of any correction having taken place, *κεδ[ρ]ακόν* (i. e. 'cedar-coloured') is not a known form, and *ισεδ* is an unsatisfactory combination. There is a space after *κιθών[ιο]ν*, but that does not prove that this is separate from the following word.

11. Something like *καὶ οὐδένα λόγον ἔχω πρὸς σέ περὶ τούτου οὐδὲ* is expected at the beginning of this line; cf. l. 18. The traces of 4 letters near the beginning might be read *οἰδέν[α, or λόγον οὐδέ]να π[ρὸς] σέ περὶ* is possible later.

14. Probably *ἀπλῆν* or *δισσῆν* is to be restored after *ταύτην*. *ἀγραμμάτων ὄντων* (sc. *ἡμῶν*) seems to be a plural *maiēstatis* in order to avoid connecting *ἀγραμμάτων* with *ἐπιτρόπου*.

15. For the restoration cf. e. g. 1643. 14-15.

1646. RECEIPTS FOR RENT.

12.7 x 22.5 cm.

A. D. 268-9.

Part of a series of receipts for rent paid by Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion (cf. 1631. 1, n.) to various agents of the heirs of a veteran, who had been *officialis* on the praefect's staff, in the 15th year of Gallienus (267-8) and following years. The chief interest of the papyrus lies in the date Phaophi 23 of the 3rd year of Claudius II (ll. 32-4), i. e. Oct. 20, 269, which is important for the chronology of that emperor and has been discussed in 1476. int. There were two systems of reckoning the years of Claudius, one assigning him three years by making his first year coincide with the 15th of Gallienus, the other assigning him only two by making his first year coincide with the 16th of Gallienus. 1646 evidently agreed with the coins in ignoring the 16th year of Gallienus, and making 268-9 the 2nd year of Claudius in opposition to e. g. P. Tebt. 581 and Flor. 265, which are dated in the 16th year of Gallienus after his death, and 1698, which apparently makes 268-9 the 1st year of Claudius; cf. 1698. int.

Col. i.

Κληρονόμοι Οὐίβιου Πουπλίου
οὐετρανοῦ τῶν ἐντείμως ἀπο-
λελυμένων ἀπὸ ὀφφικιαλίων
ἐπάρχου Αἰγύπτου γενομένου βου-
λ(ευτοῦ)

5 τῆς λαμπροτάτης πόλεως

Col. ii.

2nd hand οἱ αὐτοὶ κληρονόμοι
Πουπλίου δι' αἰμοῦ Ἄν-
{Αν}δρομάχου ἀποσυσ{-
σταθέντες τῷ αὐτῷ

25 Σαραπίωνι χαίριν. ἀπέσ-
χον παρὰ σοῦ ὑπὲρ ἀργυ-

τῶν Ἀλεξανδρέων δι' ἐμοῦ
 Πλουτογένους πραγμα(τευτοῦ) Αὐ-
 ρηλίῳ
 Σερρήνῳ τῷ καὶ Σαραπίωνει χαίρει(ν).
 ἀπέσχον παρὰ σοῦ τοὺς ἀργυ(ρι)κοὺς
 10 φόρους τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ιε (ἔτους) ὧν
 γεωργεῖς {ἀρουρῶν} περὶ Παεῖμιν
 ἐν χλωροῖς (ἀρουρῶν) ζ' ἀργυρίου
 δ(ρ)α-
 χμὰς τριακοσίας ὀδομήκον-
 τα πέντε, / (δρ.) τοε, πλήρης.
 15 κυρία ἢ ἀποχὴ οὐδ' αὖ μου εἰδιόγρα-
 φον, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὁμολόγησα.
 ἔτους ιε Γαλλιην[ῶ] Σεβ[α]στοῦ
 Μεχεῖρ δ.
 ὁμοίως δι[ὰ] τοῦ αὐτοῦ Πλουτογέ-
 20 [ν]ους πρα[γμα(τευτοῦ)] —

ρικῶν φόρων τοῦ αἰνεσ-
 στῶτος τρίτου αἴτους δ(ν) γε-
 ωργεῖς περὶ Παεῖμιν ἐδα-
 30 φῶν {περὶ Παεῖμιν} ἐπὶ λόγου
 τραχμὰς ζακοσίας, καὶ ἐπε-
 ρωτηθεὶς ὁμολόγησα. αἴτους
 τρίτου Κλαυδίου Σεβαστοῦ
 Φαῶφι [τρι]τῆ [καὶ εἰ]κάς.

Traces of 2 lines.

Col. iii.

3rd hand. Beginnings of 20 lines.

Verso.

4th hand 57 ἀ[ποχ]ῆ φόρων Οὐιβίου
 Πουπλίου [

1. οὐίβιον. 13. 1. ἐβδομήκοντα. 15. 1. εἰδιόγραφος. 22. 1. ἐμοῦ. 23. 1. ἀποσυ-
 σταθέντος. 27. 1. ἐνεστῶτος. 28, 32. 1. ἔτους. 31. 1. δραχμὰς διακοσίας.

1-18. 'The heirs of Vibius Publius, an honourably discharged veteran, sometime *officialis* of the praefect of Egypt, ex-senator of the most illustrious city of Alexandria, through me, Plutogenes, agent, to Aurelius Serenus also called Sarapion, greeting. I have received from you the rent in money for the present 15th year for the $7\frac{1}{2}$ aourae of land which you cultivate in the area of Paeimis with green-stuffs, 375 drachmae of silver, total 375 dr., in full. This receipt, which is written in my own hand, is valid, and in answer to the formal question I gave my consent. The 15th year of Gallienus Augustus. Mecheir 4.'

23. ἀποσυσταθέντ(ο)ς: cf. 1634. 3, n., 1642. 2.

(h) Apprenticeship.

1647. APPRENTICESHIP TO A WEAVER.

18.9 × 6.8 cm.

Late second century.

A contract whereby Platonis also called Ophelia apprenticed her female slave for four years to a weaver to be taught the trade. The conclusion with the date is lost; but Platonis is mentioned again in 1721, which was written in 187,

and 1647 is approximately contemporary with 725 (183), which closely resembles it in formula. Earlier contracts with weavers from Oxyrhynchus are 275 (66) and 322 (36); B. G. U. 1021, which also concerns a slave at Oxyrhynchus, is with a κτενιστής and of the third century, being less complete. Similar contracts with weavers from other nomes are P. Tebt. 385 (117), 442 (113), B. G. U. 855 (147), P. Grenf. ii. 59 (189), P. S. I. 241 (3rd cent.); cf. also B. G. U. 1125 (B. C. 13), 96 (3rd cent.), 724 (155), P. S. I. 287 (377), which concern other trades. In P. Tebt. 384 (10) apprenticeship to a weaver is combined with a loan from him; cf. P. Flor. 44 (158). 1647 mentions a new tax on apprenticeships (ἐκδόσεις: ll. 44-6, n.). On the verso is a much effaced letter of Apia (?).

Ὁμολογοῦ[σιν ἀ]λλ[ήλ]ο[ι]ς [Πλα-
τωνίς ἢ καὶ Ὡφε[λί]α Ὡρείω[νος
ἀπ'] Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως μετὰ [κυ-
ρίου τοῦ ὁμογνησίου ἀδελφ[οῦ
5 Πλάτωνος καὶ [Α]ούκ[ι]ς] Ἰσίω[-
νος μητρὸς Τισάσιος ἀπ[ὸ
τοῦ Ἀφροδεισίου τῆς Μεικρά[ς
Ὁάσεως γέρδιος, ἢ μὲν Πλα-
τωνίς ἢ καὶ Ὡφελία ἐκδ[εδό-
10 σθαι τῷ Λουκίῳ ἦν ἔχει ἀφή-
λικά δούλην Θερμούθιον
πρ[ὸ]ς μάθησιν τῆς γερδι[α-
κῆς τέχνης ἐ[πὶ] χρόνον ἕ-
τη τέσσαρα ἀπὸ νεομηνιά[ς
15 τοῦ ἐξῆς μηνὸς Τύβι τοῦ
ἐνεστώτος [ἔτου]ς, ἐφ' ἃ θρέψ[ι]ν
καὶ ἱματεῖν τὴν παῖδα
καὶ παρέξεσθαι αὐτὴν τῷ
διδασκάλῳ καθ' ἡμέραν
20 ἀπὸ ἀνατολῆς ἡλίου μέ-
χρι δύσεως ἐκτελοῦσαν
πάντα τὰ ἐπιτραπησόμε-
να αὐτῇ ὑπ' αὐτοῦ ἀνήκον-
τα τῇ [π]ροκειμένῃ τε-

25 χνη, μισθοῦ ἐπὶ μὲν τὸν
πρῶτον ἐνιαυτὸν κατὰ
μῆνα δραχμῶν ὀκτώ,
ἐπὶ δὲ τὸν δε[ύτ]ε[ρο]ν ὁ-
μοίως κατὰ [μ]ην[α] δ[ρα-
30 χμῶν δεκάδου[ο,] καὶ ἐ-
πὶ τὸν τρίτον ὁμ[οί]ω[ς]
κατὰ μῆνα δραχμῶν
δεκάεξ, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν [τ]έτ[αρ]-
τον ἐνιαυτὸν ὁμοίω[ς]
35 κατὰ μῆνα δραχμῶν
εἴκοσι, λήμψεσ[θαι] δὲ
τὴν παῖδα κατ' ἔτ[ος] εἰς
ἑορτῶν λόγον ἀργίας ἡμ[έ]-
ρας δεκαόκτω, εἰὰ δὲ ἡ-
40 μέρας τιμ[ὰς] ἀργήσῃ ἢ ἀσθ[ε]-
νήσῃ, τοῦτων ἐπ[ὶ] τ[ὰς] ἵ-
σας πα[ραμ]ενεῖ τῷ διδ[α]-
σκάλῳ μετὰ τὸν χρόνον,
τ[ῶ]ν τῆς τέχνης χ[ειρω]-
45 ναξίων κα[ὶ] ἐκδόσεων τ[ελεσ]-
μάτων ὄντων πρὸς
[τὸ]ν διδασκαλον· ὁ δὲ [
.

Platonis also called Ophelia, daughter of Horion, of Oxyrhynchus, with her guardian who is her full brother, Plato, and Lucius son of Ision and Tisis, of Aphrodisium in the Small Oasis, weaver, mutually acknowledge. Platonis also called Ophelia that she has apprenticed to Lucius her slave Thermuthion, who is under age, to learn the trade of weaving for a period of 4 years dating from the 1st of the coming month Tubi of the present year, for which period she is to feed and clothe the girl and produce her to her instructor daily from sunrise to sunset in the performance of all the duties to be imposed on her by him appertaining to the aforesaid trade, her pay being for the first year at the rate of 8 drachmae a month, for the second year 12 dr. a month, for the third year 16 dr. a month, and for the fourth year 20 dr. a month, and that the girl is to be allowed annually 18 days' holiday on account of festivals, while, if there are any days on which she does no work or is ill, she shall remain with her instructor for a number equal to these at the end of the period, the taxes upon the trade and imposts upon apprenticeship being chargeable to the instructor; and Lucius on his part . . .'

7. τοῦ Ἀφροδείσιου: this is probably a village in the Small Oasis called after a shrine of Aphrodite (Hathor), rather than a temple itself; cf. e. g. 719. 10 ἀπὸ τοῦ Τρύφωνος Εἰσείου, referring to an Oxyrhynchite village. The Small Oasis had a metropolis (Psobthis, 485. 18), and therefore presumably included a few villages.

13-14. ἔτη τέσσαρα: in B. G. U. 1021 the term is three years, in 725 five, in 322 and P. Tebt. 385 two, in P. Grenf. ii. 59 20 months, in B. G. U. 855 18 months, in 275, P. S. I. 241, Tebt. 384 one year.

16. [ἔτου]s: there is not room for [λ ἔτου]s (sc. of Commodus; cf. int.), much less for two figures.

16-17. In B. G. U. 1021. 14-15 the master of the slave was, as here, responsible for the food and clothing, and similarly in 725. 15 the guardian of the apprentice was responsible for the food. In 275. 14 sqq. an allowance of 5 drachmae a month for food and 12 dr. at the end of the period for clothing was made to the father of the apprentice by the instructor, who was not responsible for the food and clothing in the first instance, and paid no wages. In 322 and P. Tebt. 385 the arrangement was somewhat similar to that in 275, the instructor paying 4 drachmae a month for food and providing the clothing, but no wages.

22. ἐπιτραπησόμενα: so B. G. U. 1021. 16; ἐπιτραπ[η]σόμενα rather than ἐπιταχθ[η]σόμενα is probably to be restored in 725. 13, though cf. 275. 11 ἐπιτασσόμενα.

25. μισθοῦ: in 725 the apprentice was paid nothing for 2 years and 7 months, then 12 dr. a month for the rest of the 3rd year, and 16 and 24 dr. a month in the 4th and 5th years respectively; in 275, 322, and P. Tebt. 385 no wages were paid; cf. ll. 16-17, n. In P. Tebt. 384 wages are mentioned in l. 20, but not specified.

39. δεκαόκτω: in 725. 37 20 holidays in a year were allowed.

44-6. This is the first mention of ἐκδόσεων τελέσματα. Possibly the tax in P. Tebt. 384. 11 doubtfully read as τοῦ ἐπιτρίτου, which was paid by the relatives of the apprentice in contrast to the λαογραφία and χειρωνάξιον paid by the instructor, is really identical. Weavers at Oxyrhynchus were organized in a kind of guild, one of the ἄμφοδα of the city being called the Γερδιακόν, and it is not surprising that the government took the opportunity of levying an impost on the right of entrance. 322 (cf. 275. 17, n.) also mentions the χειρωνάξιον, which was apparently paid, as here, by the instructor, whereas the poll-tax, χωματικόν and ὑκὴ were paid by the mother of the apprentice. In 275 all the δημόσια were paid by the father of the apprentice; but in P. Tebt. 385 they were paid by the instructor. 725 makes no provision for the payment of taxes. The annual χειρωνάξιον on weavers at

Oxyrhynchus was generally 36 drachmae in the first century (288. int.), but somewhat higher rates occur in second-century Fayûm papyri; cf. P. Tebt. 305. int.

47. The papyrus probably continued ὁ δὲ [Λούκιος εὐδοκῶν τούτοις πᾶσι καὶ ἐκδιδάξειν τὴν παῖδα τὴν δηλουμένην τέχνην κτλ., as in 725. 47 sqq.

(i) *Abstracts of Contracts.*

1648. ABSTRACTS OF CONTRACTS, ETC.

15 × 44.7 cm.

Late second century.

On the recto are parts of four columns of a list of abstracts of contracts and other documents concerning the property of a family, similar to a Strassburg papyrus edited by Wilcken in *Archiv* iv. 130-42. The papyrus was reduced in height and joined to at least one different document (of which traces survive to the left of Col. i), in order to receive on the verso an account of proceedings before an emperor (33), and only the middle portions of the columns on the recto are preserved, while the beginning and end of the whole list, which may have extended over other columns in each direction, are lost. The Strassburg papyrus, which is complete at the end, has the signature of an official, who was no doubt connected with the record-office where the documents in question were kept, but to whom it was addressed is unknown. Both it and 1648 may have begun Ἐγλημψις ἐκ τῆς δημοσίων λόγων (or δημοσίας) βιβλιοθήκης ἐκ . . ., like 1649, P. S. I. 450 verso, and B. G. U. 861, which contained very similar lists of documents, generally in abstracts. 1724, 1725, and probably 962 verso are also of the same character as 1648. This group of abstracts of miscellaneous documents of different dates relating to a particular family is to be distinguished from (1) the official abstracts of documents concerning real property (διαστρώματα) drawn up in the βιβλιοθήκη ἐγκτήσεων with marginal annotations, exemplified by 274, P. Amh. 98, and B. G. U. 1072, and (2) returns of contracts sent in monthly to the βιβλιοφύλακες ἐγκτήσεων, such as P. Flor. 24 and probably 25, Leipz. 31, Brit. Mus. 1179 + Flor. 51, Cairo Preisigke 31, B. G. U. 540, P. S. I. 190 (?), 221 (?), SB. 5167-73. These two classes of lists, besides the actual documents themselves, probably formed the material on which lists like the present one were based.

The earliest date mentioned in 1648 is A. D. 57 (l. 65), and the latest certain date in it is 169-70 (l. 4); but in l. 70 there is probably a reference to the 25th year of Commodus (A. D. 185); cf. n. The recto of the papyrus is in any case likely to be earlier than the reign of Severus both on account of the handwriting and because the emperor with whom 33 is concerned is probably Marcus Aurelius or Commodus. At least six generations of the family in question can

be distinguished. These are in chronological order: (1) Petosorapis (ll. 39, 59); (2) Sarapion (ll. 38, 46-7, 58); (3) Zoilus I (ll. 26, 37-8, 46-7, 58; living in A. D. 117-18); (4) Saras (ll. 4, 18, 37, 41-2, 46; living in A. D. 154), who married Hermogenis (l. 18) and had a brother Theon (ll. 46-7) and a sister Terathonis (l. 58); (5) Zoilus II (ll. 4, 9, 18, 42; living in 165-9), who married Heraïs (l. 14; living in 168); (6) Taaphochis also called Ta. onutis (l. 17; living in 168). Since the order of the entries in 1648 is not, like those in 1649, chronological, and many of them are quite short, dates being frequently omitted, the relationship of several individuals mentioned to the six generations of the family in question is not clear. Thus Sarapion who was living in A. D. 80-1 (ll. 43-4) must with his father Sarapion be distinct from (2); but possibly (1) Petosorapis was the son of one of them. Saras son of Zoilus surnamed Amois (l. 68) is possibly identical with (4); but he is more likely to have been the son of (5), since the entry concerning him probably refers to A. D. 185, and this Zoilus with a surname may be distinct both from (3) and (5).

The documents described include sales of slaves (ll. 4-12), house-property (ll. 13-31), land (probably ll. 35-6), workshops and materials connected with dyeing (ll. 50-64), receipts for taxes on the inheritance of catocic land (ll. 37-42), divisions of property (ll. 43-7), a loan on mortgage, which had been subjected to δημοσίωσις (ll. 68-71), receipts of an uncertain character (ll. 72-4, 83-90), ὑπομνήματα (ll. 75, 91-3), a μεταδόσιμον (l. 32, n.), perhaps a διαστολικόν (l. 82, n.), προκτητικὰ δικαιώματα (l. 66), contracts of uncertain character (ll. 76-8), and an extract of some kind (ll. 79-81).

Col. i.

Parts of 3 lines.

- ι (ἔτους) Ἀύρηλίου Ἀντωνίνου Ζωίλος Σαράτος ὠνή(σατο)
 5 παρὰ Πετεχῶντος Κάστορος τὴν ὑπάρχ(ουσαν)
 αὐτῷ δούλ(ην) Θερμούθ(ιον) ἐπικεκλ(ημένην) Ἰσιδώραν
 ὡς (ἔτων) ιη.
 5 (ἔτους) Ἀύρηλίων Ἀντωνίνου καὶ Οὐήρου Καισάρων
 τῶν κυρίων Ζωίλ(ος) ὠνήσατο παρὰ Φα-
 10 τρήτος Φατρέ(ους) δούλον Ψάιν νυνεὶ
 ἐπικεκλ(ημένον) Ἀγαθὸν Δ(αίμονα) (ἔτων) γ
 καὶ ἕτερον Ψάιν ἐπικεκλ(ημένον) Ἀμμά(ριον) ὡς (ἔτων) δ
 η (ἔτους) Ἀύρηλίων Ἀντωνίνου Καισαρος τ[οῦ κυ]ρίου
 καὶ θεοῦ Οὐήρου Τῦβι ιη ἐπρ[ί]ατο Ἡραῖς

- 15 *Καγδίωνο(ς) τοῦ Κανδαίου μετὰ κυρίου*
τοῦ υἱοῦ Ἀρροῦήτου Σαραπίω(νος) τ[οῦ] Τροφί(μου)
ἐαυτ(ῆς) θυγα(τρὶ) Τραφώχει τῇ καὶ Τα[.]ωνύτ(ει?)
Ζωίλου τοῦ Σαρᾶ[το]ς μητ(ρὸς) Ἐρμογενίδ(ος)
παρὰ Διογένους Θε ου τοῦ Διδύ(μου)
- 20 *[τοῦ καὶ? .] τ . . . () μ[ῆτ(ρὸς)] Κηδίλλας*
Δουκίου ἀστῆς καὶ Α[. Π]αυσείριος
[τοῦ] Σαραπίωνος μητ(ρὸς) [.]αρίου τῆν
[ὑπάρ]χ(ουσαν) αὐτοῦ[ς] οἰκί(αν) [ἐπ' ἀμφό]δ(ου) Πα[μ]μέ(νους)
[Παραδείσου.]

10, 12. ψαῖν. 14. ηραῖς.

Col. ii.

Traces of 1 line.

- 26 β (ἔτους) Ἀδριανοῦ ἐπρίατο Ζωίλος Σαραπίω(νος)
παρὰ Ἡρωνος καὶ Ὠρίωνος τὴν ὑπάρχ(ουσαν) αὐτοῖς
τῷ μὲν Ἡρωνι κατὰ τὸ Λδ' τῷ δὲ Ὠρίωνι
κατὰ τὸ λ(οιπὸν) δ' οἰκίας καὶ αἰθρί[ο]ν καὶ αὐλ(ῆς) καὶ ἕτερα
- 30 *χρηστ(ήρια) καὶ παρὰ τούτ(οις) εἴσοδ(ον) καὶ ἔξοδ(ον) καὶ*
τὰ συνκ[ύ]ρον[τ]α [ἐπ' ἀ]μφό(δου) Παμμέ(νους) Παραδ(είσου),
μεταδόσιμον Κλεάρχ(ου) . . . () μεταδοθ(έν) Σαραπίω(νι)
Ἀθηναίου ἐπιτρόπ(ω) Δι . . . κ() περὶ ἐργαστ(η)ρ(ί)ων
βαφικῶν.
- 35 *χρηματισμὸς (ἀρουρῶν) . δ' κατὰ Παλῶσιν.*
χρηματισμὸς (ἀρουρῶν) δ' περὶ Τεποῦνιν καὶ Σενῦριν.
τέλος καταλοχ(ισμῶν) Σαρᾶτος Ζωίλ(ου) τῶν κατηντ(ηκνιῶν)
εἰς αὐτὸν ἀπὸ ὀνόμ(ατος) Ζωίλου Σαραπίωνος
τοῦ Πετοσοράπ(ιος) περὶ Παλῶσιν (ἀρουρῶν) 5
- 40 *καὶ περὶ Τεποῦνιν καὶ Τεοῦχ(ιν?) (ἀρουρῶν) γδ'*
τέλος καταλοχ(ισμῶν) Σαρᾶτο[ς] καὶ τῶν ἀδελ(φῶν).
τέλ(ος) καταλοχ(ισμῶν) Ζωίλ[ο]ν Σαρᾶτος ἀπὸ τοῦ πατρός.
ἀντίγρα(φον) διαιρέσεως Σαραπίωνος καὶ Ἡρωνος ἀμφο(τέρων)
Σαραπίω(νος) ἐπὶ τοῦ γ (ἔτους) Τίτου.

- 45 ἄλ(λο) ὁμοίως ἐπὶ τοῦ ιζ (ἔτους) Ἀντωνίνου Παῦνι ιγ
 Σαρᾶτος καὶ Θεώνος ἀμφ[ο]τ(έρον) Ζωίλ(ου) τ[ο]ῦ Σαραπ(ίωνος).
 ἄλ(λο) ὁμοίως Σαρᾶτος καὶ Θεώ(νος) ἀμφοτ(έρον) Ζωίλ(ου) τοῦ Σαραπ(ίωνος).

Remains of 1 line.

29. 1. οἰκίαν καὶ αἶθρι[ο]ν καὶ αὐλ(ήν).

Col. iii.

Remains of 1 line.

- 50 καὶ τῶν ἐγ λιβὸς τοῦ ἐργαστηρίου ἐν διαψ[ε]ίλ(οις) τόπ(οις) ἐκχ(ύσεων),
 τῶν προκ(ειμένων) τῆς Λ χρῆσις Ἐπεῦτι Σαραπίωνος
 ἀπελ(ευθέρου) Δημητροῦτιος Πλουτάρχ(ου) ἀπὸ τῆς α(ύτης) πόλ(εως)
 ἐφ' ὅσον ζῆ ἀκολ(ούθως) τῇ σημαυνομ(ένῃ) διαθήκῃ, τῷ δὲ
 ἐργαστηρίῳ ἐργε. () καὶ ἐκχύσ(εσι), γίτ(ονες) νότ(ου)
 55 κληρονό(μων) Δαμάτος, βορρᾶ Φιλονείκου, ἀπ(ηλιώτου) ῥύ(μη),
 λιβὸς παράδ(εισος).
 Σαραπιὰς καὶ Αὐγχις ἀμφότ(εραὶ) Ἀρθώνιος Παάπιος
 καὶ ἡ τούτων μήτηρ Τεραθώνις Ζωίλ(ου) Σαραπ(ίωνος)
 τοῦ Πετωουσοράπιος πεπράκ(ασι) τὰ ὑπάρχ(οντα) αὐτῇ
 60 φορτία καὶ δόκωσιν καὶ τὰ συνφοδομημ(ένα)
 βαφικὰ ἐργαστήρια ἐν τῷ ἀποδεθ(ειγμένῳ) βαφείῳ,
 καὶ ὃ ἔχουσιν ἐν τούτῳ χαλκείον μολυβοῦν καὶ
 πίθον ὀστράκ(ινον), ἔτι δὲ καὶ οὖς ἔχουσι ἀπὸ λιβὸς)
 τοῦ ἐργαστηρίου ψειλ(οὺς) τόπ(ους).
 65 γ (ἔτους) Νέρωνος Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος Φαρμουῦθι α δια τοῦ
 ἐν Ὁξυρύγγ(ων) πόλ(ει) ἀγορανομείου προκτητικ(ὰ) δικαίωμ(ατα)
 τῶν ἀπὸ λιβὸς τοῦ ἐργαστηρίου.
 δημοσίωσις Σαρᾶτος Ζωίλου προσωνομασ(μένου) Ἀμόιτος·
 ἐδανείσατ(ο) (δραχμὰς) Ἄ τόκου κατὰ μῆνα (δραχμῶν) 5 ἀπὸ τοῦ
 70 ἐνεστ(ῶτος) μη(νὸς) Παῦνι κς (ἔτους?) [ἐφ' ὑπ(οθήκῃ)? οἰ]κ(ίας) Λ μέρο υς
 κοι(νῆς) πρὸς
 Ζώσιμον Πανσε[ί]ριος κατὰ τὸ λ]ο(ιπὸν) Λ σὺν τ(οῖς) αὐτῆς)

59. 1. αὐταῖς.

Col. iv.

- ἀποχή [.] . [—
καὶ ἐπιτροπ() α[—
ἀποχή Σαβεῖνο[υ —
75 ὑπόμνημα Π[—
συμβόλ(αιον ?) περὶ . [—
ὁμολογ(ία) Ἄνε[—
ἐτέρου αὐτῶν [—
ἔγλημψ(ις) ἐκ [—
80 Πολλαρουῶς ἡ καὶ . [— περὶ
Τεποῦν καὶ Σενοῦ[ριν —
ἀντίγρα(φον) διαστολι[κοῦ ? —
ἀποχή Ἰσιόνης [— (ἔτους)
Α(ὐρηλίου) καὶ Οὐήρου Καισάρ[ων
τῶν κυρίων —
- 85 (πρώτη) ἀποχή τῶν [—
ἐτέρα ἀποχή Ἰσιόνης — (ἔτους)
Ἄντωνίνου
καὶ Οὐήρου Καισάρ[ων τῶν κυ-
ρίων —
πάντων τῶν [—
ἀνδρὸς αὐτ(ῆς) . [—
90 Ζωίλου μη[τρ(ος) —
ἀντίγρα(φον) ὑπομνή[ματος —
ἀντίγρα(φον) ὑπομνή(ματος) . [—
ἐπὶ τοῦ ζ (ἔτους). [
- Traces of 1 line.

84. α' και. 85. α αποχη. 88. ων of παντων corr.

' 10th year of Aurelius Antoninus, Zoilus son of Saras bought from Petechon son of Castor the female slave belonging to him, Thermuthion surnamed Isidora, aged about 18 years.

6th year of the Aurelii Antoninus and Verus Caesars the lords, Zoilus bought from Phatres son of Phatres his slave Psais now surnamed Agathodaemon, aged 3, and another Psais surnamed Ammonius, aged about 4.

8th year of the Aurelii Antoninus Caesar the lord and the deified Verus, Tubi 18, Hera's daughter of Candion son of Candaeus with her guardian, her son Harouetes son of Sarapion son of Trophimus, bought for her daughter Taaphochis also called Ta . onutis daughter of Zoilus son of Saras, his mother being Hermogenis, from Diogenes son of The . . . son of Didymus also called . . ., his mother being Cedilla daughter of Lucius, an Alexandrian, and A . . . son of Pausiris son of Sarapion, his mother being . . . arion, the house belonging to them in the quarter of Pammenes' Garden.

2nd year of Hadrian, Zoilus son of Sarapion bought from Heron and Horion their property, owned as regards $\frac{3}{4}$ by Heron and as regards the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ by Horion, consisting of a house, yard, and court and other fixtures, and an entrance and exit by the side of these, and appurtenances, in the quarter of Pammenes' Garden.

A memorandum served by Clearchus son of . . . upon Sarapion son of Athenaeus, guardian of Di . . ., concerning dyeing-workshops.

A contract concerning $\frac{1}{2}$ arourae at Palosis.

A contract concerning 4 arourae in the areas of Tepouis and Senuris.

Tax on land-distribution paid by Saras son of Zoilus upon 6 arourae in the area of Palosis inherited by him from Zoilus son of Sarapion son of Petosorapis, and $3\frac{1}{4}$ arourae in the areas of Tepouis and Teouchis (?).

Tax on land-distribution paid by Saras and his brothers.

Tax on land-distribution paid by Zoilus son of Saras on land inherited from his father.

Copy of a division of property between Sarapion and Heron, both sons of Sarapion, in the 3rd year of Titus.

Ditto in the 17th year of Antoninus, Pauni 13, between Saras and Theon, both sons of Zoilus son of Sarapion.

Ditto between Saras and Theon, both sons of Zoilus son of Sarapion.

. . . and the drains in vacant spaces on the west of the workshop, the use of $\frac{1}{2}$ the above-mentioned being reserved for Epeus son of Sarapion, freedman of Demetrous daughter of Plutarchus, of the said city, for his lifetime in accordance with the aforesaid will, and . . . at the workshop and drains. The adjacent areas are on the south land of the heirs of Damas, on the north land of Philonicus, on the east a street, on the west a garden.

Sarapias and Aunchis, both daughters of Harthonis son of Paapis, and their mother Terathonis daughter of Zoilus son of Sarapion son of Petosorapis have sold the produce and roof and dyeing-workshops constructed jointly, which belong to them in the aforesaid dyeing-place, and the leaden pot and earthenware cask which they possess there, and further the vacant spaces which they possess on the west of the workshop.

3rd year of Nero Claudius Caesar, Pharmouthi 1, through the office of the agoranomi at Oxyrhynchus, deeds concerning previous ownership of the ground on the west of the workshop.

Publication effected by Saras son of Zoilus surnamed Amoïs. He borrowed 1,000 drachmae at 6 drachmae a month interest from the present month Pauni of the 25th year on the security of a half share of a house owned jointly in respect of the remaining half by Zosimus son of Pausiris with its fixtures . . .

14-18. Heraïs was married twice, having a son by Sarapion (l. 16) and a daughter by Zoilus (l. 18). The dative in l. 17, apparently in the sense of *ὑπέρ* with the genitive, is unusual, but it seems impossible to read *τροφί(μον)* and connect the dative with that word.

20. *μητρ(ρός)* *κηδύλλας*: there would be room for 2 or 3 more letters in the lacuna, but *μητρός* is regularly abbreviated in 1648, and there seems to have been a blank space before *κηδύλλας*, though that is not a known name.

32. *μεταδόσιμον*: cf. P. Tebt. 316. 12. Here, however, a document concerning *δημοσίωσις* seems to be meant; cf. l. 68 and 1472. int.

33. *ἐργάστρων* is not a known form (though cf. *ἄλεστρον, ἡπητρον, ὕφαντρον, &c.*) and seems to be only a misspelling; cf. *βαφικά ἐργαστήρια* in l. 61.

35. *χρηματισμός*: cf. 1649 *passim* and P. Strassb. (*Archiv* iv. 134-5), where in iii. 41 *χρημ.* refers to a *διαίρεσις*, and in iv. 9 to a *πράσις*, probably, as Wilcken remarks, implying a notarial contract in contrast to a *χειρόγραφον*. Here and in l. 36 a sale is probably meant. Palosis was in the Thmoisepho toparchy; cf. 1659. 88.

36. Tepouis and Senuris were in the "Λνω τοπαρχία; cf. 721. 9, 1285. 63.

37. *τέλος καταλοχ(ισμών)*: this tax was payable on the grant or transfer of catocic land, whether by cession or inheritance; cf. P. Tebt. 357. 3, n.

40. *Τεοῦχ(ιν?)*: this village, which was no doubt in the "Λνω τοπαρχία like Tepouis (l. 36, n.), is unknown, and the reading of the first four letters is very doubtful; but 'Αθῦχ(ιν), a village in that toparchy known from 1659. 14, is not suitable here.

50. *ἐκχύσεων*: cf. *ἐκχύσ(εσι)* in l. 54, P. Brit. Mus. 1177 (an account of water-works). 91 *τιμῆς ἐκχύσεω(ν) καὶ κάδων ὄστρακ(ίνων)*, 111 *τιμῆς ἐκχύσεων ὄστρακ(ίνων) εἰς προβ(ολήν)*, 186 *τιμῆς ξύλων συκαμιν[νω(ν)] εἰς ἐκχύσις καὶ ἀμπροτ() (= ἀναποτισμὸν?) μηχ(ανῶν) καστέλλου*

"Αλλους, 218 ξύλων) συκαμεινίω(ν) β εἰς ἐπισκ(εὐνήν) ἐκχύσεω(ν), 237 εἰς κήλωνα ἐκχύσεω(ν) κωνῶ(ν) β μῶ(ν) γ, 247] εἰς ἐπ[ισκ(εὐνήν)] ἐκχύσεω(ν) μηχ(ανῶν) μῶ(ν) η, 1220. 16 ἐκχυσταίους ἤλους. Reil (*Gewerb.* 65, 83, 85) in those instances explains ἐκχύσεις as baskets for receiving and emitting water in a *shadîf* or *sakîyeh*; cf. *Etymol. Magnim* ὀχετόκρανα τὰ κηλώνια ἢ ἐκχύσεις αἱ λεγόμεναι τῶν μηχανημάτων, to which Photius and Suidas add εἰσὶ δὲ αὐταὶ ξύλιναι ἢ κεράτιναι. But here at any rate they seem to mean pipes for introducing and letting off water of a βαφεῖον, for ll. 50-6 apparently refer to the same property as ll. 57-67; cf. especially l. 50 with ll. 63-4, 67. A stop should perhaps be placed after the symbol for ἡμισείας in l. 51 instead of after ἐκχύσεω(ν).

53-4. The construction of τῶ δὲ κτλ. is not clear. ἐργε . () is possibly ἐργ(άστ)ετ(αι). The letter following γ could be ω, but not α. The ε of δε is raised slightly above the line; but δε(δηλωμένω) is a more extensive abbreviation than is usual in 1648 (though cf. Α(ἱρηλίου) in l. 84 and ἀπελ(ευθέρου) in l. 52), and a dative does not connect well with the preceding sentence, while τῶ(ν) . . . ἐργαστηρίω(ν) is not suitable.

59. Πετωουσοράπιος: he is obviously identical with Πετοσαράπι(ος) in l. 39.

60. δόκωσιν: cf. LXX Eccles. x. 18 ταπεινωθήσεται ἡ δόκωσις, and Hesych. δόκωσις· στέγη.

66. προκτητικά δικαιώματα: cf. 1636. 23-5.

68. δημοσίωσις: cf. 1472. int.

69. 6 drachmae per 1,000 a month is less than the usual rate of interest, which is 10 per 1,000; but τριωβολεῖος τόκος (5 per 1,000) is not uncommon.

70. κε (ἔτους?): the tip of a stroke coming high above the line suits the symbol for ἔτους very well, but κα is possible. The 25th year is not likely to refer to Augustus, so that Commodus is presumably the emperor in question, but the 21st year might refer to Hadrian or Antoninus, besides Augustus and Tiberius. ἐνεστ(ῶτος) μῆ(νός) is merely a quotation from the original document, and has no bearing on the date of 1648. For [ἐφ' ὑποθ(ήκη) οἰ]κ(ίας), for which cf. e. g. 270. 16, there is not room, and either [ἐφ' ὑποθ(ήκη) οἰ]κ(ίας) was written (cf. ll. 53-4, n.), or [ἐφ' ὑπο]θ(ήκη) (οἰκίας) should be read. The vestige of a stroke joining the symbol for $\frac{1}{2}$ is inconclusive.

71. χρηστηρίος or συγκύρουσι is to be supplied after τ(οῖς) αὐτῆ(ς).

75. ὑπόμνημα: cf. 1649, where contracts are regularly accompanied by an ἐπισκ(εφθέν) ὑπόμνημα.

76. συμβόλ(αιον) or συμβολ(ικόν) is more probable than σύμβολ(ον), since περί follows. Cf. P. Strassb. iii. 55 (*Archiv* iv. 134) συμ[βό]λ[ι]κ[όν] γράμμα.

82. διαστολι[κοῦ]: the reading of all the letters after δια is very uncertain, but διαιρέσεως (cf. l. 43) is inadmissible. διαστολι[κοῦ] (or διαστολῆ[ς]) can mean either a ὑπόμνημα to an official concerning a claim (e. g. about a pledge; 68. 33) or an order for payment (cf. 516. int.).

84. This line probably connects with l. 83, though it is not indented. Α' may have been an afterthought, especially as the names of emperors are not elsewhere abbreviated in 1648; cf. ll. 53-4, n.

1649. ABSTRACTS OF CONTRACTS.

22.2 x 13.6 cm.

After A. D. 280.

A series of extracts from the records of the βιβλιοθήκη δημοσίων λόγων at Oxyrhynchus, containing brief abstracts of documents concerning the property of a family, similar to 1648, but about a century later; cf. 1648. int. The ends

of lines are lost, and fairly certain restorations of ll. 3, 6, 10, 14, and 21 combine to suggest that about 25 letters are missing in ll. 1-17 and 10 more after that point; cf. l. 2, n. The heading of the list, showing the source of it, is partly preserved (l. 1, n.). The items are arranged chronologically, beginning in A. D. 257 (l. 3), the latest referring to a year which is not earlier than 279-80 (l. 29; cf. l. 27). The lower margin of the column is partly extant, and that the list was continued in one or more columns now lost (cf. 1648) is not very likely, for the handwriting suits the concluding portion of the reign of Probus better than the fourth century. The first two entries (ll. 2-8) mention a woman called Sarapias, and a different Sarapias found in l. 12 may be her daughter; but most of the other names are lost. With three exceptions (ll. 2-8 and 18-19) each entry mentions (1) a *ὑπόμνημα* (i. e. memorandum or application to some official; cf. 1648. 75) which had been officially examined, (2) one or more contracts accompanying the *ὑπόμνημα*, the verb *παρέθετο*, i. e. 'deposited' in the archives, being apparently supplied in each case (cf. l. 6). Most of these contracts were simply called *χρηματισμοί* (i. e. notarial documents; cf. 1648. 35, n.), their character not being specified; others were apparently *χειρόγραφα* of the nature of *ἀσφάλειαι* (ll. 14-17, 25-7), and both classes had in some cases been subjected to *ἐκμαρτύρησις* (cf. 1562). A will, also accompanied by a *ὑπόμνημα*, is the subject of ll. 5-8: the nature of the documents mentioned in ll. 2-4 and 18-19 is obscured by the lacunae.

"Εγλημψις ἐκ τῆς δημοσ[ί]ων λόγ[ων] βιβλιοθήκης ἐκ 18 letters?

Σαραπίας Γεμελλείνου μη(τρὸς) Ἐρμιταρίου με[25 letters

καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ὡς περιέχει ἐπὶ τοῦ ε (ἔτους) [Οὐαλεριανοῦ καὶ Γαλλιανοῦ
καὶ Κορνηλίου Οὐαλεριανοῦ Σεβαστῶν Χ[ο]ζ[ακ] . .

5 ια (ἔτους) ὁμοίως τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Γαλλιανοῦ Σεβασ[τοῦ] 14 letters μεθ' ὑ-
πομνήματος παρέθετο ἀντίγρα(φον) Ῥωμαϊκῆς [διαθήκης τῆς ἑαυτοῦ μὲν
γυναι-

κὸς τῆς δὲ Σαραπίδος καὶ τῶν ἀδελφῶν ἀ[δελφῆς] 19 letters

ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ὡς περιέχει. [

ἐπισκ(εφθὲν?) ὑπόμνη(μα) ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) Ἀύρηλιου Ἀτμήτ[ου] 17 letters ἀπὸ τῆς

10 αὐτῆς πόλεως καὶ τὸν συνπαταεθέν[τα] μοναχὸν χρημα(τισμὸν) ὡς περιέχει
ἐπὶ τοῦ ἐξῆς ιβ (ἔτους) Χοίακ λ.

ἐπισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα) καὶ τὸν ἐπενεχθ(έντα) χρημα(τισμὸν) [ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος)?

14 letters Σαρα-

πίδος Ἀπολλωνίου ἐπὶ τοῦ ιε (ἔτους) ὁμοίως. [

- ἐπισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα) ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) αὐτ(ῆς) καὶ τὰ συνπ[αρατεθ(έντα)
χειρόγρα(φα)? ἐκμαρτυρηθ(έντα) διὰ τοῦ
- 15 ἐνθάδε μνημονίου, ὧν (μία) ἀσφάλεια 19 letters, ἑτέρα
δι' ἧς ἐξεχωρήθη ὑ[π]άρχοντα ὑπὸ Π[27 letters ὡς περιέχει
ἐπὶ τοῦ ς (ἔτους) τοῦ κυρίου [ἡμῶν] Αὐτ[ο]κ[ράτορος Αὐρηλιανοῦ
α (ἔτους) τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Τακί[του] Σεβαστοῦ 20 letters Ἴσι-
δώρας Σεπτιμίου Εὐδ[αίμονος] ὡς περιέχει?
- 20 ἐπισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα) ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) τοῦ 25 letters καὶ τὸν συν-
παρατεθ(έντα) μοναχῶ[ν] χρημα(τισμὸν) ἐκμαρτυρηθ(έντα) διὰ τοῦ ἐνθάδε
μνημο-
νείου ὡς περιέχει ἐπ[ὶ] τοῦ . (ἔτους) —
ἐπισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα) ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) [αὐτ(οῦ)]? καὶ τὸν συνπαρατεθ(έντα)
μοναχὸν χρημα(τισμὸν)
ἐκμαρτυρηθ(έντα) διὰ τοῦ ἐνθάδε μνημονείου ὡς περιέχει ἐπὶ τοῦ . (ἔτους).
- 25 ἐπισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα) ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) [33 letters καὶ ἀντίγραφα?
ἑτέρων ἀσφαλειῶν] δ γενομ[ένων] 26 letters
ὡς περιέχ(ουσι) ἐπὶ τοῦ ε (ἔτους) Πρόβ[ου] Σεβαστοῦ —
ἐ[πισκ(εφθὲν) ὑπόμνη(μα)] ἐξ ὀνόμα(τος) [αὐτ()]? καὶ τὸν συνπαρατεθ(έντα)
μοναχὸν χρημα(τισμὸν) ἐκμαρτυρηθ(έντα) διὰ
τοῦ [ἐνθάδε μ]νημον[είου] ὡς περιέχει ἐπὶ τοῦ . (ἔτους) —

6. ρωμαϊκῆς. 9. ὑπομνη(μα); so in ll. 12, &c. 1. Ἀδμή[του]. 15. ὦν α. 16. ὑπο.

1. Cf. B. G. U. 274. 1 ἐκ βιβλιοθήκης δημοσίων λόγων κολ(λήματος) οη τ(όμου) ιζ, followed by an extract from a taxing-list, 861. 1 ἐκ βιβλιοθήκης [δημοσίων λόγων ἐξ] ἐπισκέψεως μ[εθ'] ἕτερα, followed by an abstract of a lease, 870. 1 ἐκ βιβλ. δημ(οσίων) λόγων ἐξ ἐπισκέψεως ἡμερησίας οἰκο(πέδου?) . . . (a year?) κώμης Σοκροπαίου Νήσου μεθ' (1. μεθ') ἕτερα, followed by a description of house-property, P. S. I. 450 verso. 48 ἔγλ(ημψις) ἐκ τῆς τῶν ἐνκτήσεων ἐκ διαστρώματος κομητῶν Σεφῶ, followed by an abstract of a παραχώρησις of land, 69 ἔγλ(ημψις) ἐκ δημο(σίας) βιβλ(ιοθήκης) ἐκ παιδιακ(ῆς) (1. πεδ.) ἐπικρίσεως θ (ἔτους) θεοῦ Ἀλεξάνδρου[υ] κολ(λήματος) ξ5 ἀμφόδου Ἑρμαίου, followed by entries about the ownership of house-property, 1287. 1 ἔγλ. ἐκ δημ. βιβλ. ἐκ πεδιακῆς ἐπικρίσεως (so Vitelli from P. S. I. 450) ιδ (ἔτους) κολ(λήματος) ν Σενέπ(τα).

2. με[τὰ] κυρίου followed by a proper name is unlikely, for in ll. 6-7, 12-13, and 19 the women concerned seem to act without κύριοι, and a verb like παρέθετο (cf. l. 6), an accusative (e. g. διαίρειν), and a proper name have to be supplied in this line, while a lacuna of e. g. 50 letters here does not suit ll. 6, 10, 14, and 21.

4. Cornelius Valerianus is the elder, not the younger, son of Gallienus, though Saloninus too is apparently called Augustus in an Alexandrian coin of the 4th year (*Prosopogr. imp. Rom.* ii. 273).

5-6. μεθ' ὑ]πομνήμα(τος) . . . [διαθήκης; cf. 1725. 20-1.

9. ἐπισκ(εφθέν?) ὑπόμνη(μα) : one at least of the two words has to be in the accusative, and the aorist participle here is in accordance with *συνπαρετέθεντα* (ll. 10, &c.), *ἐπενεχθέντα* (l. 12), and *ἐκμαρτυρηθέντα* (ll. 24, &c.), while *ἐπίσκ(εψιν) ὑπομνή(ματος)* is unsatisfactory. *ἐπισκ(εφθέν)* corresponds to ἐξ ἐπισκέψεως in the headings of B. G. U. 861 and 870 quoted in l. 1, n.

14. For *χειρόγρα(φα)* cf. 1724. 21-32. *γράμματα* is also possible; cf. *γράμμα* in P. Strassb. iii, 29 (*Archiv* iv. 134).

22. Since Tacitus did not have a 2nd year, and Probus is mentioned in l. 27 for apparently the first time, the figure of the year here and in l. 24 is likely to have been a (or τοῦ αὐτοῦ; cf. l. 18).

25. For *ἀντίγραφα* cf. 1648. 43, 82, 91-2.

II. PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

(a) *Accounts of Transport.*

1650 and 1650 (a). ACCOUNTS OF FREIGHT TO MEMPHIS.

1650 18.7 × 16.4 cm.; 1650 (a) 18.4 × 8.6 cm. Late first or early second century.

These two papyri, which were found together and were written probably about the end of the first century, contain accounts relating to the transport of wheat and beans (?) to Memphis by water (cf. Wilcken. *Grundz.* p. 378), and emanating presumably from a *ναύκληρος* or *κυβερνήτης*. 1650 is in two columns, each concerned with a different boat, carrying respectively 550 and 540 artabae of wheat, the various charges connected with which are nearly identical in the two accounts and are put in the same order. 1650 (a), referring to another commodity, is in a different hand and shows some other differences of detail, though many of the items mentioned in 1650 recur. 1651, though a century at least later in date, is closely similar. Other more or less cognate accounts are P. Paris 60 bis (= W. *Chr.* 30) and Hibehe 110 recto. 21 sqq. of the third century B. C., and of the later Roman period P. Fay. 104, Ryl. 224 (a), Flor. 335.

1650.

Col. i.

Col. ii.

Λόγος Μέμφεω(ς) κθ·

Λόγος Μέμφεως κθ·

λόγος πάκτωνος [[ἀρταβῶν?]]
(πυροῦ) (ἀρταβῶν) φν (δραχμαὶ) μδ,
νέων (δρ.) 5,

20 ἄλλ(ου) πλ(οίου) θαλαμηγοῦ (πυρῶν)
(ἀρταβῶν) φμ [[(δρ.) μγ]]
ὡς τῶν (ἀρτ.) ρ (δρ.) η (δρ.) μγ,

5 γένους (δρ.) δ,

νέων (δρ.) 5,

ἐραυνητικ(οῦ)	(δρ.) δ,	γένους	(δρ.) δ,
τραπεζεΐτη	(δρ.) α,	ἐραυνητ(ικοῦ)	(δρ.) δ,
χειριστικοῦ	(δρ.) ε,	25 τραπεζεΐτ(η)	(δρ.) α,
ἀλλαγῆ(s)	(δρ.) α,	χειριστικοῦ	(δρ.) ε,
10 ἐρμηνεῖ{s}	(δρ.) β,	ἀλλαγῆs	(δρ.) α,
πηδαλίου	(δρ.) ιδ(τετρώ- βολον),	ἐρμηνεῖ	(δρ.) β,
φύλαξ ἀπὸ γ(ῆs ?) καὶ κυδ(άρφ ?) (τε- τρώβ.),		πηδαλίου	(δρ.) ιδ (πεν- τώβ.),
γραμματεῦσι	(δρ.) δ,	30 γραμματεῦσι	(δρ.) δ,
Ἄρτεμεῖτι	(δρ.) α,	Ἄρτεμεῖτι	(δρ.) α,
15 χειρογρα(φίας)	(δρ.) α,	χειρογρα(φίας)	(δρ.) α,
πιπτακίου	(τετρώβ.),	πιπτακίου	(τετρώβ.),
ἐραυνητικ(οῦ) εἰς λόγον σπονδ(ῆs)		/ (δρ.) πξ (τριώβ.).	
(δρ.) β,			
/ (δρ.) ρα.			

22. νεων over an expunction.

‘Memphis account, the 29th. Account of a wherry : 550 artabae of wheat 44 drachmae, repairs 6 dr., tax 4 dr., examination-dues 4 dr., to the banker 1 dr., commission 5 dr., exchange 1 dr., to an interpreter 2 dr., rudder 14 dr. 4 ob., a guard from the land (?) and for a boat (?) 4 ob., to clerks 4 dr., to Artemeis 1 dr., affidavit 1 dr., receipt 4 ob., examination-dues for a libation 2 dr., total 91 dr.’

‘Memphis account, the 29th. Another boat with a hold, for 540 artabae of wheat at 8 dr. per 100 art., 43 dr.,’ &c.

2. At the end of the line a faint dot with a stroke above it appears to represent an expunged artaba-sign.

3. Cf. l. 21, where the payment is at the same rate, 8 dr. per 100 artabae. This sum probably represents cost of transport.

4. Cf. l. 22 and 1650 (a). 2, where 5 dr. 5 ob. are paid νέου, but the meaning is obscure. Possibly the reference is to tackle of some kind for the boat; cf. πηδαλίον in ll. 11, 29, 1650 (a). 2, 1651. 5, and ξυλικοῦ in 1651. 12.

5. Cf. P. Hamb. 17. iii. 6, where [γ]ένο(ς), as suggested by the editor, is probably the right restoration and δια(φόρου) may well precede. In 1651. 4 τρέλους apparently corresponds to γένους here and in 1650 (a). 3; cf. P. Flor. 335. 6 τέλους αὐτῶν, and the τέλη Μέμφεως advanced to a κυβερνήτης in 919, with which must be associated the charge λιμένος Μέμφεως found in Fayûm customs-receipts. The item γένους or τέλους in this group of accounts is thus probably to be explained as a form of octroi-duty. γένη in connexion with the rent of δημοσία γῆ occur in P. Flor. 18. 19 sqq. ἐκφοριῶν καὶ προσμετρομένων καὶ γενῶν καὶ μονοδεσμίας χόρτου. Cf. the common use of εἶδος in reference to taxation, e. g. P. Fay. 55. 6.

6. *ἐραυνητικ(οῦ)*: cf. l. 24 and 1651. 2, where the charge is at the same rate, P. Fay. 104, where several payments are entered *ἐραυνηταῖς* (evidently customs officials), and P. Paris 60 *bis*. 15 *ἐραυνηταὶ πλοίου*. Regulations concerning *ἐρευνα* are given in P. Tebt. 5. 22-7.

8. *χειριστικοῦ*: cf. P. Tebt. 121. 49, where *χειριστικὸν σκ* has been explained as a payment for the services of a *χειριστής*, as in P. Tebt. 188 *δαπά(νης) χειρ[ιστή]*, a meaning which would be suitable enough in the present passage. *χειριστικόν* is also used in the sense of a current-account book, e. g. 1257. 10, P. Goodsp. 30. iv. 5 *ἐν πιττακίῳ Σωτηρίχῳ ἐτάγη καὶ ἐν χειριστικοῖς οὐκ εὔρ(ίσκεται)*. But *χειριστικός* is found as an epithet of *πυρός* in 1444. 4 and 1526. 4, and it is perhaps rather with that use and the *χειρισμὸς Νέας πόλεως* especially concerned with the transport of corn to Rome (cf. Wilcken, *Grundz.* 369, P. Giessen 11. 11, n.) that *χειριστικόν* here should be brought into connexion. An analogous form *διαχειριστικόν*, which is coupled with *φόρετρον* and paid to *ναύκληροι*, occurs in an unpublished British Museum papyrus of the third century B. C.

9. Cf. P. Flor. 335. 18 *ἀλλαγῆς*.

10. The dative singular was doubtless intended, as in l. 28.

12. This entry does not recur in Col. ii nor in 1650 (*a*), and the abbreviations are obscure. *κνδ(άρφ)* is restored on the analogy of 1651. 15, but *καί* is doubtful and *κικνδ()* could be read; *ἀπὸ γ(ῆς)* was proposed by Rostowzew. The charge for a *φύλαξ* may be taken to correspond to those for a *στρατιώτης* in 1650 (*a*). 7, and a *βενεφικιάριος* and *στατιωνάριος* in 1651. 13, 19. Cf. e. g. the *φυλακτικὰ* in P. Hibeh 110 recto. 22.

13. *γραμματεῦσι*: cf. the *γραμματικόν* in P. Hibeh 110 recto. 23 sqq., and P. Fay. 104. 15 *ταβου[λαρί]φ*.

16. *πιττάκιον* is a word applied to documents of various kinds—letters, accounts, memoranda, receipts, &c. The meaning of receipt or ticket seems most likely here; cf. e. g. *πιττάκιον καμήλων*, *πιττάκιον σφραγισμοῦ*, &c., in the Coptos tariff (O. G. I. 674. 21 sqq.).

17. This extra charge *σπονδῆς*, for other examples of which cf. 1744. 3 and P. Tebt. 347. 2, n., is not repeated in Col. ii or in 1650 (*a*). In 1651. 18, however, 1 dr. 1 ob. are entered *ἐραυνητῇ* in addition to 4 dr. *ἐραυνητικ(οῦ)*.

1650 (*a*).

] . , λόγος Μέμφεος· κεάμου (δραχμαὶ) ριθ, [
 νέον (δρ.) ε (πεντώβολον), πηδαλίον (δρ.) ιδ (πεντώβ.), [
 τραπεζ(ίτη) (δρ.) α, γένους (δρ.) η, ἐραυ[νητικ(οῦ)] (δρ.) . ,
 ταμίον (δρ.) ι, χειριστικοῦ (δρ.) ιδ[,
 5 ἀλλαγῆ (δρ.) β, συνβολικὰ (δρ.) β,
 γραμματέων (δρ.) δ, χιρογραφία[s (δρ.) . ,
 στρατιώτη (δρ.) δ, π{τε}ιττακίου (δυόβολοι).]

1. 1. Μέμφεως κνάμου (οἱ κεράμου). 7. δ corr.

'The . . th, Memphis account. For beans (?) 119 drachmae, repairs 5 dr. 5 ob., rudder 14 dr. 5 ob., to the banker 1 dr., tax 8 dr., examination-dues . . dr., storage 10 dr., commission 14 dr., exchange 2 dr., receipt-charges 2 dr., clerks 4 dr., affidavit . dr., to a soldier 4 dr., receipt 2 ob.'

1. A stroke above the vestige before *λόγος* shows that the day of the month stood at the beginning of the line. The initial sum 119 dr. is much larger than the corresponding figures in 1650, so that, unless something other than cost of freight was included, the cargo must have been proportionately greater.

4. *ταμίου* here is more likely to mean 'storehouse' than 'treasury', as e.g. in P. Fay. 300 *λοιπ(αί) ἐν ταμίῳ (ἀρτ.) υβ.* Cf. P. Brit. Mus. 928. 3-6 (iii, p. 190), where the entry *ταμείου (ἀρτ.) α* is placed between *λαχανο]σπέρμων τῆς (ἀρτ.) (δρ.) α (ὀβ.) (ἡμιωβ.)* and *ἀν]αλώματος πλοίου (δρ.) θ.*

7. *στρατιώτῃ*: cf. 1651. 13, 19, n. These soldiers may well have been the *ἐπίπλοοι* who commonly accompanied cargoes of grain; cf. 276. 8-10, P. Brit. Mus. 256 recto. (a) 2 (ii. 99 = W. *Chr.* 443), and 1749.

1651. ACCOUNT OF FREIGHT.

15.1 X 11 cm.

Third century.

An account of expenses connected with a freight of jars of wine, closely resembling 1650 and 1650 (a); cf. int. to those papyri. The writing is across the fibres, but whether on the recto or verso is not clear.

	<i>Τῶν υ κερα(μίων) ἐκ (τετρωβόλου) (ἡμιωβελίου) (δραχμαί) τ,</i>	
	<i>ἐραυνητικ(οῦ)</i>	(δρ.) δ,
	<i>ἀναλώματος οἴνηγ(ίας)</i>	(δρ.) λς (τριώβολου),
	<i>τ[έ]λους</i>	(δρ.) κδ,
5	<i>πηδαλίου</i>	(δρ.) ιβ (τετρώβ.) (ἡμιώβ.),
	<i>γραμματέων</i>	(δρ.) η,
	<i>γ(ίνονται) (δρ.) τπε (δυόβολοι).</i>	
	<i>└ προσδιαγρα(φομένων)</i>	(δρ.) λ,
	<i>ἀλλαγῆς</i>	(δρ.) β (ὀβολός),
10	<i>χειρογρα(φίας)</i>	(τριώβ.),
	<i>γ(ίνονται) ἐπ(ὶ τὸ αὐτὸ) (δρ.) υη.</i>	
	<i>ξυλικού</i>	(δρ.) ιδ (δυοβ.),
	<i>β(ενεφικιαρίφ)</i>	(δρ.) δ,
	<i>γ(ίνονται) ἐπ(ὶ τὸ αὐτὸ) (δρ.) υλς (δυόβ.).</i>	
15	<i>κυδάρφ</i>	(τετρώβ.),
	<i>. [.]τ[ει]</i>	(τετρώβ.),
	<i>πιττακίου</i>	(δρ.) α (ὀβολ.),
	<i>ἐραυνητῆ</i>	(δρ.) α (ὀβολ.),
	<i>[σ]τατιωναρίφ</i>	(δρ.) β (δυόβ.).

‘For 400 jars at $4\frac{1}{2}$ obols, 300 dr., examination dues 4 dr., expense of carriage of wine 36 dr. 3 ob., tax 24 dr., rudder 12 dr. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ob., clerks 8 dr., total 385 dr. 2 ob. Extra payments on this, 30 dr., exchange 2 dr. 1 ob., affidavit 3 ob., total amount 418 dr. Timber 14 dr. 2 ob., to a *beneficiarius* 4 dr., total amount 436 dr. 2 ob. To a boat 4 ob., . . . 4 ob., receipt 1 dr. 1 ob., to an examiner 1 dr. 1 ob., to a soldier on guard 2 dr. 2 ob.’

4. The first letter may be equally well read as γ , but the third seems to be plainly λ , not ν , and $\gamma[\epsilon]_{\rho\omicron\upsilon\varsigma}$ (cf. 1650. 5, 23, 1650 (a). 3) is thus unsuitable. The sense, however, is much the same; cf. 1650. 5, n.

7. ($\delta\nu\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\iota$): this is $\frac{1}{2}$ obol in excess.

8. The symbol at the beginning of this line is commonly used in accounts to indicate deduction, which is here obviously excluded, the following items being added in l. 11 to the preceding total. If, however, the sign is interpreted as equivalent to $\delta\nu$, like the Ptolemaic δ , it can include other meanings than those of division and subtraction, and becomes easily intelligible in the present passage.

12. $\xi\upsilon\lambda\iota\kappa\omicron\upsilon\delta$: cf. P. Fay. 104. 20, where the next entry is $\sigma\chi\epsilon\delta\iota\alpha\varsigma \delta\omicron\mu\iota\omicron\varsigma$ ($\Sigma\chi\epsilon\delta\iota\alpha\varsigma$ as proposed in P. Hibeh 110. 25, n., is wrong; cf. P. Flor. 335. 11).

16. A vestige of the first letter is consistent with e. g. π , τ , χ .

18. This second charge (cf. l. 2) is comparable to $\epsilon\iota\varsigma \lambda(\acute{\omicron}\gamma\omicron\nu)\sigma\pi\omicron\nu\delta(\eta\varsigma)$ in 1650. 17.

19. Cf. 1650 (a). 7, n., and 62. 13, where a *στατιωνάριος* is mentioned in connexion with the embarkation of corn. On the *stationarii*, including centurions, decurions, and *beneficiarii* (l. 13), introduced by the Romans for police purposes see Wilcken, *Grundz.* 413-14.

1652. ACCOUNTS OF TRANSPORT.

(a) 5.2×14.2 cm.; (b) 5×19.6 cm.

Third century.

These two short accounts, written by the same hand and following the same formula, relate to two villages in the Lower toparchy of the nome. The names of the villages precede as headings, and below are entered various sums for *πλατυπηγίων Κρονίωνος*, *στεφανωτικῶν*, *δρομαδαρίων*, and *ναύλου κριθῆς*, each of these being followed by a kind of *προσδιαγραφόμενα* called *ἐρήμων*, the amount of which is always approximately 10 per cent. of the preceding sum. Since three out of the four main items are evidently concerned with transport either by land or water, it seems natural to connect *ἐρήμων* with the well-known *ἐρημοφυλακία* (cf. e. g. P. Fay. p. 196). The fourth main item, however, *στεφανωτικά*, for which large sums are entered in both accounts, is obscure. If this is an unusual variant for *στεφανικά*, the addition of a percentage for *ἐρημοφυλακία* is surprising; but *στεφανωτικά* can, as Rostowzew suggests, be regarded as an epithet of *πλοῖα* understood.

(a)

Col. i.

Col. ii.

Ψάβθεως Κάτω

πλατυπηγίων Κρονίωνος (δρ.) *σφθ*, 7 *ἐρήμ(ων)* (δρ.) *κα*,
ἐρήμων (δρ.) *κς*, *ναύ(ου) κριθ(ῆς)* Ἀλ[ε]ξ[ανδρείας]

	στεφανωτικ(ῶν) (τάλ.) α (δρ.) ωξξ,		(δρ.) φιη,
5	ἐρήμων (δρ.) χπβ,	ἐρήμ(ων)	(δρ.) νβ,
	ὀψωνίου δρομαδαρ(ίων) (δρ.) σις,	10 / (τάλ.) α (δρ.) 'Bψιβ.	
(δ)	<i>Τακόνα</i>		
	ὀψων(ίου) ναυ(τῶν) πλατυπη(ηγίων) δι(ὰ)	ἐρήμ(ων)	(δρ.) ξς,
	Κρονίω(νος) ἐπιμ(ελητοῦ) (δρ.) γμ,	ναύ(ου) κριθ(ῆς)	(δρ.) 'Αχλα,
	ἐρήμ(ων) (δρ.) ςδ,	ἐρήμ(ων)	(δρ.) ρξδ,
	στεφανωτικ(ῶν) (τάλ.) γ (δρ.) 'Γψκε,	10 [/ (τάλ.) δ (δρ.) 'Γ[υμ]η]	
5	ἐρήμ(ων) (δρ.) 'Bρμη,	/ (τάλ.) δ (δρ.) 'Γυμη.	
	δρομαδαρ(ίων) (δρ.) χπ,		

(α) 'Psobthis in the Lower toparchy: for the barges (?) of Cronion 299 drachmae, desert dues (?) 27 dr., crown-tax (?) 1 talent 897 dr., desert dues 672 dr., wages of camelmen 216 dr., desert dues 21 dr., freightage of barley for Alexandria 518 dr., desert dues 52 dr., total 1 tal. 2712 dr.'

(α) 1. Κάτω: sc. *τοπαρχίας*, in which Takona ((δ) 1) was also situated; cf. 1285. 130. There were two other villages called Psobthis; cf. 1637. 27, n.

2. *πλατυπηγίων*: the word is apparently novel, but is now to be recognized in P. Thead. 59. 3, where the editor read *πλαγνηγια* in an obscure account referring to Pelusium and Alexandria. A boat of some kind is indicated by (δ) 2. Cf. the analogous form *διαπήγιον* in B. G. U. 781. iii. 8.

6. *δρομαδαρ(ίων)*: cf. B. G. U. 696. 14, 30, 827. 31, and the Dakkeh ostraca Nos. 12-13 published by Evelyn White in *Class. Rev.* xxxiii. 49 sqq.

(δ) 2. *ναυ(τῶν)*: above the ν is a slightly curved stroke made in much the same way as that representing the μ of *ἐρήμ(ων)*, &c., but *ναυ(τῶν)* seems to be the word intended; cf. (α) 6.

10. This line, which is damaged by the scaling of the surface, seems to have been crossed through.

(δ) *Miscellaneous Accounts.*

1653. ACCOUNT OF A STEWARD.

20.6 x 9 cm.

A. D. 306.

This account of a steward, dealing with payments on behalf of his employer (a woman land-owner) for taxation and other purposes in the 14th year (of Constantius and Galerius) which = the 2nd (of Severus and Maximinus), is written on the verso of a piece of papyrus cut off from a roll of which the recto had already been used for accounts, traces of two columns being visible. The steward's account is continued on the recto, which seems to belong to the next

year. The payments were chiefly made in silver reckoned by weight, not by coinage, but an interesting reference to gold reckoned on both systems occurs in ll. 17-18; cf. n. Partly owing to the loss of a corner of the document, but still more to alterations in the plan and to the inexactitude of the writer, the meaning of some of the entries is not very clear. Lines 2-14 and 17-18 apparently give receipts, ll. 15-16 and 19-21 expenditure.

Verso

- [Ιδ (ἔτους) β (ἔτους)] Μεχείρ ιβ.
 [λόγ(ος) ?] ἀσήμου παραδοθ(έντος)
 [ὑπὸ τ]ῆς γεούχου ἀποφερομ(ένου)
 εἶ[ς] Ἐρμούπολ(ιν) παραδοθησομ(ένου)
 5 εἰς λόγον τῆς γενομ(ένης) ἐπιβολῆς
 ἀσήμου ἐπιμερισθ(είσης) πρ(ὸς) φορολογίαν
 σί(του) δημ(οσίῳ) μέτρ(ω) ὡς τῶν (ἀρταβῶν) ρ
 ἐξ ο(ὑ)γ(κίας) αλ. ἔστι δέ.
 δι' ἄλλου λί(τραι) β ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) α γρ(άμματα) η,
 10 Βαυλλίου ἀπὸ λί(τρας) α μετὰ τὰς
 ὑπολειφθ(είσας) παρὰ τῆς
 γεούχου ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) δλ γρ(άμ.) β τὰ λοιπ(ὰ)
 ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) ζ γρ(άμ.) ι,
 Φ[α]μενῶθ ὁμοῦ λί(τρ.) β ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) ηλ γρ(άμ.) ς.
 β 15 Σαραπίωνι ἀργυροκόπ(ω) λί(τρ.) β ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) γ γρ(άμ.) ιζ,
 καθάρσεως τούτων ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) α γρ(άμ.) ιβ.
 χρυσοῦ ὁμοίως ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) β γρ(άμ.) ι
 ἐν ὀλοκοττίνοις ιβ.
 λοιπ(αῖ)] ἐξ ὧν παρεδόθη τῷ γεούχῳ
 20 ιδ (ἔτους) β (ἔτους) Φαμενῶθ ιζ
 ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) γ γρ(άμ.) θ.

Recto

-] ιε γ (ἔτους ?), [ἀσ]ήμου λί(τρ.) β [ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) η γρ(άμ.) ιβ.
 [. . . Σ]αραπίωνι [ἀργυροκόπ(ω)
 λί(τρ.) β ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) γ γρ(άμ.) ιζ, [καθά]ρ[σεως τούτ(ων)]
 25 ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) αλ, ὁμοῦ λί(τρ.) β ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) ε γρ(άμ.) ε,
 λοιπ(αῖ) ο(ὑ)γ(κ.) γ γρ(άμ.) ζ.

6. ρ' φορ. 10. βαυλλίου. 11. ὑπολ. 15. λι(τρ.) over an expunction.
 18. ολοκοτ' τινους. 19. ι. τῆ γεούχη. 21. θ corr. 25. ο of ομου corr. from γ.

Verso. 'The 14th and 2nd year, Mecheir 12. Account(?) of uncoined silver delivered by the land-owner and transported to Hermopolis to be delivered on account of the extra levy of uncoined silver imposed for purpose of taxation at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. upon 100 artabae of corn by the public measure, as follows. By another, 2 lb. 1 oz. 8 gr.; (by?) Bayllius, out of 1 lb., after reckoning the $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 2 gr. left by the land-owner, the remainder, 7 oz. 10 gr. Total 2 lb. $8\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 6 gr. (Phamenoth 2, to Sarapion, silversmith, 2 lb. 3 oz. 17 gr., for refining these 1 oz. 12 gr.) Likewise 2 oz. 10 gr. of gold in 12 solidi. (Remainder) From which there were delivered to the land-owner on Phamenoth 17 of the 14th and 2nd year 3 oz. 9 gr.'

1. Traces of two strokes following β (ἕτους)], as in l. 20, are visible.

2. Part of a stroke before ἀσήμου indicates an abbreviation.

ἀσήμου: cf. e. g. 1524, P. Thead. 33, and P. S. I. 310, where 1 oz. was equivalent to 2,776 drachmae in A. D. 307.

παραδοθ(έντος): it is not clear whether μοι is to be supplied. In l. 4 παραδοθησομ(ένου) is used in connexion with a payment to the State, which is unusual; but in l. 19 παρεδόθη seems to refer to the repayment of the balance of the account, or part of it, to the γεούχος by the writer.

5. τῆς γενομ(ένης) ἐπιβολῆς: this can mean either the ἐπιβάλλον μέρος of an ordinary tax (cf. P. Tebt. 391. 19 τὸ λοιπὸν τῆς ἐπιβ. τῆς λαογραφίας), or an extra charge (cf. ἐπιβολή referring to the forced cultivation of State land, discussed in P. Ryl. 202. 1, n., and ἐπιβολαί in e. g. B. G. U. 519. 16). In P. Thead. 32 (307) two receipts ὑπ(ἐρ) τῆς ἐπιβληθείσης νέας ἐπιβολῆς follow one ὑπ. τ. ἐπιβλ. ἀνώνης, and P. Thead. 33 (312) has a series of receipts ὑπὲρ τῆς γενομένης ἐπιβολῆς (κατὰ θείαν πρόσταξιν is added in one case) ὑπὲρ κτήσεως Θεαδελφίας, but those instances too are ambiguous. Here, however, ἐπιβολή is probably an extra charge, not at any rate ordinary land-tax, for $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of silver (= about 4,000 drachmae; cf. l. 2, n.) seems too small a sum to be the equivalent of 100 artabae of corn at this period.

6. πρ(ὸς) φορολογ(ίαν): or possibly πρ(ὸς) φορολογ(ία). φορολογία, a term used in the Ptolemaic period (e. g. O. G. I. 90. 12), recurs in P. Flor. 36. 13 and Thead. 16. 13, which are approximately contemporary with 1653, in connexion with a village, and seems in 1653 at any rate to be a general term for taxation rather than to have a special reference to φόρος in the sense of 'rent'.

9. δι' ἄλλου: the δ is joined to the supposed ι so as to form a loop, and Δράλλου, i. e. a proper name corresponding to Βαυλλίου in the next line, can equally well be read, but is not a known form. λόγου might be supplied with δι' ἄλλου, but another person is more likely to be meant. Whichever reading be adopted, the precise relation of ll. 9-14 to the preceding heading is not clear. If ll. 19-21 imply that the sums mentioned in ll. 15-16 were deducted from the total in l. 14 (cf. l. 19, n.), ll. 9-14 refer to the writer's receipts, in which case παραδοθεῖσαι would be the word most naturally supplied in ll. 9-10 (from l. 2).

10. Βαυλλίου: cf. μοναστήριον Βαύλλου in P. Grenf. ii. 95. 2.

14. The total of the sums in ll. 9 and 13 is correctly given.

15-16. Cf. the similar entry in ll. 23-5. Φαμ(ενώθ) is not a suitable reading at the beginning of l. 22, and that entry seems to refer to a second payment to Sarapion, not to the same payment as that recorded here by an afterthought. In the margin κ can be read in place of β, but the day would be expected to be earlier, not later, than that in l. 20. The charge for refining was approximately $9\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

17-18. 2 oz. 10 gr. as the equivalent of 12 ὀλοκώττωα gives $4\frac{5}{8}$ gr. (i. e. scripula) as the

average weight of each. This is quite in accordance with the numismatic evidence concerning the later aurei of Diocletian, which range from about $5\frac{4}{5}$ to $4\frac{1}{5}$ gr.; cf. Hill, *Handbook of Greek and Roman Coins* 54-5. Constantine fixed the solidus at 4 gr.; cf. 1430. int. This entry, which was written before ll. 15-16 were inserted, is parallel to l. 2.

19. If the sums in ll. 15-16 were deducted by the writer from that in l. 14, the remainder is 4 oz. 1 gr., and since the sum in l. 21, 3 oz. 9 gr., is smaller than that, after $\lambda\omicron\iota[\pi(\alpha\iota)]$, which was probably added at the same time as the insertion of ll. 15-16, $\langle\sigma(\upsilon)\gamma(\kappa.)\delta\gamma\rho(\acute{\alpha}\mu.)\alpha\rangle$ can be supplied. Otherwise the addition of $\lambda\omicron\iota[\pi(\alpha\iota)]$ before $\acute{\epsilon}\xi\ \delta\upsilon\nu$ becomes unintelligible. Moreover in the entry on the recto the sum paid to Sarapion is deducted from a previously mentioned sum, leaving a remainder, though there the process of calculation is clear. If the account is considered without reference to the addition of ll. 15-16 and $\lambda\omicron\iota[\pi(\alpha\iota)]$ in l. 19, $\acute{\epsilon}\xi\ \delta\upsilon\nu$ presents no difficulty, ll. 2-18 giving the writer's receipts, 19-21 his expenditure. For *παρεδόθη* cf. l. 2, n.

22.] $\iota\epsilon\ \gamma$ (*ἔτους*?) is very uncertain; cf. 1750. int. The first letter can be ν , the second is more like ϵ than α , but the vestiges of the third rather suggest β or κ , and the following stroke may well be a mark of abbreviation. $\lambda\acute{\omicron}\gamma(\omicron\sigma)$, which we have restored in l. 2, is inadmissible here; but if the reading of the supposed date in l. 22 is wrong, the word before $\acute{\alpha}\sigma\eta\mu\omicron\upsilon$ may have been the same in both lines.

1654. ACCOUNT OF NOTARIAL EXPENSES.

11.9 x 17.5 cm.

About A. D. 150.

On the recto are eight incomplete lines and beginnings of seven more in a second column from a late first or early second century land-survey list similar to P. Brit. Mus. 267. On the verso in a different hand is the beginning of an interesting account of payments to various persons, including *ρομογράφοι* (ll. 3, 8, nn.) and a *αἰρέτης ἡγεμονικῆς βιβλιοθήκης* (l. 7, n.), for drawing up or investigating official documents, besides purchases of writing-materials. An approximate date is provided by the mention in l. 11 of Munatius Felix, praefect in 150-1 (cf. Lesquier, *L'armée romaine* 513). The writer of the account was perhaps himself an official, and the payments seem to have been made at Alexandria rather than at Oxyrhynchus; cf. ll. 7-8, nn.

Λόγος δαπάνης.

γ *Μεσορή,*

*νομογρά(φοις) γράψαι ὑπομνηματισμ(ους) β (ὀβολοὶ) ις,
χάρτου εἰς αὐτοὺς (τετρώβολον).*

δ, *ἑτέρου χάρτου ἀγορασθέντος*

εἰς συνκοπήν (δραχμαὶ) δ,

αἰρέτη ἡγεμονικῆς βιβλιοθήκης (ὀβ.) ι.

ε, *νομογρά(φοις) [ἀγο]ρᾶ[ς] μαλλοῖς 'λεγομένοις' ζητῆσαι*

ὑπομν[η]μ[α]τισμ(οὺς) β[ε] τοῦ ἀρχιδικαστοῦ (τετράβ.).
 10 ε, νομογρά(φου) ἐνδὸς τῶ . [. . .]ίω ὑπὲρ ὑπομν[η]μ[α]τισμ(ῶν) [. . .]
 Μουνατίου Φή[λικος] —
 εἰς δὲ ἔγλημ[ψιν] —
 Ἀλεξάνδρω πολ[—

‘Account of expenditure. Mesore 3, to notaries for writing 2 memoranda 16 obols, papyrus for these 4 ob. The 4th, for another papyrus bought for cutting up 4 drachmae, to a selecter (?) of the praefect’s library 10 ob. The 5th, to notaries of the agora, called . . ., for investigating 2 memoranda of the archidicastes 4 ob. The 6th, one notary . . . for . memoranda of Munatius Felix . . ., and for an extract . . .’

3. νομογρά(φοῖς): the view of Koschaker (*Zeitschr. d. Savigny-St.* xxix. 17²) that these were officials is disputed by Preisigke (*Girowesen* 277^b) and P. M. Meyer (P. Hamb. 4. 15, n.), who regard them as private notaries. Mitteis (*Grundz.* 56¹) is doubtful. 1654, in which they are concerned with ὑπομνηματισμοί of high officials such as the archidicastes (ll. 8–9) and praefect (ll. 10–11), rather supports Koschaker; cf. l. 8, n.

7. αἰρέτη ἡγεμονικῆς βιβλιοθήκ(ης): this library, which was not known previously, must have been at Alexandria. αἰρέτης, for which Crönert, *Wörterbuch*, quotes only an instance from Vettius Valens ii. 1 in the sense of ‘favourer’, = προαιρέτης; cf. P. Leipz. 123. 17–19, where a βιβλιοφύλαξ at Alexandria states παρελήφθησαν διὰ τῶν προαιρετῶν οἱ προκίμ[ενο]ι τόμοι τέσσαρες, sc. ὑπομνηματισμοί from the Mendesian nome, and B. G. U. 362. Fr. 1. 19, &c., where 30 drachmae Ξάνθῳ προαιρέτῃ βιβλιοθήκῃς occur in the accounts of the temple of Jupiter Capitolinus at Arsinoë. The προαιρέτης is generally explained as an official who ‘produced’ documents as the result of a search; cf. Preisigke, *Fachwörter* 146. That the βιβλιοθήκη in B. G. U. 362 was also at Alexandria, and even identical with our ἡγεμονικὴ βιβλ., is quite possible, for the next entry but one in B. G. U. 362 is uniformly ἐπιτηρητῇ ὑπ(ἐρ) καταπομπῆς μηνιαίου, and P. Leipz. 123 shows that the προαιρέται went about the country collecting documents for the central archives at Alexandria; but the local βιβλιοθήκαι at the nome-capitals may also have had προαιρέται or αἰρέται. In the present case the payment to a αἰρέτης is likely to be connected with a search for a particular document (cf. ll. 8–9), and if so the account was presumably written at Alexandria; cf. the next n.

8. νομογρά(φοῖς) [ἀγο]ρά[ς]: cf. B. G. U. 888. 4, where a νομογράφος ἀγορᾶς writes a letter in the name of the archidicastes, and is apparently an official of the καταλογεῖον at Alexandria, as is now admitted by Preisigke (*Fachwörter* 130; cf. l. 3, n.). If [ἀγο]ρά[ς] is rightly restored, the probability that Alexandria, not Oxyrhynchus, was the scene of these payments (cf. l. 7, n.) is increased; but the next word remains a difficulty, for though the addition of λεγομένοις indicates that it is something unusual, perhaps a proper name, neither μαλλοῖς nor Μαλλοῖς seems at all suitable (Μαλλοί are only known as a people in NW. India and Μαλλός as the name of towns in Cilicia and Aethiopia). Two letters instead of one may be lost after ρα, and a of μαλλοῖς can be ε, but μ and the first λ are nearly certain. λιβέλλοις and μεγάλοις are excluded.

10. τῶ ὄ[ψων]ίω could be read, but the order of words would not be satisfactory.

11. Μουνατίου Φή[λικος]: cf. int.

1655. BAKER'S ACCOUNT.

8.2 x 10 cm.

Third century.

An account, covering three successive days, of bread and cakes of various kinds. The hand, which is of an uncultivated type, appears to belong to the third century. Except on the verso, all figures have a horizontal line over them. Cf. 1731. 1-11.

- Λόγος ἀρτοκόπου Καλασί[ριος].
 ε, ἄρτων μεγάλων ε (δηνάρια) ε,
 καπυρίων ζευγῶν κ (δην.) γ,
 σεμιδάλεως μέτρον α ἰς τὴν τ . [. . . . ,
 5 πλακούντων (δην.) γ.
 5, σαιμιδάλεως μέτρον α καλεωτιδεσ[.
 ζ, μερικῶν μ (δην.) ια (δραχμαὶ) β,
 σελιγνίων μεγάλων [(δην.)] μ (δην.) ε (δρ.) γ,
 σελιγνίων μικῶν ζεύγη κ (δην.) γ,
 10 σεμιδάλεως μέτρα β (δην.) 5,
 γίνονται ὁμοῦ (δην.) μ5 τέ(ταρτον) α.

On the verso

ρ εὐδοήκοντα δ τέ(ταρτον) α.

6. 1. σεμιδάλεως. 12. 1. ἐβδομήκοντα οὐ ὀγδοήκοντα.

'Account of the baker Kalasiris. The 5th, 5 large loaves 5 denarii, 20 pairs of dried loaves 3 den., 1 measure of fine flour for . . . , cakes 3 den. The 6th, 1 measure of fine flour . . . The 7th, 40 divisible loaves (?) 11 den. 2 dr., 40 large cakes 5 den. 3 dr., 20 pairs of small cakes 3 den., 2 measures of fine flour 6 den., total 46 den. 1 quarter.'

1. Καλασί[ριος]: cf. e.g. P. Leipz. 97. iii. 7, vii. 5, xvii. 9.

3. καπύριον is apparently a diminutive of καπυρός, a word applied to various articles of food. A thin dry cake or biscuit of some kind may be meant.

4. σεμιδάλεως: cf. e.g. 736. 82. The punctuation of ll. 4-5 is uncertain; cf. l. 11, n.

6. μέτρον α was perhaps followed by a proper name. The doubtful λ may be ρ, or possibly ι with another letter between it and ε.

7. μερικῶν may be interpreted as bread or cake marked off into segments; but no such use seems to be known, and the reading is uncertain. Between ζ and μ there is a dot which may possibly be meant for an ο, i.e. ομερικων for ὀμηρικῶν, but this again would apparently be a novel use, and there is no ο in the papyrus at all similar. On the other hand a dot after a date is unusual, and does not occur in ll. 2 and 6.

8. σελίγιον = *silignum*; cf. e. g. a Rainer papyrus cited by Wessely, *Latin. Elemente in d. Gräzität der Papyrusurkunden* 51 τέσσαρας ἀράβας σελίγιων καθαρῶν, P. Brit. Mus. 1806. 2 σιλίγι(ου) χαραγμ(ήν) μίαν. Hence σελιγιάριος, e. g. P. Brit. Mus. 387. 19.

9. The dialectical μικκός and μικός are both found in papyri; for the latter cf. P. Fay. 127. 12-13.

11. The items preserved add up to 36 den. 5 dr., the difference between this and the total 46 den. τέ(τ.) a being accounted for by the figures lost at the ends of ll. 4 and 6. It is, however, not quite certain that ll. 4-5 should not be combined as a single item by reading e. g. *ἰς τὴν π[οίησιν] πλακούντων*, the price of 3 den. for a σεμιδάλεως μέτρον corresponding to that in l. 10. In this case the only figure lost (9 den.?) would be at the end of l. 6. τέ(ταρτον) apparently means 1 dr., the other 4 being treated as equivalent to 1 denarius in accordance with the usual ratio of Egyptian drachmae to denarii; cf. 1431. 3, n. The letters τε are written with no sign of abbreviation both here and in l. 12. For a similar combination of denarii and drachmae cf. e. g. Dakkeh ostrakon No. 8 in *Class. Rev.* xxxiii. 49 sqq., the drachmae being presumably χαλκίαι. The papyrus is broken below l. 11, and the figures on the verso may be explained by supposing that the account was continued after a short interval.

1656. ACCOUNT OF FOOD.

30.4 × 11.3 cm.

Late fourth or fifth century.

An account of expenses for food of various kinds, written in an uncultivated hand with many mistakes in spelling. The monetary unit is abbreviated μο(), standing for μοιριάς, i. e. μυριάς δηναρίων, which became common in the latter part of the fourth century (e. g. 1729-30); cf. the spelling τοιρῶν in l. 15.

Δόγον ὀλοποιοῦ. ἐδεξάμην	καυλίων μο(ιρ.) ι,
παρ' ἐσοῦ μο(ιριάδας) ε,	φ(ο)ινικίων μο(ιρ.) ι,
2	ἀρκάδια μο(ιρ.) τ,
γάρου αὐστησίων μο(ιρ.) οε,	εἰ(ς) δῖπνον καιμια μο(ιρ.) ι,
5 τουλοῦ . [. . . .] μ[ο(ιρ.)] ιβ,	15 τοιρῶν μο(ιρ.) λ,
. . υμ[. .] . [. . . .] . . μ[ο(ιρ.)] ιβ,	κρήας λι(τρῶν) γ μο(ιρ.) 'οε,
[.] ρῖον μο(ιρ.) ι,	ὀψαριδίων μο(ιρ.) ιβ,
φασιλίων καὶ λε{σ}πτολάχανα	ἄκρ{ν}ον μο(ιρ.) ιβ,
μο(ιρ.) ι,	χαθαρών μο(ιρ.) μ,
εἰ(ς) δῖπνον κρέας λι(τρῶν) γ μο(ιρ.)	20 ψομίων μο(ιρ.) ρπ,
οε,	ἀρίστων μο(ιρ.) οε,
10 ὀ{σ}ψαρ(ί)ων [[μ]] μο(ιρ.) ιβ,	καίφαλιδίων κ[α]ί μ[ε]λιτος μο(ιρ.) η.

1. l. λόγος. 8. l. φασηλίων. 9. First ν of διπνον corr. from ο. 15. l. τυρῶν.
16. l. κρέας. 19. l. καθαρῶν. 22. l. κεφαλιδίων.

'Account of a repairer (?). I received from you 5,000 myriads, from which, for dried fish (?) sauce 75 myr., . . . beans and small vegetables 10 myr., meat for dinner, 3 lb., 75 myr., relishes 12 myr., cabbages 10 myr., dates 10 myr., Arcadian . . . 300 myr., . . . for dinner 10 myr., cheeses 30 myr., meat, 3 lb., 75 myr., relishes 12 myr., trotter 12 myr., pure loaves 40 myr., dainties 180 myr., breakfasts 75 myr., heads and honey 8 myr.'

1. *ὄλοποιος*: the only instance cited of this word is Damascius, *De princíp.* 33 (p. 87 Kopp) οὐχ ὡς ἐνοποιὸν ληπτέον ἀλλ' ὡς παντοποιόν· καὶ πληθοποιὸν γὰρ καὶ ἀγαθοποιὸν καὶ ὄλοποιὸν καὶ οὐδὲ ἐν ὅτι οὐ ποιοῦν, and its meaning in the present place is doubtful. The sense of 'factotum' or 'handy man' on the analogy of *παντοπώλης* is hardly natural, and 'repairer' is more in accordance with use and the passage of Damascius, in which *παντοποιός* and *ὄλοποιός* are distinguished.

4. *αὐστησίων* is perhaps for *αὐστηρίων*, *αὐστηρός* being used as an epithet of *χυλός*, *λάχανα*, *σιτία*, &c.

5. *τουλον*. [: the fourth letter may be *δ*, and the seventh may be also *δ* or *λ*.

13. *ἀρκάδια* remains unexplained. Cf. e. g. *σαΐτια* in 1658. 1.

14. *καίμια* is unknown. According to Photius *κημός* was ὄσπριόν τι παρὰ Θραξίν, but a misspelling of *κημίον* in this sense does not seem very probable.

18. For ἄκρον (?) cf. e. g. 108. 3.

19. *χαθαρώων* is for *καθαρώων*, sc. ἄρτων; cf. e. g. 736. 78, and for the absolute use P. Tebt. 120. int. *καθαρώων ζεύγη ιε*.

20. *ψωμίων*: the remains of the second letter suggest *α* rather than *ο*, but in any case *ψωμίων* was no doubt intended.

(c) Lists.

1657. LIST OF UTENSILS.

21.6 × 12.5 cm.

Late third century.

A list of utensils, which were contained in two *στρατιωτάρια* (military haversacks? Cf. l. 1, n.), followed by a short letter announcing their dispatch. As often happens (cf. e. g. 521, 1290), the list includes some new words. It is written on the verso of 1411, which belongs to the year 260.

Χαλκοκρότων στρατιωτά[ρισ]ιν	λιτρῶν ις, ἔχον
α λιτρῶν κδ,	τὰ αὐτὰ εἶδη
ἔχον σκουτλίον α,	καὶ θύσκηνη καὶ πάσκα[λο?]ν. [
βωλήτ[ι]σιν α,	Θέωνι φίλφ. α[.] . . .
5 βατέλλιον,	15 τὰ διαπεμφθέντα χαλκοκρότων
φαβατάρ[ι]ον,	στρατιωτάρια β' ἔχο[ν]τα
ὄξυβάφια β,	τὰ προκείμενα ἀγγεία κο[μισ]ά-
ἕτερα ἀγ[γεί]α β,	μενος
κυβιά[ρ]ιον, / ἀρ[ιθ]μῶ θ.	μετὰ τῶν ἄλλων δηλώσεις μοι,
10 ἕτερον στρατιωτάριον	Δουκία.

‘A military case of bronze utensils weighing 24 pounds, containing 1 dish, 1 saucepan, a plate, a bean-tureen, 2 saucers, 2 other vessels, a salt-fish-pot (?), making 9 in number.

Another military case weighing 16 pounds, containing the same objects and a censer and wallet?

To my friend Theon. . . on receipt of the 2 military cases of bronze utensils containing the aforesaid vessels, which I have dispatched, with the rest, send word to me, Lucia.’

1. στρατιωτάριον (cf. l. 10) is apparently novel, but clearly means some sort of receptacle used by soldiers, perhaps a haversack.

3. σκουτλίον, for which cf. 741. 19, P. Brit. Mus. 191. 10, = *scutula*, *scutella*.

4. βωλήτι[ο]ν: cf. the πνάκια βωλητάρια in B. G. U. 781. i. 1, iii. 7. βωλητάρ[ι]ν for βωλητάριον is a possible reading here, but suits the papyrus less well than βωλήτι[ο]ν, which, though not occurring elsewhere, is a natural form (from βώλητος = *boletus*).

5. βατέλλιον: cf. Wilcken, *Osl.* ii. 1218. 3 συνθέσ(ε)ις βατελλίων, 741. 18 βάτελλαι.

6. φαβατάρ[ι]ον = *fabatarium*.

9. κυβιά[ρ]ιον is a derivative of κύβιον.

13. πάσκα[λο]ν, if right, is for φάσκαλον, φάσκαλον; cf. the Latin *pasceolus*. πεσκα might be read for πασκα, but a word connected with πέσκος (πέκος) seems less probable.

14. α[.] . . . would naturally be taken for the name of the writer, which, however, would leave Λουκία in l. 19 (the last letter is doubtful, but ω is less suitable) unexplained. It is not possible to read [χ]α[ί]ριον or ἀ[πὸ] Λουκίας. The word may therefore be connected with what follows.

1658. LIST OF ARTICLES.

17.8 x 12.1 cm.

Fourth century.

A list of various articles, similar to 1657, 1290, &c., and including, like those papyri, some rare or novel forms. The writing is across the fibres of the verso, the recto being blank except that at one edge there is a vestige which may belong to the final letter of a line.

Σαΐτια β, φυνί(ι)να [	μαχαίρια β με[ι]κ(ρά),
ξύλα ε τοῦ πάκτ[ωνος],	κοκκούμιον α,
χαλ[άδ]ρια β,	10 πυξίδιον ἔν,
βάδιον καινόν, [	[[ηλᾶ]] ἡλάρια
5 κατακην κενόν, [	μεικρὰ τοῦ πάκτωνος,
μεικρὸν σφυρίον [	ὥτιον χαλκίου.
ἔχων κάτω [

1. σαΐτια. 1. φυνί(ι)να. 5. 1. καινόν. 7. 1. ἔχων.

‘2 Saite jars, 5 palm-wood boards of the boat, 2 couches, a new flagon, a new . . ., a small basket containing at the bottom 2 small knives, 1 pot, 1 casket, some small nails of the boat, a handle of a kettle.’

1. *σαῖτια*: cf. *Archiv* iii. 448 and a Rainer papyrus of the fourth or fifth century cited by Wessely, *Altersindiz. im Philogelos*, p. 32. An analogous measure is *μεμφίτιον* (P. Flor. 213. 6).

3. χαλ[άδ]ρια: cf. 646, 1142. 13, P. Tebt. 414. 13.

4. *βάδιον* is apparently a diminutive of *βάδος* or *βάτος*, which according to Hesychius contained 50 *ξέσται*. Epiphanius, *De pond.* p. 178, derives the measure from the Hebrew *βίθ* and associates it with the oil-making industry.

5. *κατακην* remains unexplained. A connexion with *κάδδιχος* or *κάδδιχον*, which Hesychius gives as equivalent to *ἡμίεκτον*, is hardly likely.

9. For *κοκκούμιον* cf. e. g. 1160. 23, n., 1290. 3.

10. *πυξίδιον*: cf. e. g. P. Ryl. 124. 14, 127. 30.

III. TAXING-ACCOUNTS

1659. ACCOUNT OF CROWN-TAX.

35 × (approximately) 42.5 cm.

A. D. 218–221.

This long and fairly well preserved papyrus contains an account of sums collected in the Oxyrhynchite nome for Crown-tax (ll. 1, 130) during a period of five days from Hathur 10–14 in the reign of Elagabalus, who is known from numerous papyri (e. g. 1522) to have paid special attention to this source of revenue; cf. 1441. int., where the evidence concerning the mode of its assessment is collected. Of the three columns the second and third are nearly complete, but in the first the middles of lines are for the most part missing. The position assigned to four fragments which do not actually join the beginnings or ends of lines of Col. i (Fr. 1 to ll. 1–6, Fr. 2 to ll. 7–13, Fr. 3 to ll. 33–43, Fr. 4 to ll. 43–5) is practically certain; a few very small unplaced pieces are ignored. After the heading in ll. 1–3 (or 4), which is imperfect and probably contained a mention of the year in either l. 1 or l. 4, comes in ll. 5 (or 4)–8 a list of sums paid through the public bank of Oxyrhynchus apparently by individual taxpayers (ll. 5–6, n.), followed in l. 9 by another payment at Oxyrhynchus, distinguished from the preceding section (l. 9, n.). Then follows in ll. 10–119 a list of payments through *πράκτορες*, whose names are in the nominative (ll. 12, 86–7, 100, 118), or their agents, who are introduced by *διά* (cf. *δι(ᾶ) Διον νοσίου ὑπ(ηρέτου)* in l. 125), at various villages of all six toparchies of the Oxyrhynchite nome, each section concerning a toparchy being subdivided into two parts, respectively headed *μητροπολιτικῶν* and *κωμητικῶν*, according to the place in which the taxpayers were registered. In l. 120 comes an entry of 80 drachmae credited

to the nome in general, this having perhaps been explained in detail in a note added, but subsequently cancelled, after l. 102 (cf. l. 103, n.), and there follows in l. 121 the total of sums actually received for the nome together with the total due according to the fraction (5 days make $\frac{1}{6}$) of the *μηνιαῖον*, or official assessment of the amount due in each month. Since the actual receipts were 206 drachmae in excess of the assessment, arrangements were made for abatements (ll. 122-4, a section which has been cancelled, like l. 103) in the case of three villages, effected by *ὁ πρὸς παραδοχ(ῆ)*, which is a new official title. Since payments for Crown-tax were made at intervals throughout the year (cf. 1522 and B. G. U. 518), there is some reason to infer that 12 tal. 5890 dr. $4\frac{1}{8}$ obols, the amount of the assessment for Hathur 10-14, represent $\frac{1}{7\frac{1}{3}}$ of the whole annual amount due from the Oxyrhynchite nome for that impost, i. e. nearly 950 talents. In conclusion (ll. 125-9) there is a list of sums credited to the Hermopolite nome, partly collected at a Hermopolite village which probably adjoined the Upper toparchy of the Oxyrhynchite nome (l. 125, n.), partly paid by inhabitants of a village in that toparchy who had gone over into the Hermopolite nome (l. 128). The sum of the Hermopolite items is in l. 130 finally added to the (scheduled, not the actually received) total of the Oxyrhynchite nome. The following table summarizes the main items of the account:—

Line	District	μητροπολιτικά	κωμητικά	Total
8.	μητροπ. (bank)			[1373 dr. 2] $\frac{1}{2}$ ob.
9.	μητροπ. (miscellaneous)			305 dr.
23, 32.	Ἄνω τοπ.	[2 tal.] 2900 dr.	[4113 dr. 4 ob.]	3 tal. 1013 dr. 4 ob.
43, 45.	Λιβὸς τοπ.	[2 tal. 5] 560 dr.	250 dr.	[2 tal.] 5[810 dr.
56, 60.	Ἄπηλ. τοπ.	1 tal. 5907 dr.	471 dr. 4 ob.	2 tal. 378 dr. 4 ob.
77, 85.	Μέση τοπ.	1 tal. [4] 328 dr. $\frac{5}{8}$ ob.	570 dr. 4 ob.	1 tal. 4898 dr. $4\frac{5}{8}$ ob.
92, 99.	Θμοισ. τοπ.	4845 dr. $3\frac{1}{4}$ ob.	1767 dr. [3] $\frac{1}{2}$ ob.	[1 tal.] 613 dr. $\frac{3}{4}$ ob.
111, 119.	Κάτω τοπ.	1 tal. 1356 dr.	2268 dr.	1 tal. 3624 dr.
120.	nome (miscellaneous)			80 dr.
121.	Oxy. nome (actual receipts)			13 tal. 96 dr. $3\frac{7}{8}$ ob.
121.	Oxy. nome (proportion of <i>μηνιαῖον</i>)			12 tal. 5890 dr. $4\frac{1}{8}$ ob.
129.	Hermop. nome			4290 dr.
130.	Grand total			13 tal. 4180 dr. $4\frac{5}{8}$ ob.

Some doubt attaches to the totals of the Ἄνω and Λιβὸς τοπ. (ll. 23, 43, nn.), and the total of the bank-receipts at Oxyrhynchus is obtained only by subtraction; but the margin of error is small. The arithmetic of the writer is good; the only mistakes which can be detected concern the obols in two cases (ll. 122 and 130, nn.).

For determining his official rank there is no direct evidence, and it is not made clear who is meant by the second person used in l. 103; but accounts of payments by individuals for Crown-tax were sent by *πράκτορες* to the strategus, as the head of the revenue-administration of the nome; cf. P. Brit. Mus. 474.

The geographical information provided by 1659 is of considerable interest. The order of the six toparchies is the same as that in 1285, which is also a taxing-list, and 1747, a list of persons serving in some official capacity (guards?), and was evidently customary, proceeding in general from south to north. The enumeration of the toparchies in the Hermopolite nome found in the taxing-lists B. G. U. 552-7, which observes the following order (1) *Κουσσίτης ἄνω*, (2) *Κουσσίτης κάτω*, (3) *Λευκοπυργίτης ἄνω*, (4) *Λευκοπυργίτης κάτω*, (5) *Περὶ πόλιν ἄνω*, (6) *Περὶ πόλιν κάτω*, (7) *Πατρή ἄνω*, (8) *Πατρή κάτω*, (9) *Πατεμίτης ἄνω*, (10) *Πατεμίτης κάτω* with the district called *Πασκώ* (cf. 1637. 20, n.), also probably proceeds in general from south to north, so that the *Λευκοπυργίτης* district is to be placed between *Κούσσα* (*El-Kusiye*) and *Hermopolis* (*Ashmunin*), the *Πατρή* and *Πατεμίτης* districts between *Hermopolis* and the boundary of the *Oxyrhynchite* nome. These toparchies were all mainly or exclusively on the west bank. The district on the east bank, in which *Ἀκῶρις-Τήνης* (*Tehneh*) was situated, was called *Μωχίτης*. Most of the villages in 1659 were already known, principally from the fuller list in 1285; but new names occur in ll. 27, 42, 55, 63, 74, and some which were imperfectly preserved in 1285 can now be fixed; cf. ll. 14, 15, 70, nn. The order of the villages in the two sections concerning *μητροπολιτικά* and *κωμητικά* does not correspond, even where, as in the case of the *Thmoisepho* toparchy (ll. 86-99), the same villages are found in both. Usually the *μητροπολιτικά* section is much the longer and the sums are uniformly much larger, a circumstance which serves to account for the comparative smallness of the receipts recorded at the metropolis itself. In 1285 also, which is concerned with a tax called *τιμὴ* . . ., there are two lists; but the order of the villages is the same in both, and the relative amounts of the payments correspond to a large extent, so that there is no reason to suppose that the two lists in 1285 refer to *μητροπολιτικά* and *κωμητικά*.

Col. i.

Σ[τεφαν ?] | κῶν | [.] . . [.] ἀ[τ]ων τοῦ κυρ[ί]ου
 ἡ[μῶν] | Αὐ[τ]οκ[ρά]τορ[ος Καίσα]ρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου
 Ἀντ[ων]ῆ | ξί[νο]ν | Εὐ[σ]εβοῦς Εὐ[τ]υχοῦς Σεβαστοῦ
 [] | [.] ς
 5 διὰ δη[μο]σίας τραπέζης Ἀθ[ύρ]ι παρὰ ? Κλα[υ]δίας Ἰσιδάρας τῆς κ(αὶ)
 Ἀπίας (δραχμας) σλς.

- ια [παρ' ?] | *Αὐρηλ(ίου) Ἀπολ(ωνίου) (δρ. ?) | [. . . , παρὰ ? . . .] . ικου δι(ὰ) Ὀριγένους (δρ.) υιγ (δυοβ.) (ἡμιωβ.).*
- ιβ . [. . .] | . . . ἄλ(λας) (δρ. ?) . [. κ]αὶ τῶν τέκ(νων ?) (δρ.) ρξδ, [. . .] | . . . [/ (δρ.) Ἀτογ ? (δυόβ.)] (ἡμιωβ.).
- μητ[ροπ(όλεως ?)] | [.] . . . , ιγ (δρ.) . . / (δρ.) τε.
- 10 Ἄνω [τοπ(αρχίας)] | μητ(ροπολιτικῶν) λη[μ(μάτων)·] | [.] . , ἄλ(λας) (δρ.) ρξ, [ι . (δρ.)] ωμ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) τια (δυοβ. ?) , / (δρ.) Ἄ[.]
- Νεσμε[ίμ(εως) Ἀθῦρ ι[. δι(ὰ)]δ.*
- Χύσεω[ς] | Ἀθῦρ ια, Κ[. πρά(κτωρ) ?] (δρ.) σξ, ιδ (δρ.) . . , / [(δρ.)] χ . .*
- Σιγκέ[φα] | Ἀθῦρ ι . | [.] . . . [. . . (δρ.)] ρνς, / (δρ.) φξ.*
- Ἀθύχ[εως Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ)] . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) κα, [ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.)]ξ, / (δρ.) Ἄλζ.*
- 15 Ἐντ[ε(ίεως) ? Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) , ι]β δι(ὰ) Θέωνος (δρ.) τξς, ιγ [(δρ.) . . . ,] / [(δρ.)] Ἄρπθ.
- Θώσβ(εως) [Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 12 1.]η, ιδ (δρ.) μβ, / (δρ.) φδ (τετρώβ.).*
- Μερμ[έρθων Ἀθῦρ ι δι(ὰ) 10 1.] ια (δρ.) τιβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρξ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ι . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) [18 1.]γβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) Ἄβφιβ.*
- 20 Σκῶ Ἀ[θῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 12 1.] (δρ. ?) υ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) λβ, [/ (δρ.)] υλβ.
- Μονίμ(ου) Ἀ[θῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 12 1.] (δρ.) ιβ, . . . [. . .]*
- Κ[ε]ρ[κεμ(ούνεως) Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 12 1.] . , ιγ (δρ.) π[.], ιδ ἄλ(λ.) (δρ. ?) [.] . , / (δρ. ?) . . .*
- / [μητροπολιτικῶν] (τάλαντα) β (δρ.)] Ἄβτ.*
- κωμητ(ικῶν) [λημμά(των)· 13 1.] (δρ. ?) ι, ιδ (δρ.) ρμ, / (δρ.) [. . .]*
- 25 Χύσεως [Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ)] . ους (δρ.) [. .]
- Σιγκέφα [Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 11 1.] (δρ. ?) κ . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) νς, / (δρ.) π[.]*
- Βασιλ() [Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 11 1.] , ἄλ(λ.) [(δρ.)] . δ, / (δρ.) [. . .]*
- Νεσμείμ(εως) [Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 11 1.]μη, ιβ (δρ.) μη, / (δρ.) [.] .*
- Μονίμ(ου) Ἀ[θῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) 12 1.] . , ιδ (δρ.) κδ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρμ, / (δρ.) τ . [.]*
- 30 Μερμέρ[θων Ἀθῦρ ι]ης πρά(κτωρ) (δρ.) φ[. .
- Ἐπισήμ[ου] Ἀθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) Πτολε[μαίου] (δρ.) σ[.]*
- / κω[μητικῶν] (δρ.) Ἄριγ (τετρώβ.). / Ἄνω τοπ(αρχίας) (τάλ.) γ (δρ.) Ἄιγ (τετρώβ.).*
- Λιβ(ός) τοπ(αρχίας) μητ(ροπολιτικῶν) λημ(μάτων)· | [. Ἀθῦρ ι]α (δρ.) Ἄσ, ιγ (δρ.) φ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) [. . . , ιδ (δρ. ?) φ[.] | . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) | [12 1.] / (δρ.) Ἄω[. .]*

- 35 *Κερκε[θύ(ρεως) 'Αθ]ῦρ ι . | [δι(ὰ) 11 1.] λζ, / (δρ.) 'Βμ.*
[Σέ]νκεκελεύ [Ἀθῦρ] | ι . | [δι(ὰ)] . . δ, ιδ (δρ.) φ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ. ?)
ρκ, / (δρ.) 'Βσξβ.
Σενοκώμε[ω]ς [Ἀ]θῦρ ι κ, / (δρ.) υμα.
Σύρω[ν] 'Α[θ]ῦρ ιβ | [δι(ὰ)] . δ() (δρ.) [. .] .
Σεναὼ 'Α[θ]ῦρ ιγ δι(ὰ) | [.] (δρ. ?) Ἀψ, ιδ (δρ.) ξ, / (δρ.) Ἀψξ.
- 40 *Πέλα 'Αθῦρ ι . δι(ὰ) | Διον(υσίου) [(δρ.)] (δρ. ?) μη, ιδ (δρ.) μ,*
/ (δρ.) Ἀσπη.
Παείμεω[ς] 'Αθῦρ | [ι . δι(ὰ)]ς (δρ.) ση.
'Αντιπ(έρα) Πέλα [Ἀθ]ῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Θ . [.] / (δρ.) Ἀφνβ.
[] / [μη]τροπο[λιτικῶν] (τάλ.) β (δρ.) 'Ε]φξ.
κωμη[τι]κῶν] λημ[μά]των 'Αθῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) | [. .] . () (δρ.) σι, ιδ (δρ.)
μ, / (δρ.) σν.
- 45 */ [Διβ(ὸς) τοπ(αρχίας) (τάλ.) β] | (δρ. ?) 'Ε[ωι.*
'Απηλ(ιώτου) τοπ(αρχίας) μητροπολιτικῶν] [λημ[μά]των) 'Αθῦρ ι
δι(ὰ) Σαρ]απ(ίωνος) (δρ.) Ἀρ, ια δι(ὰ) Διονυσίου(ν)
(δρ.) τ[20 1.,] / (δρ.) Ἀνο.
Ψώβθ(εως) 'Αθῦρ 18 1.] κδ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) πη, / (δρ.) Ἀμη.
Τααμπ[έμου] 'Αθῦρ 14 1.] (δρ.) νος, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) [. .] ιγ
- 50 *(δρ.) τ, ἄλ(λ.) [(δρ.) 21 1.] (δρ. ?) κ, / (δρ.) 'Βτξζ.*
 28. ιβ corr.(?)

Col. ii.

- Φθώχε[ω]ς 'Αθῦρ ια δι(ὰ) Ζω[ί]λου [(δρ.)] Ἀψ, ιβ (δρ.) ρ, ιγ (δρ.) Ἀξβ,*
/ (δρ.) 'Β[ω]ξβ.
'Ωφεως 'Αθῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Σαραπ(ίωνος) (δρ.) ωις, ιγ (δρ.) μ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) κδ, ιδ
(δρ.) ρμ, / (δρ.) Ἀκ.
Φοβῶου 'Αθῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Ἀπολ(ωνίου) (δρ.) ψ, ιγ (δρ.) τ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρλβ, ιδ
(δρ.) κ, / (δρ.) Ἀρνβ.
Τυχινεκ(ώτεως) 'Αθῦρ ια δι(ὰ) Σαραπ(ίωνος) (δρ.) σ[κ, ἄ]λ(λ.) [(δρ.)] φ, ιβ
(δρ.) μ, ιγ (δρ.) ιβ, ι[δ] (δρ.) κη, / (δρ.) ω.
- 55 *Θμοινεψώβθ(εως) 'Αθῦρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Διογένους (δρ.) Ἀργε.*
/ μητροπ[ο]λιτικῶν] (τάλ.) α (δρ.) 'Ετξζ.
κω[μη]τ[ικῶν] λημ[μά]των) Σατύρου 'Αθῦρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Σαραπάμ[ω]νο[ς] (δρ. ?)
λβ (τετρώβ.).

- Τυ[χι]ννεκώτεως Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Φιλίσκ(ου) (δρ.) οβ, ιδ (δρ.) μζ, [/] (δρ.) ριθ.
 Θ[μοι]νεψώβθ(εως) Ἀθὺρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Διογένους (δρ.) τκ.
 60 / κωμητικῶν) (δρ.) υοα (τετρώβ.), / Ἀπ(ηλιώτου) τοπ(αρχίας) (τάλ.) β (δρ.)
 τοη (τετρώβ.).
 [Μέ]ση(ς) [τοπ(αρχίας) μητ(ροπολιτικῶν) λη]μ(μάτων)· Σεντῶ Ἀθὺρ[ρ] ια
 [(δρ.) . . .] ιβ (δρ.) υβ, ιδ (δρ.) κ., / (δρ.) 'B[.].
 Θώλ(θεως) Ἀθὺρ ι .] δι(ὰ) Σαραπ(ίωνος) (δρ.) υπ, ἄλ(λ.) [(δρ.) . . , ι . (δρ.) . .]ε,
 ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) δ, / (δρ) [. . . .
 Πακ . . . [· Ἀθ]ὺρ[ρ] ι[·] δ[ι(ὰ)] Διον(υσίου) (δρ.?) λ[· .] . [· .] . . , ι . (δρ.) ρβ
 (τριώβ.?), [/ (δρ.)
 Τανάεω[ς Ἀθ]ὺρ ιβ δι(ὰ) [. . . .] . . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρ[· .] . / [(δρ.)
 65 Ἰέμη Ἀθὺρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Ἀμμωνίου (δρ.) τ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, ιγ (δρ.) λδ, ιδ (δρ.) κ,
 / (δρ.) τθδ.
 Ἰστρ[ο]υ ἐπ(οικίου) Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Χαιρήμ(ονος) (δρ.) ργη (τριώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.)
 χ(αλκοῦς) α, ιδ (δρ.) λζ, / (δρ.) σλε (τριώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.) χ(αλ.) α.
 Σενέπ(τα) Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) Πτολ(εμαίου) (δρ.) ρπη, ιβ (δρ.) υ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ψκ,
 ι[γ] (δρ.) τ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, ιδ [(δρ.)] κ, / (δρ.) Ἀχξη.
 Νομ(οῦ) ἐπ(οικίου) Ἀθὺρ ιβ διὰ Ἡρακλείδου (δρ.) φνβ.
 Κερκεύρων Ἀθὺρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Ὀριγένους (δρ.) φπδ.
 70 [Ταα]μπίτει ιδ δι(ὰ) Δι . . . [·] . . . (δρ.?) σ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) τβ, / (δρ.) φ[β.]
 [·] . . [·]ρω Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) [· .] . . . [· .]
 Πξεννῶ Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) . ν . . . [· .] . . . [· .] . . , ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.?) φιζ,
 ιγ [(δρ.)] σ, ιδ (δρ.?) . . . , / (δρ.) . . .
 Τόβα Ἀθὺρ ιβ διὰ [Ἡ]ρακλί[δ]ου (δρ.) . ξ.
 75 τὸ Ἡρακλεῖον Ἀθὺρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Ἡρ[ακλίδου] (δρ.) ρη, ιδ (δρ.) κ, / (δρ.) [ρ]κη.
 Τακολκείλεως Ἀθὺρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Ἀ[πολ]λωνίου (δρ.) υβ.
 / μητροπολιτικῶν) (τάλ.) α [(δρ.) Ἀ]τκη (ἡμιωβ.) χ(αλ.) α.
 κωμητ(ικῶν) λημμάτων) Τανάεως) Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) Σαρ(α)πάμ(μωνος) (δρ.) ρ, ιδ
 (δρ.) οβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) σιβ.
 Τόβα Ἀθὺρ ιδ δι(ὰ) < > (δρ.) ρκ.
 80 Τακολκείλεως Ἀθὺρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Ἀπολλων[ίου] (δρ.) ξ.
 Σενέπτα Ἀθὺρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Πτολεμ[αίου] (δρ.) ξη.
 Πξ[ε]ννῶ [Ἀθ]ὺρ ιδ διὰ Διοσκο[υ]ρίδου (δρ.) λβ.
 [·] Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) Διογένους (δρ.) δ, ιβ (δρ.) δ, / (δρ.) η.
 [Ἰ]έμη Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Πτολεμαίου[υ] (δρ.) ο (τετρώβ.).

- 85 / κωμητικῶν) (δρ.) φο (τετρώβ.) / Μέση(ς) τοπ(αρχίας) (τάλ.) α (δρ.) Ἐωγη
(τετρώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.) χ(αλ.) α.
Θμοι(σεφῶ) τοπ(αρχίας) μητροπολιτικῶν) λη(μμάτων)· Τήεως Ἄθῦρ ια Ἰσιδ(ωρος)
πρά(κτωρ) (δρ.) χ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) γβ (τριώβ.) χ(αλ.) β. / (δρ.) χγβ (τριώβ.)
χ(αλ.) β.
Παώμεως Ἀ[θ]ῦρ ιγ Ἀπολ(λώνιος) πρά(κτωρ) (δρ.) σξ, < > (δρ.) ιβ, / (δρ.) σοβ.
Παλώσεως Ἄθῦρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Ἀπίωνος (δρ.) υκη.
Θώλθεω[s] Ἄθῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Θέωνος (δρ.) υ, ιγ (δρ.) σ, / (δρ.) χ.
90 Κεσμούχεως Ἄθῦρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Κλ(έωνος?) (δρ.) φξ, ιγ (δρ.) σ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) σκ, / (δρ.) ρπ.
Σεφῶ ι δι(ὰ) Πλουτί(ωνος) [(δρ.)] ωπ, ιβ (δρ.) ψ, ιγ (δρ.) κδ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρ,
ιδ (δρ.) π, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) κ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ξθ, / (δρ.) Ἄωωγ.
μητροπολιτικῶν) (δρ.) Ἐωμε (τριώβ.) χ(αλ.) β.
κωμητικῶν) λη(μμάτων)· Τήεως Ἄθῦρ ιγ (δρ.) α (τριώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.), ιδ (δρ.) σ.
ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) σμα (τριώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.).
[Παλώσεω]ς Ἄθῦρ ιγ (δρ.) δ, ιδ (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) μδ.
95 Π[αώμεω]ς Ἄθῦρ ια (δρ.) ρμς, ιδ (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) ρπς.
Κεσμούχεως Ἄθῦρ ιδ δι(ὰ) Διδύμ(ου) (δρ.) λβ.
Σεφ[ῶ] Ἀ[θ]ῦρ ι (δρ.) ρ, ι[.] (δρ.) δ, / [(δρ.)] ρδ.
Θώ[λ(θεως)] Ἄθῦρ ια (δρ.) τ, ιβ (δρ.) φ, ιγ (δρ.) τ, ι[.]δ (δρ.) ξ, / (δρ.) Ἄρξ.
[/ κωμητικῶν) (δρ.) Ἄψξξ [(τριώβ.)] (ἡμιωβ.) / Θμοι(σεφῶ) τοπ(αρχίας)
[(τάλ.) α (δρ.)] χιγ (ἡμιωβ.) [χ(αλ.) β.

55. Ἄ corr. 65. ἱεμη.

Col. iii.

- 100 Κάτω τοπ(αρχίας) μητροπολιτικῶν) λη(μμάτων)· Ἰσίω Τρύφ(ωνος) Ἄθῦρ ιβ
Δούκι(ς) πρά(κτωρ) (δρ.) η, ιδ (δρ.) φξε,
ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) β, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) σ, / (δρ.) ωλε.
Σιναρὺ Ἄθῦρ ια δι(ὰ) Ἀπίωνο(ς) (δρ.) Ἄω, ιβ (δρ.) χ, ιγ (δρ.) ξδ, / (δρ.) Βυξδ.
[[. .] . . [ἀπ]ὸ Μουχ(ιναρυνῶ?) πολιτικῶν) ἀφ' (ῶν) ὀφείλ(ουσι) ἀπὸ
ἐπ(οικίου) Καλπ(ουρνίου?) (δρ.) μ, ἄλ(λ.) σοῦ λιπόντ[ος (δρ.)] μ, / (δρ.) π.]]
[Σούε]ως Ἄθῦρ ι δι(ὰ) Σαραπί(ωνος) (δρ.) σις, ιβ (δρ.) ξδ, ιγ (δρ.) α, / (δρ.) σπα.
105 Τα[λ]αῶ Ἄθῦρ ια δι(ὰ) Δείου (δρ.) υνγ, ιβ (δρ.) ρξ, ιγ (δρ.) Ἄ, ιδ (δρ.)
λε, / (δρ.) Ἄχημη.
Ψώβθεως Ἄθῦρ ια δι(ὰ) Δείου (δρ.) σμ, ιγ (δρ.) λβ, / (δρ.) σοβ.

- Θώλθεως Ἀθὺρ ιβ δι(ὰ) Ἑρα(κλείδου) (δρ.) σι, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) τ, ιγ (δρ.) ρ,
/ (δρ.) χι.
Σέσφθα Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Πτολ(εμαίου) [(δρ.)] ρ, ιγ (δρ.) β, ιδ (δρ.) κ, / (δρ.) ρκβ.
[Τ]ακίνα Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Σερή(νου) (δρ.) ω, ιδ (δρ.) ρξη, / (δρ.) τξη.
110 [Τ]υχινφάγων Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) Θέωνο(s) (δρ.) ρ, ιβ (δρ.) νς, / (δρ.) ρνς.
/ μητροπολιτικῶν (τάλ.) α (δρ.) Ἀτνς.
κ[ωμη]τ(ικῶν) λημμά(των)· Ἰσίου [Τ]ρύφ(ωνος) Ἀθὺρ ιβ (δρ.) ρ, ιδ (δρ.) μ,
/ (δρ.) ρμ.
Ψά[β]θεως Ἀθὺρ ι (δρ.) πη, ιδ (δρ.) ιβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρξη, / (δρ.) σξη.
Τακίνα Ἀθὺρ ια (δρ.) η, ιγ (δρ.) τλς, ιδ (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) τπδ.
115 Τυχινφάγων Ἀθὺρ ιγ δι(ὰ) Μάρωνος (δρ.) σ, ιδ (δρ.) σνς,
ἄλ(λ.) [(δρ.)] ρνβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) κδ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ιβ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) κη, / (δρ.) χοβ.
Σέσφθα Ἀθὺρ ια (δρ.) κς, ιγ (δρ.) ιη, ιδ (δρ.) μ, / (δρ.) πδ.
Τα[λ]αὼ Ἀθὺρ ι Ἀπολινάριος πρά(κτωρ) (δρ.) ψκ.
/ [κω](μητικῶν) (δρ.) Βσξη. / Κάτω τοπ(αρχίας) (τάλ.) α (δρ.) Ἰχκδ.
120 νομοῦ Ἀθὺρ ιδ (δρ.) π.
/ νομ[ο]ῦ Ὁξ(υρνηχίτου) (τάλ.) ιγ (δρ.) ρς (τριώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.) χ(αλκοῦ) γ, ἀνά
(λογον) μνηιαίου) (τάλ.) ιβ (δρ.) Ἐωρ (τετρώβ.) χ(αλ.) α.
[[ὄστ' (εἶναι) πλ(εῖον) [(δρ.)] σς, αἱ κουφ[ι]σθ(εῖσαι) δι(ὰ) τοῦ πρὸς παραδοχ(ῆ)
ἀπὸ μὲν]]
[[Ἐντείως πολ(ιτικῶν) (δρ.) ξς, [[καὶ]] ἀπὸ δὲ Σενέπ(τα) πολ(ιτ.) (δρ.) ρ,
καὶ ἀπὸ Σινα(ρὺ) πολ(ιτ.)]]
[[λι(φθεῖσαι) (?) (δρ.) μ, / (?) [(δρ.) σ]ς.]]
125 Ἐρμ[ο]π[ο]λ(ίτου) Ἰβιῶ(νος) . . λ() μητροπολιτικῶν· Ἀθὺρ ια δι(ὰ) Διον(υσίου)
ὑπ(ηρέτου) (δρ.) σ, ιβ (δρ.) Ἀυλη,
ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) χ, ιγ (δρ.) ωιη, ιδ (δρ.) ν, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) ρλβ, / (δρ.) Βχλη.
κωμητ(ικῶν)· [Α]θὺρ[ρ] ια δι(ὰ) Σερή(νου) (δρ.) χβ (τριώβ.), ιβ (δρ.) ρξ, ιγ
(δρ.) σξ, ἄλ(λ.) (δρ.) μ, ιδ (δρ.) ια (τριώβ.), / (δρ.) Ἀοδ.
καὶ δι(ὰ) τ(ῶν) ἀπὸ Σιγ[κ]έφα Ἀθὺρ ιβ (δρ.) τκ, ιγ (δρ.) σ, ιδ (δρ.) νη,
/ (δρ.) φοη.
/ Ἐρμ[ο]πολ(ίτου) (δρ.) Ἐσγ.
130 / ἐπὶ τὸ ἀ(ὐτὸ) [σ]τεφ(ανικῶν) (τάλ.) ιγ (δρ.) Ἄρπ (τετρώβ.) (ἡμιωβ.) χ(αλ.) α.

100. ἴσιον : so in l. 112. 121. χ(αλ.) a corr.

1. The word before τοῦ is possibly τελ]εσ[μ]ά[τ]ων, but not λ]ημ[μ]ά[τ]ων.

4. Possibly $\mu\eta\rho\sigma\pi\acute{o}\lambda\epsilon\omega\varsigma$ (cf. l. 9, n.); but that word would hardly be expected to have a line to itself, and $\acute{\epsilon}\tau\omicron\upsilon\varsigma$ is more likely, unless this occurred in l. 1.

5-6. $\text{Κλα}\iota\upsilon(\delta\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma)$ $\text{Ἰσιδώρας τῆς κ(αί) Ἀπίας}$: cf. 1630. 3, n. $\delta\acute{\iota}\alpha$ can be substituted for παρά in ll. 5-6; cf. l. 128 $\delta\iota(\acute{\alpha}) \tau(\acute{\omega}\nu) \acute{\alpha}\pi\acute{o} \Sigma\iota\gamma\kappa\acute{\iota}\phi\alpha$, where tax-payers, not tax-collectors, are meant. But $\delta\iota(\acute{\alpha}) \text{Ἐριγένους}$ in l. 6 either refers to a tax-collector, like $\delta\acute{\iota}\alpha$ with the other names in ll. 10-115, or indicates an agent of a tax-payer, so that a different preposition is in any case more suitable with persons who, as the mention of a woman shows, were evidently tax-payers. κλη(ρονόμοι) in place of παρά in l. 5 is unsatisfactory, for Claudia Isidora was apparently still living when 1659 was written.] . ικου is in our opinion a proper name, not στεφάνικου , which is the subject of the whole account.

7. The letter following $\iota\beta$ is not $\delta\iota(\acute{\alpha})$, but might be π[αρά] : cf. the previous n. $\acute{\alpha}\lambda(\lambda\alpha\varsigma)$ is very doubtful; there may be an abbreviation of a proper name, as in l. 6.

8. Another proper name or $\acute{\alpha}\lambda(\lambda\alpha\varsigma)$ followed by a sum probably occurred at the beginning. The total is obtained by subtraction; cf. int. and l. 23, n.

9. $\text{μη}\rho\sigma\pi(\acute{\alpha}\lambda\epsilon\omega\varsigma?)$] : the word was perhaps written out, the faint vestiges being compatible with $\text{-π}\lambda\epsilon\omega\varsigma$. The distinction between this entry and ll. 5-7 is probably due to the circumstance that the items in l. 9 were collected not by the δημοσία τράπεζα , but by πράκτορες or their agents: but the entry may be supplementary to ll. 5-8 in the same kind of way as l. 120 νομοῦ (δρ.) π is to ll. 10-119.

10. After $\text{λη}\mu(\acute{\mu}\alpha\tau\omega\upsilon\upsilon)$ a village-name is lost; cf. l. 15, n.

14. Ἀθύχ[εω\varsigma] : cf. 1285. 58, where l. $\text{Ἀθ[ύ]χ[εω\varsigma]}$, the fourth letter being clear. The traces of the third letter here suit υ very well, and not any other vowel.

15. Ἐντείως? : a village Ἐντελέξυ in an unspecified toparchy is known from 1510; but Ἐντείως (l. 123) has to be introduced somewhere into the list of payments of μητροπολιτικά in 1659, presumably before Σενέπτα (l. 67); cf. l. 123, n. Other suitable places would be l. 10 or l. 24 or l. 44; but in 1285. 68 Ἐντείως can be read in place of Ἀντείως in the list of villages of the Upper toparchy, so that l. 15 is much the most likely place for Ἐντείως . In l. 10 either Ἐπισήμων (cf. l. 31 and 1285. 55) or Βασιλ() (cf. l. 27) is more probable than one of the other villages in 1285. 51-68 which do not occur in 1659. 11-31.

22. $\text{Κ[ε]ρ[κεμ(όνεω\varsigma)]}$: cf. 1285. 66. The vestiges suit κ very well, but ρ is quite uncertain.

23. The reading 'B is doubtful here, and in l. 32 the total of the κομητικά is only obtained by subtraction from the total for the toparchy, in which 'A, though not clear, is a much more suitable reading than any other figure; cf. int.

27. Βασιλ() was previously unknown.

32. Cf. l. 23, n., and int.

33. The village was perhaps Π[ανευεί] or Π[επεμοί(νιος)] or Σ[ερόφω\varsigma] , which were all in the Western toparchy; cf. 1285. 70-83.

42. Ἀντι(έρα) Πέλα : this village, facing Πέλα (l. 40), is known only from the present passage and 1637. 33, where it seems to be called Ἀντι(έρα) simply; cf. n.

43. Ἐφξ : ρ could be read in place of ϕ . 'E] depends on 'E in l. 45, where the reading is very uncertain.

46. The village lost may well be Σατύρου : cf. l. 57. Σαρ[απ(άμμωνος)] could be read here and in ll. 52 and 54 and identified with Σαραπάμμ[ω]νο[ς] in l. 57.

54. The toparchy to which Τυχωνεκ(ώτις) (cf. 280. 8 and 290. 6, where l. Τυχ(ων)νεκ(ώτιος)) belonged was not known previously.

55. $\text{Θρωμεψώβθεω\varsigma}$: this village is known only from this passage and 1747. 37. In 1285. 96 $\text{Θ[μο]υ[ε]ψ[ώβθ(εω\varsigma)]}$ is not very suitable. The first letter there may well be θ .

63. Πακ . . .] seems to be different from Πού[χ?]εω in 1285. 105, where, though

α can be substituted for *ο*, *ν* is clear, while here the third letter is much more probably *κ* than *ν*. Πακέρκη is unsuitable, being in the Eastern toparchy (1285. 89).

66. Ἰστρ[ο]ν ἐπ(οικίου): elsewhere, e. g. in 1285. 108, Ἰστρον is treated as a κόμη.

68. Νομ(οῦ) ἐπ(οικίου): cf. 1285. 101. Νομογρά(φου) ἐποίκιον (1747. 69) is probably different.

70. [Ταα]μπίτει: cf. 1747. 40, where the reading is clear, and 1285. 117, where Ἰ. Τααμπίτει for Ταλωπίτει. This village must be distinguished from Ταμπετί or Ταμπίτει, which was in the Eastern toparchy (612).

71. [.] . . [.] . ω: the penultimate letter can be ρ, but the other vestiges do not well suit [N]εμ[ε]ρω(ν) (cf. 1285. 112), and the final ω is not appreciably above the line.

72. Πεεννώ: cf. l. 82 and 1283. 6.

74. Τόβα: cf. l. 79. This village is new. In both places the third letter seems to be β, not κ, and we conjecture that Τόβα, not Τόκα, is also to be read in P. S. I. 219. 4.

87. Ἀπολ(λώνιος): Ἀπολ(νάριος) (cf. l. 118) is possible, but not very likely, since the toparchies are different.

86-98. The six villages in the Thmoisepho toparchy here mentioned are identical with those in 1285. 122-7.

103. This line, which is written somewhat smaller than usual, perhaps refers to the 80 dr. νομοῦ in l. 120. Like ll. 122-3, it is enclosed in brackets, and the 80 dr. are ignored in the total in l. 111. [δι]ὰ τ(ῶν) [ἀπ]ὸ Μουχ. is suggested by l. 128; but though τ(ῶν) is possible, the preceding letter is not [δι]ά or δι[ά], and in ll. 122-3 there is no διὰ τῶν before ἀπό with village-names. Villages in the Lower toparchy called Μουχιναρνώ (1285. 137, n.) and Μουχινάλλη (1529. 10, 1747. 55) are known, and presumably one of these is meant. Μούχ(εως) is possible, but somewhat less appropriate; cf. 1674. 18, n. Κε]σμούχ(εως) could also be read here, but is in a different toparchy (l. 90). ἐπ(οικίου) is rendered probable by ll. 66 and 68; but ἐποίκιον Καλπ(ουρνίου?) was not known previously. With σοῦ λιπόντ[ος] cf. ll. 123-4 ἀπὸ Συνα(ρῦ) πολ(τικῶν) λι(φθείσαι?), where too the sum seems to be 40 drachmae, though in both places the reading μ depends mainly upon the arithmetic. σοῦ is likely to be the strategus; cf. int.

104. [Σούε]ως, which is just the right length, is restored from 1285. 140.

118. Τα[λ]άω: the vestiges are very slight and uncertain, but cf. l. 105 and 1285. 131.

120. νομοῦ: cf. ll. 9, 103, nn.

121. ἀνά(λογον): cf. 370 τὸ ἀνάλογον τῆς ὑποσχέσεως, P. Brit. Mus. 131 recto. 69 πρὸς ἀνάλ. τοῦ μηνός, Amh. 85. 18, 86. 14, Flor. 383. 8, Ryl. 99. 7. For the omission of $\frac{1}{2}$ obol in the second total cf. l. 130, n.

122. [(δρ.)] σϛ: the writer in subtracting 4 ob. 1 chal. from 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. 3 chal. ignores strict arithmetic, and has 206 dr. instead of 205 dr. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ob. 2 chal.; cf. l. 130, n. and int.

παράδοχ(ῆ): 'abatement', not 'receipt'; cf. παραδοχὴν γενέσθαι τῶν δαπανῶν in B. G. U. 136. 19, and 571. 11 παραδοχ(ῆς) ἀβρόχου. πρὸς παραδοχὴν in P. Brit. Mus. 1157 has the other sense.

123. Ἐντείεως: cf. l. 15, n. πολ(τικῶν) = μητροπολ(τικῶν); cf. 1419. 2, n. For Σενέπ(τα) cf. l. 67, and for Συνα(ρῦ) l. 102.

124. λι(φθείσαι?): cf. l. 103, n.

125. Ἰβιώ(νος) . . λ(): in the second word the letter above the line has a loop at the top, suggesting λ, so that Χύσ(εως) (cf. 1637. 27, n.), Γεω(πεπλ . . .) (P. Flor. 344. 2), Πετ(εαφθεί) (Brit. Mus. 1880), Σεισ(υμβιώθεως) (Brit. Mus. 1765. 8), Παν(εκτύρεως) (Flor. 17. 8), Ταυ(ούπεως) (Flor. 50. 55), Τατ(κέλμεως) (Flor. 50. 30), Τεῶ(τος) (Leipz. 99. i. 28) are all unsuitable. This Ibion is likely to have been in the most northern toparchy of the

Hermopolite nome, i. e. Πατεμίτης κάτω or Πασκώ (cf. int.), near the boundary of the Oxyrhynchite Upper toparchy, in which Sinkepha (l. 128; cf. l. 13) was situated. Διον(ύσιος) ἰπ(ηρέτης) may have been mentioned in ll. 10-31, but is probably different from Διονύσιος in ll. 40 and 63; cf. l. 87, n.

130. The total of the *μνηαίων* in l. 121 added to the sum in l. 129 is $\frac{1}{2}$ obol less than the total given here. Probably this $\frac{1}{2}$ obol was written originally at the end of l. 121, but obliterated when the writer added *χ(αλ.) α* there; cf. l. 121, crit. n.

1660. ACCOUNT OF TAXES IN KIND.

15 × 12.4 cm.

Fourth century.

This fragment of a fourth-century taxing-account, containing 12 nearly complete lines from the top of a column with the ends of 3 lines of the preceding column, gives totals of corn, wine, and meat supplied, probably by a village or district in the Oxyrhynchite nome, to Alexandria (which here has an unusual alternative name; cf. l. 2, n.) in accordance with the 'second *delegatio*'. This technical term is well known in connexion with the schedules of taxation issued annually by the praefects (cf. Gelzer, *Byz. Verwaltung* 39-41): the 'second *delegatio*', which is novel, was evidently an extraordinary levy, supplementary to the first, the corn being stated to be 'on account of the surplus (*exuberantia*) of the land-owners'. The distinction between *κανών* and *πρόσθ(εμα)* (= *superindictum*) in P. Brit. Mus. 99 (i. 158), which is approximately contemporary with 1660, is similar. Another example of a Latin technical term in Greek letters occurs in l. 8.

The papyrus was subsequently used as material for various trials of penmanship. In the margin of the two columns on the recto is in a large hand ¹ — καὶ Εὐλόγιος καὶ Παῦλος ² — τῷ γράψαντι καὶ τῷ Παυλίῳ. On the verso, besides *ὑπατείας τῆς προκ(ειμένης)*, &c., in cursive, are scrawled a few letters from the ends of 10 lines of a Christian prayer of some kind, the contractions $\bar{\kappa}\bar{\varsigma}$ and $\bar{\theta}\bar{\varsigma}$ occurring.

Col. ii.

διὰ τε τῆς β' δηληγατίονος ἐκελεξίσθησαν πεμφθῆναι
 εἰς τὴν Ἀλεξάνδρειαν ἦτοι Α[εοντόπολι
 σίτου ἀπὸ λόγου ἐξουβερ(αντίας) κτητόρ(ων) (ἀρτάβαι) [. . . ,
 αὶ ἀποσταλεῖσαι μὴ(νι) Θῶ[θ . . διὰ Αὐρηλίου ?
 5 Ἡρακλήου ἐπιμελητοῦ. [
 οἴνου ξ(έσται) [. . . ,
 οὔτως·

κτητόρ(ων) ξ(έσται) Ἐβρηθ, ὃ οὐένδ(ιτον?) ξ(έσται) [. . . . ,
οἱ ἀποσταλέντες μη(νὶ) Μεσ[ορῆ] . . διὰ Αὐρηλίου?
10 Ἄρποκρατίωνος ἐπιμελ(ητοῦ).
κρέως [λί(τραι) ,
αἱ ἀ[π]οσταλεῖσαι μη(νὶ) Με[σορῆ] . . διὰ Αὐρηλίου?

2. ἦτοι Λ[εοντόπολις]: cf. Steph. Byz. s. v. Ἀλεξάνδρεια, ἐκλήθη δὲ Ῥακῶτις καὶ Φάρος καὶ Λεοντόπολις διὰ τὸ τὴν τῆς Ὀλυμπιάδος γαστέρα ἐσφραγίσθαι λέοντος εἰκόνη. This alternative name of Alexandria does not seem to have occurred previously in papyri.

3. ἔξουβερ(αντίας): the lexica give only Aulus Gellius as the authority for this word.

8. ὃ οὐένδ(ιτον?): how οὐένδ() is to be resolved is not clear, but some form of the passive of *vendo* is meant. ὄ is unsatisfactory: ὄς or οἶ would be expected. This wine seems to be parallel to σίτος ἀγοραστός or συναγοραστικός, i. e. corn bought by the government by forced sales; cf. *frumentum venalicium* in Cod. Theod. vi. 26. 14, Wilcken, *Chr.* 359 sqq., Rostowzew in Pauly-Wissowa, *Realenc.* vii. 166-9.

IV. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

1661. LETTER TO A DIOECETES.

11.3 x 9.6 cm.

A. D. 74.

A short letter to Heraclides, a dioecetes, stating that a certain Harpaësis was a *ὑπογέωργος* and appointed as such by the writer for the current year, the 7th of Vespasian. The term *ὑπογέωργος* is new, and seems to have in regard to State land (which is probably meant) much the same sense as *ὑπομισθοτής* 'sub-lessee' (cf. e. g. B. G. U. 1047. iv. 5, 17), Themistocles (l. 5) being apparently the original lessee. Heraclides was evidently not the high finance-official at Alexandria, and that he was the administrator of a private estate is unlikely. Probably he was a subordinate local dioecetes similar to the dioecetae who are known in the reign of Augustus from 291 and P. Tebt. 408-9, and were no doubt a survival from Ptolemaic times (cf. Druffel, *Archiv* vi. 30). The continuance of these local dioecetae as late as the reign of Vespasian is interesting. The writer of the letter was probably a minor official, e. g. a comogrammateus (cf. l. 6, n.) or toparch, rather than a βασιλικὸς γεωργός.

Ἀρθοῶνις Ἐρακλείδη τῷ διοι-
κη[τῆ]ι χαίρειν. Ἄρπαῆσις
[Παπ]οντῶτος ὁ κομίζων σοι

τὴν ἐπιστολὴν ἔστιν ὑπο-
 5 γέωργος Θεμιστοκλέους,
 κα(ὶ) διὰ σπόρου ζ' (ἔτους) ποιῶ αὐτὸν
 ὑπογέωργον. ἔρρωσο.
 (ἔτους) ζ' Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος
 Οὐεσπασιανοῦ Σεβαστοῦ μηνὸς
 10 Νέου Σεβαστοῦ 15.

On the verso 'Ηρακλείδη διιοικη(τῆ).

'Harthoönis to Heraclides the dioecetes, greeting. Harpaësis son of Papontos, the bearer of this letter, is the sub-lessee of Themistocles, and by the list of crops of the 7th year I make him a sub-lessee. Good-bye. The 7th year of the Emperor Caesar Vespasianus Augustus, 16th of the month Neus Sebastus. (Addressed) To Heraclides, dioecetes.'

4-5. ὑπογέωργος Θεμιστοκλέους: Rostowzew suggests that κλήρου is to be supplied, the reign of Vespasian being a period of large confiscations by the government. But Θεμιστοκλῆς was a fairly common name at this period at Oxyrhynchus (cf. 373, 375, 377), and the name of the γεωργός is rather expected to occur. That Harthoönis was himself the γεωργός is unlikely; the general style of the letter suggests that he was the equal or superior of Heraclides (cf. int.), and if ll. 6-7 meant that Harthoönis appointed Harpaësis as his own ὑπογέωργος, εἰς σπόρον, not διὰ σπόρον, would be expected.

6. σπόρου: for the meaning 'report on crops' cf. P. Tebt. 24. 42 τὸν ἐπιδομένον ὑπ' αὐτῶν σπόρον, 52 τὸν ἐπικεφαλαίου σπόρον ἐπιδότες. A document like P. Tebt. 61-72 (2nd cent. B. C.) or P. Brit. Mus. 604 (47), which were drawn up by comogrammateis, is probably meant; cf. int.

1662. APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY-PRYTANIS.

24 x 9 cm.

A. D. 246.

A letter from the prytanis of the senate at Oxyrhynchus to the strategus, requesting him to appoint officially a deputy for the writer during his absence on a deputation, which was proceeding (probably to Alexandria) in order to appeal to the praefect with regard to the taxation of the nome. The person proposed as deputy, who had no doubt been nominated by the writer or the senate, was an irenarch, i. e. the chief of the police of either Oxyrhynchus or the nome rather than of a village; cf. 80. 7, 118. 14. Similar letters to a strategus concerning the appointment to liturgical offices are 59 (from the senate through the prytanis) and P. RyI. 77. 47-52 (from ἄρχοντες).

Αὐρήλιος Βίων ὁ καὶ Ἀμμώ-
 νιος γυμνασίαρχος βουλευτῆς
 ἑναρχος πρύτανις τῆς Ὀξύρυγ-

15 ἐπιστέλλω σοι, φίλτατε,
 ὅπως φανερόν ποιή-
 σης Αὐρηλίῳ Ἰσιδώρῳ

- χιτῶν πόλεως Αὐρηλίῳ
 5 Δίῳ τῷ καὶ Περτίνακι στρα-
 τηγῷ τοῦ αὐτοῦ νομοῦ
 τῷ φιλτάτῳ χαίρειν.
 ἐξίων ἅμα ἄλλοις ἐπὶ τὸν
 λαμπρότατον ἡμῶν
 10 ἡγεμόνα Οὐαλέριον
 Φίρμον ἔνεκεν πρεσβεΐ[[ς]]-
 ας περὶ τῆς ἐπιβληθείσης
 ἐπιβολῆς τῷ ἡμετέρῳ
 νομῷ τοῦ ἱεροῦ ἀποτάκτου,
- ἀρχιερατεύσαντι βουλευ-
 τῇ εἰρηνάρχῳ διαδέξα-
 20 σθαί με τὰ τῇ πρυτανίᾳ δια-
 φέροντα, ἔστ' ἂν ἐπανέλ-
 θω. (2nd h.) ἐρρῶσθαί σε εὐχομαι,
 φίλ(τατε).
 1st h. (ἔτους) γ Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος
 Μάρκου Ἰουλίου Φιλίππου
 25 Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς καὶ Μάρκου
 Ἰουλίου Φιλίππου γενναιοτάτ[ο]υ
 καὶ ἐπιφανεστάτου Καίσαρος
 Σεβαστῶν Ἐπειφ κγ.

3. οξυρυνχίτων. 8. ἐξίων. 14. ἱερου. 17. ἰσιδωρω. 24. ἰουλιου: SO in l. 26.

‘Aurelius Bion also called Ammonius, gymnasiarch, senator, and prytanis in office of Oxyrhynchus, to his dearest Aurelius Dius also called Pertinax, strategus of the said nome, greeting. Since I am leaving with others to meet our most illustrious praefect, Valerius Firmus, on a deputation concerning the quota of the Imperial assessment imposed upon our nome, I beg you, dearest friend, to inform Aur. Isidorus, ex-chief-priest, senator, and irenarch, that he is to act as my deputy in the office of prytanis, until I return. I pray for your health, dearest friend.’ Date.

4-5. Aur. Dius is known as strategus in the year preceding that of 1662 from 81. 2 and 1119. 25.

10. (Claudius) Valerius Firmus is known to have been praefect from May 21, 245, to August-September 247; cf. Lesquier, *L'armée romaine* 517.

14. ἱεροῦ ἀποτάκτου: ἀπότακτος or τὸ ἀπότακτον is common in regard to rent (e. g. 1630. 17; cf. 1187. 13-15, n.), but here it seems to be a general expression for Imperial revenues. 18-19. In C. P. R. 20. 4 (250) a deputy-prytanis is γυμνασιάρχης βουλευτής.

V. PRIVATE CORRESPONDENCE

1663. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

14.5 × 12.4 cm.

Second or third century.

An incomplete letter from an assistant in the secretariate of the dioecetes (cf. n. on l. 15) to a secretary of the strategus of the Oxyrhynchite nome, commending to his care one Soter, presumably a kinsman. Other letters of this kind are e. g. 32 (Latin), 292, 746, 787, P. Giessen 71; cf. 1767.

Τούρβων Κλέωνι τῶι

τιμιωτάτῳ χαί[ρε]ιν.

πάνυ ἡσθην ἀ[κού]ων σε ἐν τῷ Θερινίῃ

διάγειν καὶ συνήδομαί γε [τ]ῷ φίλῳ

5 σο[υ] κηδεμόνι ἀγαθῷ καὶ ἐπι(ει)κε-

στάτῳ εἰς τὰ πραγμάτια ἐα[υ]τοῦ ἄ . . . μενω. Σωτή-

ρα δέ, ἐξ οὗ τ[ῆ]ν ἀφορμὴν ἔσχον

ἐπιστεῖλαι σ[ο]ι, παρατίθεμαί σοι, ἀδελ-

φέ, ἵνα ὀράς αὐτὸν ὡς Σερῆνον τ[ὸ]ν

10 μεικρὸν ἡμῶν ἀδελφόν, οὐ μόνον

διὰ τὸ ἦθος τὸ χρηστὸν ἄξιον τοῦ

τυχεῖν ἀλλὰ καὶ —

On the verso

Κλέωνι γραμματεῖ στρα(τηγοῦ) Ὁ[ξ]υρρυχίτου

π(αρά) Τούρβωνος βοηθ(οῦ)

15 Φιλοξέ(νου) καθολ(ικοῦ) γραμματέως) διοικ(ητοῦ).

6. *a* and *v* of *a . . . μενω* corr. ? 9. *ἵνα*.

‘Turbo to the most esteemed Cleon, greeting. I was very glad to hear that you are staying in the Thinite nome, and I congratulate you on your dear protector who is good and capable in his affairs . . . Since I have an opportunity to send to you, I am putting Soter in your charge, brother, in order that you may regard him in the same way as our small brother Serenus, for he deserves to gain this not only on account of his excellent character but also . . . (Addressed) To Cleon, secretary of the strategus of the Oxyrhynchite nome, from Turbo, assistant of Philoxenus, secretary general of the dioecetes.’

5. ἐπι(ει)κεστάτῳ: cf. e. g. 1218. 5, where there is a similar misspelling.

6. *a . . . μενω*: the vestiges do not seem to accord with ἀνειμένῳ. γενομένῳ, which would rather be expected, is also unsuitable.

15. καθολ(ικοῦ) γραμματέως): this title seems to be new, and the application of the term καθολικός to a subordinate official apparently lacks analogy, but it is in itself unobjectionable.

1664. LETTER TO A GYMNASIARCH.

27.4 × 20.8 cm.

Third century.

A friendly letter from Philosarapis, sacrificial magistrate (ἱεροποιός) at Antacopolis, to Apion, gymnasiarch and formerly strategus of the Antacopolite nome, offering to execute any commissions. To judge from his correspondent's

eulogy, Apion was a popular figure. The handwriting is a good specimen of the large upright cursive not seldom found in the official documents of the period.

Χαῖρε, κύριέ μου Ἀπίων, Φιλοσάραπῖς
σε προσαγορεύω εὐχόμενός σε σώζεσθαι
πανοικησίᾳ καὶ εὖ διάγειν.
ὅτι οὐ μόνοι ἡμεῖς μεμνήμεθά σου ἀλλὰ
5 καὶ αὐτοὶ ἡμῶν οἱ πάτριοι θεοί, τοῦτο
δῆλον ἅπασιν, [[ἄ]]πᾶσα γὰρ ἡμῶν ἢ ἡλι-
κία ἐν τοῖς στέρνοις σε περιφέρει, με-
μνημένη τῆς ἀγαθῆς σου προαιρέ-
σεως. περὶ τῶν ἀπὸ πατρίδος σοι χρειω-
10 δῶν, κύριέ μου, ἐπίστελλέ μοι ἡδέ-
ως ἔχοντι, τὰς γὰρ ἐντολάς σου ἥδιστα
ἔχων ὡς χάριτας λήμψομαι. προσαγο-
ρεύω τὸν ἀξιολογώτατον γυμνασίαρ-
χον Ὠρίωνα. (2nd h.) ἐρῶσθαί σε εὐχομαι,
15 κύριέ μου χρηστὲ καὶ εὐγενέστατε
Ἀπίων, διὰ βίου εὖ διάγοντα
μεθ' ὧν ἡδέως διάγεις.

On the verso

(1st h.) Ἀπίωνι γυμνασίαρχῳ στρατηγήσαντι Ἀνταιοπολείτου
(2nd h.?) π(αρά)] Φιλοσαράπιδος ἐνάρχου
20 ἱερ]οποιοῦ Ἀνταίουπόλ(εως).

'Greeting, my lord Apion, I, Philosarapis, salute you, praying that you may be preserved and prosper with all your household. That not only we but also our ancestral gods themselves hold you in memory is clear to all; for our whole youth carries you in their hearts, remembering your goodwill. Send to me about anything that you need from home, my lord, and it will be a pleasure; for I shall be most pleased to accept your commands as favours. I salute the most estimable gymnasiarch Horion. I pray for your health, my kind and noblest lord Apion, and your lifelong prosperity with those with whom it pleases you to live. (Addressed) To Apion, gymnasiarch and ex-strategus of the Antaeopolite nome, from Philosarapis, sacrificial magistrate in office of Antaeopolis.'

20. ἱερ]οποιοῦ: cf. P. Giessen 66. 13 ἔναρχος ἱεροποσίας, Olto, *Priester und Tempel* i. 163, Plaumann, *Ptolemäis* 96, Oertel, *Liturgie* 339.

1665. LETTER OF A GYMNASIARCH.

28.6 x 9.2 cm.

Third century.

In this letter Aurelius Sarapion, a gymnasiarch, reminds his 'father' Claudius of a promise to let him have 40 metretae of oil when his turn came to supply oil for the gymnasium (cf. l. 5, n.), and asks that this promise should now be made good in order that oil borrowed for the occasion from friends might be repaid to them.

<p>A[ύρηλιος] Σ[αραπίων] [Aύρηλι(ί)ω] Κλαυ[δίω] τῷ πατ[ρι] πολλὰ χαίρειν. καθὼς καὶ παρόν[τ]ι σοι κατ' ὄψιν 5 ἡτσαάμην εἰς ἄς μέλλω χρί- νιν ἡμέρας ἐλαίου μετρητὰς τεσσαράκοντα, οὓς καὶ καθ' ἣν ἔχεις πρὸς ἐμὲ ἀγαθὴν προαί- 10 ρεσιν ὑπέσχε[ο]ν, νῦν οὖν τῆς σοὶ θαρρῶν ἔσχον παρὰ φίλων ἐν χρήσει τοὺς μετρητὰς τεσσαράκοντα ἐπὶ τῷ αὐτοῦς ἀποκαταστήσαι. ἀναγκαίως</p>	<p>15 οὖν, ἐὰν ἔτι παρὰ σεαυτῷ χρ[ί]ον ἔχῃς, δῆλωσον ἢ τῷ υἱῷ σου ἢ ᾧ ἐὰν σὺ βού- λῃ τούτους μοι ἐν τάχει παρα[σ]χεῖν, πρὸς τὸ κάμῃ 20 ἀπ[ο]καταστήσαι τοῖς εὐχρη- στήσασί μοι φίλοις, τῆς τι- μῆς ἐξαιτῆς μεταβαλλο- μένης ὑπ' ἐμοῦ ᾧ ἐὰν δο- κιμάσης. ἀλ[λ'] ὄρα μὴ ἀμελή- 25 σῃς, μὴ δόξω διαβάλλειν τοὺς ἀνθρώπους. (2nd h.) ἐρῶσθαί σε εὐχομαι κατὰ νοῦ(ν) διάγοντά'.</p>
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On the verso

1st h.) Aύρηλι(ί)ω Κλαυδίω π(αρά) Aύρηλι(ίου) Σαραπίωνος γυμ(νασιάρχου).

4. l. παρόντα σε. 11. φίλῳ. 22. μεταβαλλόμενης. 25. μ of μη corr.

'Aurelius Sarapion to his father Aurelius Claudius, many greetings. As when I saw you I requested from you for the days when I have to provide it 40 metretae of oil, which in accordance with your goodwill towards me you promised, so now, when the need has come upon me, in reliance upon you I have borrowed from friends the 40 metretae on the condition that I restore them. Perforce therefore, if you still have with you any unguent, instruct your son or any one else you wish to supply me with them speedily, so that I may make restitution to the friends who lent to me, the value to be handed over by me at once to any one approved by you. See that you do not neglect this, lest I should appear to be deceiving these persons. I pray for your health and success. (Addressed) To Aurelius Claudius from Aurelius Sarapion, gymnasiarch.'

2. πατρί: it may be questioned whether this is to be taken literally, on account partly of the rather formal tone of the letter, partly too of the reference to τῷ νιῶ σου in l. 17. The loose complimentary use of terms of relationship has constantly to be reckoned with in letters of this period; cf. 1678. 19, n.

4. If παρόν[τ] σοι is rightly read, the writer changed his construction. σοι for σε is possible instead of σοι, and the preceding vestige would be consistent with ν or σ, but παρών is plainly excluded.

5. χρίν: cf. 1413. 19-20 and n., and *Gnomon des Idios Logos* 102.

16. χρ[ι]ον for χρίσμα is unexpected, and it is not at all certain that there was any letter between ρ and ο; but a word meaning oil is needed, and a misspelling of χρυσόν is neither probable nor appropriate.

18. τούτους refers back to μετρητάς in ll. 6 and 12.

28. Ἀρη]λ(ίφ): the doubtful λ might be read as α, but ἀ(πόδος) is less likely.

1666. LETTER OF PAUSANIAS CONCERNING A RECRUIT.

17.1 × 19.7 cm.

Third century.

The following letter is of more than usual interest, affording a noteworthy sidelight on Roman recruiting methods. The son of the writer, after being enrolled in a legion, had decided that he would prefer service in the cavalry. His father therefore made a journey to Alexandria to bring the matter before the authorities, and after much trouble succeeded in obtaining the praefect's sanction for the transfer, and carried his son off in triumph to join an *ala* at Coptos. Prior to the third century such a transfer would involve a question of status, since a legionary acquired *ipso facto* Roman citizenship, a right not obtained by a recruit in an auxiliary corps. But as the papyrus is likely to be later than the *Constitutio Antoniniana*, this complication need not be supposed to have arisen. In l. 20 there is a reference to a reported outbreak of plague in the Oxyrhynchite nome.

Παυσ{σ}ανίας Ἡρακλείδῃ τῷ ἀδελφῷ χαίρειν.
οἶομαι τὸν ἀδελφὸν Σαραπάμμωνα μεταδεδοκέναι ὑμῖν
δι' ἣν αἰτίαν κατήλθον εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν, φθάνω δὲ ὑμῖν
πρότερον γεγραφηκῶς περὶ τοῦ μικροῦ Παυσανίου
5 ὡς εἰς λεγιῶνα στρατευσάμενον. ὡς οὖν ἐβουλήθη μη-
κέτι εἰς λεγιῶναν ἀλλὰ εἰς εἶλαν, μαθὼν ἀναγκαίως ἔσχον
πρὸς αὐτὸν καταντῆσαι, καίτοι μὴ βουλόμενος. δεηθεῖς
οὖν πολλὰ ὑπὸ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῆς ἀδελφῆς εἰς Κό-
πτον αὐτὸν μετενεγκεῖν, κατελθὼν εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν
10 πολλαῖς ἀφορμαῖς ἐχρησάμην ἄχρι οὗ [[ν]]μετενέχθη

εἰς τὴν ἐν Κόπτῳ εἶλαν. ἐπιθυμῶν οὖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς
 τῷ ἀναπλόῳ καταντῆσαι περιεκλείσθημεν ἀπὸ τοῦ
 δοθέντος [τῷ παι]δίῳ ὑπὸ τοῦ λαμπροτάτου ἡγεμόνος
 κομεάτ[ου,] κ[αὶ δ]ι[ὰ τ]αύτην τὴν αἰτίαν οὐκ εἴσχυσα πρὸς
 15 ὑ[μ]ᾶς [κ]αταντῆσαι. θεῶν οὖν βουλομένων πρὸς τὴν
 [έορ]τῆν [τῶ]ν Ἀμεσυσίων πειράσομαι πρὸς ὑμᾶς γενέ-
 [σθ]αι. μ[ε]λη[σ]άτ[ω] σοι οὖν, ἀδελφέ, περὶ τοῦ γράμματος τῆς
 [ὑ]ποθήκ[ης ὧ]στε αὐτὸ ἀπαρτισθῆναι καθὼς ἔθος ἐστίν.
 παρακαλῶ οὐ[ν,] ἀδελφέ, γράψαι μοι περὶ τῆς ὑμῶν σω-
 20 [τ]ηρίας, ἐπεὶ ἤκουσα ἐν τῇ Ἀντινόου ὅτι παρ' ὑμῶν λοιμὸς
 [έ]γενετο. μὴ οὖν ἀμελήσης, ἵνα κἀγὼ περὶ ὑμῶν εὐθυ-
 μότερον διάξω.

In the left margin

ἀσπάξου πολλὰ τὴν κυρίαν μου μητέρα καὶ [τὴν ἀδελ-
 φήν μου καὶ τὰ ἀβάσκαντα ἡμῶν παιδ[ία. ἀσπά]ξε-
 25 ται ὑμᾶς Πausανίας. ἐρρῶσθαί [σ]ε [εὐχ(ομαι)] πᾶνο[ικ]εῖ.

On the verso

εἰς Ὁξυρρυχείτην Ἡρακλ[ε]ί[δ]η . . . δ . μν[. .
 π(αρά) Πausανίου ἀδελφοῦ.

2. ὑμειν: so in ll. 3, 20. 5. l. στρατευσαμένου. 11. ὑμεις: so in ll. 15, 16, 25.
 21. ἵνα . . . ὑμων.

'Pausanias to his brother Heraclides, greeting. I think that my brother Sarapammon has told you the reason why I went down to Alexandria, and I have previously written to you about the little Pausanias becoming a soldier of a legion. Since, however, he no longer wished to join a legion but a squadron, on learning this I was obliged to go down to him, although I did not want to. So after many entreaties from his mother and sister to transfer him to Coptos I went down to Alexandria, and employed many methods until he was transferred to the squadron at Coptos. I desired then to pay you a visit on the upward voyage, but we were limited by the furlough granted to the boy by the most illustrious praefect, and for this reason I was not able to visit you. If the gods will, I will therefore try to come to you for the feast of Amesysia. Do you then, brother, see to the deed of mortgage, so that it be prepared in the customary way. I urge you, brother, to write to me about your safety, since I heard at Antinoöpolis that there has been plague in your neighbourhood. Do not therefore neglect this, that I may rest more assured about you. Many salutations to my lady mother and my sister and our children, whom the evil eye shall not harm. Pausanias salutes you. I pray for the health of you and all your household. (Addressed) To the Oxyrhynchite nome, for Heraclides son of . . . from his brother Pausanias.'

11. τὴν ἐν Κόπτῳ εἶλαν: on the military importance and the garrison of Coptos see Lesquier, *L'armée romaine* 408-9. The *ala Vocontiorum* was stationed there in 165, the *ala Herculeiana* in 185. εἶλαν (cf. l. 6) is probably due to Latin influence; εἶλη or ἴλη is the usual form.

14. κομεάτ[ου] = *commatus*; cf. 1477. 7 κομιάτον. The meaning is that the date fixed for the recruit to report at Coptos did not allow the breaking of the voyage for the visit.

16. Ἀμευσσίων: cf. P. Flor. 131. 5 τὴν τῶν Ἀμευσσίων ἐορτὴν and Amh. 93. 12 (W. Chr. 314) Ἀμευσειοῖς (?), Fay. 95. 16 Ἀμεσ[...], Brit. Mus. 1171. 68 (iii, p. 179) Ἀμευσειοῖς, SB. 3462 Ἀμευσσειοῖς. Comparetti in the note on P. Flor. cit. connects the word with the god Amsi or Khem, whose festival in Ramesside times was celebrated on Pachon 26.

1667. LETTER OF DORION TO APION.

12.6 × 13.7 cm.

Third century.

This letter is addressed to a man involved in some suit which was due to come before the praefect's assize, but had been postponed owing to the non-appearance of the other party. The writer states the details as reported by a friend, but the object of the letter is left obscure by the loss of the conclusion.

Χαῖρε, Ἀπίων τιμιώτατε,

Δωρίων σε προσαγορεύω.

ἀκρειβῶς πυνθαν(όμεν)ος περὶ τῆς ὀλ[ο-]
κλ[ηρ]ίας σου καὶ τίνα ἐστὶν τὰ πρὸς σέ

5 πραχθέν' τὰ τοῦ ἡγεμόνος ἐπὶ τῶν
τόπων γενομένου, μετέδωκεν

ὁ [Θε]όχρηστος ὅσα ἔπραξας ἐν τῷ

Κυνοπολείτῃ καὶ ὅτι μὴ ὑπήκουσεν

ὁ πρὸς ὃν εἶχες ὕστερον δὲ προσ-

10 ελληθῆναι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἐνθά[δε] [τ]ό-

ποις καὶ ἔ'φη αὐτῷ ὑπακούσειν ἐν

τῇ καθόδῳ, καὶ μετὰ ταῦτα μηδέ-

[τ]ε[ρο]ν ὑμῶν [π]ροσελληθυθαίμαι

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5. μ of *hēgemonos* corr. from ν.

13. ὕμων. 1. *προσελληθυθέναι*.

'Greeting, most esteemed Apion, I, Dorion, salute you. Having exactly learnt about your safety and what was done regarding you when the praefect was in the district, Theochrestus informed me of your doings in the Cynopolite nome and that the person whom you accused did not attend; but that he came forward later in this district and said

to him (Theochrestus) that he would attend on the return journey, and after this neither of you came . . .

9. A word may have dropped out between *ὁ* and *πρός*, the writer being prone to omission; or he may be supposed after writing *ὁ*, to have varied the intended expression. The alternative of reading *ὁ προσόν* and making Theochrestus or the praefect the subject of *ὑπήκουσεν* involves greater difficulties. For *ὑπήκουσεν* cf. e. g. 237. viii. 19 *κληθείσης Φλαβίας Μηβίας πρὸς Φλαβίαν Ἐλένην καὶ ὑπακουσάσης*.

11. *ἔφη* is a careless return to the *oralio recta*.

12. *καθῶδω*: SC. *τοῦ ἡγεμόνος*.

1688. LETTER OF CHARMUS TO SOPATRUS.

30 x 11.3 cm.

Third century.

On the recto of this papyrus is a taxing-list (1745). The verso contains a letter sent according to the opening formula by Charmus to his 'brothers', but in what follows a single person is primarily addressed, whose name, as shown by the endorsement on the recto, was Sopatrus. After describing some negotiations concerning certain workshops, the workmen in which seem to have been demanding higher wages, the writer urges Sopatrus to come, since the praefect had granted an amnesty and there was no longer any danger. To what this refers is obscure, but evidently Sopatrus had been involved in some recent disturbance, and he may have been *ἀνακεχωρηκῶς* (cf. Wilcken, *Grundz.* 196).

<p>Χάρμος τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς πλείεστα χαίρειν. πρὸ μὲν πάντων εὔχομαι ὑμᾶς ὀλοκληρεῖν. συνέβαλον τῷ Σκωρὸν χάριν 5 τῶν ἐργαστηρίων, καὶ πρότε- ρον μὲν ἔλεγεν ὅτι ἡ δός μοι (ἀρτάβας) ἰβ, ἢ λαβὲ (ἀρτ.) ἰβ, καὶ περὶ τούτου διὰ προτέρας ἐπιστολῆς ἐδήλωσά σοι, νῦν δέ μοι ἔλε- 10 γεν ὅτι τὸ ἐφήμισυ ἐδώ- καμεν τοῖς ἐργαζομένοις. οὐπω οὖν ἐγὼ αὐτῷ συνε- θέμην περὶ τούτου, ἄχρι οὗ σοι δηλώσω· εἶπεν γάρ 'μοι' ὅτι οὐ-</p>	<p>μὼν ἀμνησίαν ἔπεμψεν ἐνθά'δε', καὶ οὐκέτι φόβος οὐ- 20 δὲ εἰς ἔνει· ἐὰν οὖν θέλεις, ἴσελθε καταφρονῶν, [[ἐπὶ]] ἡμεῖς γὰρ οὐκέτι δυνόμεθα ἔσω μεῖναι. πολλὰ γὰρ Ἀνγὴ παρατρείβεται ἀναβάσει, 25 καὶ τὴν ὑμῶν παρουσί- αν ἐγδεχόμεθα, ἵνα μὴ ἀλόγως ἀποστῶμεν· νομίζει γὰρ ὅτι αὐτὴ μόνη οἰκίαν ἔχει ἐν- 30 θάδε. ἀσπάζεταιται ὑμᾶς Ἡρακλέα καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐ- τῆς. ἀσπαζόμεθα τὰ</p>
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λείν Πτολεμαίῳ τῷ σειτολόγῳ καὶ τὸν
 10 λόγον πέμψαι αὐτοῦ λαβόντα σε παρὰ
 Ἀπολλωνίου καὶ Ἡράτος, ἵνα μὴ ἐνο-
 χλῆται ἡμῶν ἡ οἰκία. ὥστε κὰν
 νῦν ταῦτα ποίησον, [καὶ σ]κύληθι
 καὶ αὐτὸς ἐνθάδε, ἵ[να τοῦ]ς λόγους
 15 τῶν φόρων συνα[ιρώμεθ]α. εἰ οἱ
 ἐπισκέπται ἤλθ[ον, δῆλωσον ?] Ν[ι-
 κηφόρῳ, ἵν[α . . .] . [.
 [. . .]νεθ[

4. 1. ῶν: so in ll. 6, 11, 14, 17.

‘Horion to Serenus, greeting. You have not sent the middlemen as I bade you, and you have not even written whether they departed, so that I might thus make preparation, nor whether Diogas the wool-dealer came, so that we might know his advice. I bade you to inquire about the purchased corn, whether the amount is being completed, and to meet Ptolemaeus the sitologus and send his account, taking it from Apollonius and Heras, in order that our household may not be troubled. So do this even now, and do you yourself be at the pains of coming here, in order that we may make up the accounts of the rents. If the inspectors came, tell Nicephorus . . .’

2. ἐγδοχεῖς: cf. e.g. O.G.I. 140. 6 ἡ σύνοδος τῶν ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ πρεσβυτέρων ἐγδοχέων, San Nicolò, *Vereinswesen* i. 129. These were middlemen who received goods from ναύκληροι or others and passed them on to ἔμποροι; cf. Edgar, *Annales du serv. des antiq.* xviii. p. 170 οἱ τε ξένοι οἱ εἰσπλέοντες καὶ οἱ ἔμποροι καὶ οἱ ἐγδοχεῖ[s] καὶ ἄλλοι, where ἐγδοχεῖς is wrongly explained as ‘inn-keepers’. The ἐγδοχεῖς of the present passage and 1673. 7 were evidently not Alexandrian merchants, but may have been minor agents with analogous functions.

7. συναγοραστικοῦ: sc. πυροῦ or σίτου, corn bought by the government for military or other public purposes. Cf. e.g. P. Tebt. 369. 6, n., and 1541.

10. λόγον, if right, seems to mean the amount of the account rather than the document itself. λυπὸν, i.e. λοιπὸν (σίτον), though appropriate in the context, is a less suitable reading.

13. σκύληθι: cf. 941. 3, n.

15. συνα[ιρώμεθ]α: cf. P. Fay. 109. 6 συνῆρμαι λόγον τῷ πατρί, Rylands 229. 15 συναϊρόμενος πρὸς σέ λογάριον.

1670. LETTER OF PALEX TO CHINTHONIS.

24.7 × 10.4 cm.

Third century.

This letter, which is in vulgar Greek, tells of the writer's safe arrival at Alexandria, but says that some money in a wallet which had been sent to him was found to be deficient. The writing is across the fibres of the recto.

Πάλεξ Χινθώνι τῇ ἀδελ-
 φῇ χαίρειν. πρὸ μὲν πάντων
 εὐχομαί σαι ὀλοκληρεῖν καὶ τὸ
 προσκύνημά σου ποιῶ καθ' ἑκά-
 5 στην ἡμαίραν παρὰ τῷ κυρίῳ θε-
 ῷ Σαράπιδι. πᾶν ποιήσον σὲν
 ἀπελτῖν παρὰ Θῶνιν καὶ πέμ-
 ψον μοι αὐτὸν εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν.
 αἰπὶ δὲ εἰς τὴν τάξειν τοῦ
 10 καθολικοῦ παρεδόθημεν,
 τὸ μαρσίππιν τῶν χαλκί-
 νων ὃ αἵπεμψά(ς) μοι οὐχ ἐ[ῦ-
 ρον τὸ πλήρος τῶν χαλκί-
 νων ἐν αὐτῷ τάλαντον
 15 ἐν ρ[. .] κ[α]ἰ (δραχμάς?) Ἰσ.
 εἰδέναι σε θέλω ὅτι

εἰσήλαμεν εἰς Ἀλε-
 ξάνδρειαν ὀλοκλη-
 ροῦντες τῇ εἰκάδι
 20 Ἐπίφ. ἀσπάζω Φιλου-
 μένην σὺν τοῖς τέκνοις
 καὶ Πτολεμῖνον καὶ
 τὴν σύνβιον αὐτοῦ.
 ἀσπάδι ὑμᾶς πάντας
 25 ἡ μήτηρ ὑμῶν Σαραπάς,
 Φιλουμένην σὺ(ν) τοῖς τέκνοις
 καὶ Ὀριγένην καὶ Χινθῶνιν
 καὶ Μασκουλῖνον καὶ τὴν σύν-
 βιον αὐτοῦ καὶ Ἡράκλειαν
 30 καὶ Αἴαν καὶ Πτολεμῖν[ο]ν
 καὶ τὴν σύνβιον αὐτοῦ.

On the verso

παρὰ
 Πάλεξ

ἀπόδος
 35 Χινθώνι.

3. 1. σε. 5. 1. ἡμέραν. 7. 1. ἀπελθεῖν. 8. -δρειῶ. 9. 1. ἐπεῖ. 12. 1. ἔπεμψας.
 24. 1. ἀσπάξει. 27. χινθωνῖ.

'Palex to his sister Chinthonis, greeting. Before all else I pray for your security and I make your supplication every day to the lord god Sarapis. Make every effort to go to Thonis and send him to me at Alexandria. When we were handed over to the staff of the catholicus, I did not find the full amount of billon drachmae in the purse of drachmae which you sent me, one talent and 2,200 dr. I wish you to know that we arrived at Alexandria in safety on the 20th Epeiph. I greet Philumene with her children and Ptoleminus and his wife. Your mother Sarapas salutes you all, Philumene with her children and Origenes and Chinthonis and Masculinus and his wife and Heraclia and Aia and Ptoleminus and his wife. (Addressed) Deliver to Chinthonis from Palex.'

6. σέν: so e. g. 1069. 6, 18 πρὸ σέν.

13. πλήρος is for πλήρες. For the interchange of ε and ο cf. Mayser, *Grammatik* 94 sqq., and e. g. 1682. 10 εὐθυμέτεροι, 1757. 14, 18 ἀβαρός.

20. ἀσπάζω: cf. l. 24 and e. g. 1158. 20 ἄσπασον, 1218. 9 ἄσπαξε.

24. ἀσπάδι: cf. the preceding note, and for δ in place of ζ e. g. 1069. 10 σπονδάδεις, 32 χρῆδεις.

1671. LETTER OF DIONYSIUS TO ZOÏLUS.

22.5 × 8 cm.

Third century.

A letter referring to the importunity of a decemprimus about the lading of some corn, and asking for assistance and for information.

<p>Κυρίῳ μου Ζωίλῳ Διονύσιος χαίρειν. ὁ δεκάπρωτος πολλὰ ἡμεῖν ἐνοχλεῖ περὶ τῆς 5 ἐμβολῆς τοῦ σίτου. πέμψον οὖν ἡμεῖν Διονύσιον, αὐτὸς γὰρ οἶδεν τὸν λό- γον τῆς μετρήσεως, καὶ ἐν τῇ ἀναβάσει ἐνεβαλό- 10 μεθα. καὶ νῦν ἐνοχλεῖ ἡμεῖν καὶ τοῖς γεωργοῖς κτήνη οὐκ ἔχουσι, καὶ περὶ</p>	<p>χόρτου καὶ περὶ τῆς διαπά- νης ἐνοχλεῖ. πέμψον 15 αὐτόν, αὐτὸς οἶδεν τὸν λόγον, ἵνα καὶ κτήνη πάρα- λάβομεν. περὶ τῆς Φοι- νίκης οὐδέν μοι ἔγραψας· γράψον οὖν ἵνα τὴν διαταγὴν 20 μάθω. καὶ περὶ τῶν ποτα- μειτῶν εἰς τὰς καλαμείας γράψον μοι ὅτι ποῦ εὕρισκο- μεν. ἐρρωσθαί σε εὐχομαι πολλοῖς χρόνοις, κύριε.</p>
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On the verso

25 κυρίῳ μου Ζωίλῳ π(αρά) Διο[υσίου].

1. ζωίλω. 5. πεμψῶ. 12. 1. ἔχουσι. 15. s of αυτος corr. from ν. 16. ἵνα :
 so in l. 19. 17. ο of -λαβομεν corr. from ω ; 1. παραλάβωμεν. 19. διαταγῆ. 21. ων
 of -μειτων corr. from ου ?

‘To my lord Zoilus from Dionysius, greeting. The decemprimus is worrying us much about the lading of the corn. Send us then Dionysius, for he knows the account of the measuring, and we did the lading on the journey up. And now he worries us and the cultivators who have no animals, he worries both about fodder and about expenses. Send him, for he knows the account, so that we may also get animals. You have written nothing to me about Phoenice; write therefore, that I may learn the order. Write to me also about the river-labourers for the reed-plantations, where we can find them. I pray, sir, for your lasting health. (Addressed) To my lord Zoilus from Dionysius.’

20. ποταμειτῶν : cf. 1427. 1, 1674. 14, and 1263. int., where some further references are collected.

21. καλαμείας : cf. 1631. 7, n.

1672. LETTER TO PAUSANIAS FROM HIS TWO SONS.

16.4 × 11 cm.

A. D. 37-41.

In this letter Demetrius and Pausanias inform their father that they had effected a very profitable sale of wine, and discuss further operations. The lines are written across the fibres, with a considerable amount of correction.

Δημήτριος καὶ Πausανίας Πausαν[ί]α
 τῷ πατρὶ πλείστα χαίρειν καὶ ὑγι(αίνειν).
 ἦ ἡμέρα ἐξέστης ἡμῶν πεπράκα-
 μεν χό(ας) λβ ξένοις προσώποις ἐν οἷς
 5 ἦν καὶ πολλὰ λέα οἰνάρια [[ὄστε]] ἕκ (δραχμῶν) ε μετὰ
 ἁχάριτος, ὥστε αἱ πράσεις ἡμῶν καλλιότεραι γε-
 γ[ό]νασι ἁλείαν', καὶ ἐλπίζομεν ὅτι
 καλλιότεραι τούτων γενήσονται.
 [δ][ι]θ[ο] γ[ρ]άφομέν σοι ἴν' εἰδῆς πό-
 10 τερόν σε δεῖ ἀνελέγκαι τὸ ὅλον
 [ἦ] μέρος εἰς τὴν πόλιν. καλῶς
 δὲ ποιήσεις ἐάσεις ἐν Πέλα
 [[. . .] . ρ . . .], ἵνα πραθῆ [[. . .] τὰ τῆς
 [τ]ετάρτης ληνοῦ μόνης. ἐπιγνοὺς
 15 [οὐ]ν τὸν παρὰ σοὶ ἀέρα ἱκανὸς ἔση
 περὶ πάντων. Μουνατίος δὲ
 ὁ φίλος συντυχὼν ἔλεγεν συμ-
 [πε]φωνηκέναι τοῖς ἐκ τῆς κώ-
 [μ]ης αὐτοῦ μετὰ χάριτος τοῖς ο-
 20 [. . .] ἐκ (δραχμῶν) λβ. ἔρρω(σο).
 2nd h. [(ἔτους) . Γ]αῖον [[Τι]βερίου] Καίσαρος Αὐτοκράτορος Σεβα[σ]τοῦ
 [Παῦ]νι κ[.]

3. η corr.
μουνατιος corr.

6. αι corr.

7. και ε corr.

13. αθ of πραθη corr.

16. μ of

Demetrius and Pausanias to their father Pausanias very many greetings and wishes for good health. On the day you left us we sold 32 choes to some strangers, including a quantity of quite thin wine, at the rate of 5 drachmae, thankfully, so that our sales have become much more favourable and we hope that they will become more favourable than this. We therefore write to you that you may know whether to carry up the whole or a part to the city. You will do well to leave at Pela to be sold the wine of the fourth press only. When then you have learnt how the wind is with you, you will be able to judge of every-

thing. Our friend Munatius said that he had agreed with the people of his village thankfully . . . at the rate of 32 drachmae. Good-bye. The . . . year of Gaius Caesar Imperator Augustus, Pauni 2[.]'

5. *λέα*: this seems to be for *λεία* in the sense of *τέλεια* as e. g. Herond. 2. 70. The adverb *λέως* occurs *ibid.* 78 *θαρσέων λέως* and is cited in Photius, *Elym. Magn.*, and Apollonius; cf. *λεώλης*, which Hesych. explains as *τελέως ἐξώλης*. *λείος* 'smooth' is hardly applicable to *οἰνάρια* in this passage.

6. *καλλιότεραι*: *καλλιότερον* for *κάλλιον* is given by the British Museum MS. (M) in Thucyd. iv. 118, and *καλλιώτερος* is found in Phryn. p. 136 (Lobeck), Hesych., &c.

12. For the parataxis cf. e. g. 297. 3 *καλῶς ποιήσεις γράψεις*.

15. It is rather tempting to take *ἀέρα* here in a metaphorical sense, like the Latin *ventus* in e. g. Cic. *Clu.* 28. 77 *rumorem et contionum ventos colligere*; but the writer may merely be referring to the suitability of the wind for river-transport, as in 1682. 4.

19. *τοῖς ο-*: or *τὸ ἴσο-*, but though a unit to which *ἐκ* (*δραχμῶν*) *λβ* in the next line may refer is wanted, *τὸ ἴσο-* suggests nothing. A comparison of the figures here and in l. 5 makes it likely that a *κεράμιον*, which would contain several *χόες*, is meant.

21. For the order of the titles cf. B. G. U. 787. The date is very cursively written.

1673. LETTER OF HERMES TO SARAPIACUS.

22 × 11.4 cm.

Second century.

A letter to Sarapiacus, an *ἐπίτροπος*, from Hermes, who seems to have occupied a similar but subordinate position, informing him of the condition of various quantities of wine, and of other details.

Ἐρμῆς Σαραπιακῶι τῶι

τιμιωτάτωι χαίρειν.

τὰ τῆς πρώτης ληνοῦ οἰνάρια] ἐνέ-
κλισα μὴ χωρίσας τὰ εὐώδη, τ[ὰ] δὲ

5 τῆς δευτέρας διεχώρισα πρότερο]ν
εὐρῶν εὐώδη τριάκοντα, τὰς δ' ἄλ-
λας ληνοὺς οὐκ ἐνέκλισα, τῶν ἐγδο-
χέων λεγόντων ἐκδέξεσθαι ἕως

ε Τῦβι μέχρι ἂν τὸ εὐώδες ἀ[π]ο-

10 κατασταθῆι καὶ γνωσθῆι ἀκριβῶς.

ἐκ δὲ τῶν ἐγκλισθέντων εὔρον ἐκ

[τ]ῆς α λη(νοῦ) ποτῆ(ν) α, [δ]ξ(ο)υς) . . . ο() ἐξ ὄλ(ου?) α,

κ[αί] τῆς β ποτᾶς ε, ὄξ(ο)υς) . . . , καὶ τῆς

. . . φ πωμαρίωι τῆς γ λη(νοῦ) ὁμοί(ως)

15 ποτ(ᾶς) β, δ λη(νοῦ) α, ἅπερ εὔρον ἐν θή-

καις ἐκτὸς μέρους τοῦ , . [ο]ν. ἵνα οὔν

μὴ ἀπόληται, δῆλωσόν μοι εἰ θέλεις
 πραθῆναι. οὐ γὰρ δύναται ἀνενεχθῆ-
 ναι, εἰ μὴ διαπραθῆι. τοῖς τὸν ὄνον λα-
 20 βοῦσι συνεζήτησα πολλὰ καὶ κατέ-
 πλεξα αὐτῶν αἰτού(ν)των τὸν ἀρ(ρ)αβῶνα,
 τὸ δὲ πέρασ ἤτησα τὴν μνᾶν, ὡς ἔδοξέν
 σοι. ἀνέπεμψα τυροὺς ις, ἀφ' ὧν
 εἶσι τοῦ προόντος βουκόλ(ου) δ. ἀπέλυσα
 25 γὰρ αὐτὸν δι' αὐτὰ ταῦτα καὶ . . . [.
 τὰ τῶν κτηνῶν. ταλάρους εἰς οἶκον θέλησον?
 [πεμ]φθῆναι μοι. [. . .] ἀποξ[.
 [. . T]ῦβι α.

In the left margin

τῶν ἀμπελουργῶν τὰς μισθώσεις πέμψον, [ἵ]να τῆς ξυλοτομίας ἀρξῶνται.

On the verso

30 Σαραπιακῶι ἐπιτρόπῳ ἀπὸ Ἑρμοῦ . . ροπ()

16. ἵνα : so probably in 29. 23. σοί'.

'Hermes to the most esteemed Sarapiacus, greeting. I stored away the wine of the first vat without separating the fragrant, of the second I previously found and put aside 30 fragrant jars, and the other vats I did not store away, since the middlemen said that they would wait till Tubi 5 until the fragrant should be established and accurately known. Of what was stored I found of the first vat 1 drinkable, . . acid, 1 entirely . . ; of the second 5 drinkable, . . acid; and of the third vat in the . . orchard likewise 2 drinkable; of the fourth vat 1; these I found in receptacles outside part of the In order then that they may not be lost, tell me if you wish them to be sold; for they cannot be carried up without being sold off. I had much discussion and complication with the men who took the donkey, as they asked for an earnest, and eventually I asked for the mina, as you thought right. I have sent you 16 cheeses, 4 of which are from the former herdsman. I let him go for this very reason and . . the animals. Please send some baskets to my house. . . . Tubi 1. Send the leases of the vine-dressers, in order that they may begin the pruning. (Addressed) To Sarapiacus, overseer, from Hermes, . . .'

7. ἐγδοχέων: cf. 1669. 2, n.

12. ποτή(ν): why the feminine is used is not clear. For ὕξο(ν) cf. e.g. P. Flor. 229. 7-8 οἴνου μο(νόχωρα) πενήκοντα ἕξ, ὧν εὐρέθη ὕξους μο(νόχωρον) ἑν. The broken letters preceding ο() might be read as νμ, but there would hardly be room for a ζ as well as a figure between this and ὕξο(ν) even if ζνμ(ω)(θέν) were otherwise satisfactory.

13. The letter preceding καὶ has a stroke above it, indicating a numeral.

14. . . . φ: the first two letters may perhaps be ἐν, but ἐν ἐμφῶ is unsuitable and ἐν ἄλλ(λ)φ, which might be read, is unattractive.

15. δ λι(νοῦ)α: sc. ποτήν. The δ is very doubtful, but there is a clear stroke above the line which is too far from β to be connected satisfactorily with that figure, and a number before λι(νοῦ) is wanted.

27. ἀποξ[: ἀπ' Ὁξ[υρνηγίτου?

29. ξυλοτομίας: cf. 1631. 9, n. The μισθώσεις were contracts similar to 1631 and 1692.

30. . . ροπ(): ἐπιτρόπ(ου) cannot be read. The vestiges before ρ suggest ν, and θυροπ(οιοῦ) is possible, though not very satisfactory.

1674. LETTER OF THEON TO HIS SON APOLLONIUS.

13.7 × 13.1 cm.

Third century.

The upper part of a letter giving various directions about cutting down an acacia on an embankment and other agricultural operations on the writer's property.

Θέων Ἀπολλωνίῳ υἱῷ χαίρειν.

ἐπειδὴ οὐχ εὐρ[ο]ν κρέας σοι πέμψαι, ἔπεμψα
ὡὰ κ καὶ λάχανα. ποιήσον τὴν ἄκανθαν κα-
ταβληθῆναι καὶ τὴν ὕλην αὐτῆς βάλε εἰς τὸν

5 τρυσινον. ἀλλὰ σὺ κατάβαλε καὶ καῦσον τὴν ρί-
ξαν αὐτῆς, καὶ ἐὰν συντελεσθῇ τὸ ἔργον μέχρι
τοῦ χάματος, καταβληθήτω ἢ κ . . ρις καὶ ἰσω-
θήτω τὸ πᾶν τοῦ κεχωσμένου. καὶ θές τὴν ὀπτὴν
πλίνθον π[α]ρὰ τὴν πλάτην, καὶ ἔρχεται ὁ οἰκοδό-
10 μος καὶ οἰκοδομῆι τὴν νοτινὴν πλάτην. [καὶ]

εἶπον τῷ φροντιστῇ Ἀπολλωνίου περὶ τῆς μη-
[χανῆς] ἣν ἔλεγέν μοι ὅτι ἐὰν γένομαι ἐκεῖ

[15 l. τοῖς] τέκτοσι καὶ

[18 l.]τέτωσαν οἱ ποταμῆ-

15 [ται 16 l.]ν παύσῃται καὶ μὴ

[27 l.] . . . α `χαρίον'

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In the left margin

2nd h. ποι]ησον ἀπὸ τῆς ἀλωνείας γενέσθαι τοῖς πο[ταμίταις
ἐκ Σ]τρατονίου εἰς Μοῦχ[ι]ν (ἀρτάβας) ηλ σείτου . [.
. . .]δω γενοῦ μετ' α[υ]τοῦ ἐκε[ῖ] —

1. υἱῷ. 5. τρυσινον, υσ COΓΓ. 7. ἴσω.

'Theon to his son Apollonius, greeting. Since I did not find any meat to send you, I send 20 eggs and some vegetables. Have the acacia tree cut down and throw the wood into the . . . Do you cut it down yourself and burn the roots, and if the work is finished up to the embankment, let the . . . be cut down(?) and the whole of the bank levelled. Put the baked bricks alongside the wall(?) and the builder will come to build the south wall. Tell(?) the steward of Apollonius about the machine which he said to me, if I went there, . . . Have $8\frac{1}{2}$ artabae of corn brought from the threshing-floor from Stratoniceu to Mouchis for the river-labourers . . .'

3. ἄκανθαν: cf. 1421. 4, n., and, for the use of acacias on embankments, 1112.

5. τρυσωνον: the third and fourth letters have been corrected, and the result looks like τρυσωνον ογ τραπιων, but neither of these is a known word. The preceding article may be τό, νοι τόν.

7. κ . . νις: κόν{ν}ις would give a sense, but the traces after κ are not sufficiently suggestive of ον to make that misspelling probable; καλάμη is unsuitable.

9. πλάτην: cf. l. 10 and 707. 26 πωμαρίον πλάτας, 32 τὰς πλάτας περιβεβληκέναι. The meaning seems to be much the same as that of πλαστή, for which cf. 1631. 10, n.

14. ποταμί[ται: cf. 1671. 20, n.

18. Μούχισ occurs in 1342 together with three villages in the Thmoisepho toparchy and one in the Upper toparchy. Σ]τρατονίκου was unknown previously; but perhaps ἐκ Σ]τρατονίκου should be connected with τοῖς ποταμίταις, and this village was outside the Oxyrhynchite nome.

1675. LETTER TO ISCHYRION.

15.4 × 10.5 cm.

Third century.

An incomplete letter, from a person whose name does not appear, to Ischyryion, who is given various directions connected with agriculture.

X[αῖ]ρε, Ἰ[σ]χυρίων.	ἐγ γειτόνων τῆς ἀλλῆς. πει-
κ[ό]μ[ι]σα]ι διὰ τῶν σχισθωντων	10 ράθητι δὲ παραλαβεῖν
περὶ Ἡρακλέωνα μεταβόλων	ζεύγος βοῶν εἰς ἐπαντ(λ)εῖν
(δραχμὰς?) μ᾽ ἵνα τὸ ἄγρικὸν πηγά-	τὸ κτήμα ἢ δύο γεύη, ἐπεὶ
5 νον διαζεύξης τοῖς φοί-	καυτός σε καταλαμβά-
νιξι, ἐξαιρέτως δὲ τῷ φοί-	νω τῇ γγ. ἵνα οὖν καὶ
νικι Μεικράτ[ο]ς καὶ τῷ ἐξ ἄ-	15 σὺ ἐπιμελῶς χρήσῃ
πηλιώτου τῆς καλύβης τῆ[ς]	Traces of 1 line.

On the verso illegible remains of an address.

1. Ἰ[σ]χυριων. 4. γ of ἄγρικον corr.

'Greeting, Ischyryion. Receive through the . . . traders with Heracleon 40 drachmae (?), in order that you may separate the field-rue by means of the palms, especially the palm

of Micras and that east of the hut adjoining the court. Try to obtain a pair of oxen for irrigating the vineyard or two pairs (?), since I myself am coming to you on the 13th. Do you therefore make careful use . . .

2. *σχισθωντων* is puzzling. *σχιστής* does not occur, and *σχιστός* seems unintelligible here. Possibly ω was a mistake for ϵ and *σχισθέντων* should be read, though who could be meant by *σχισθέντες μεταβάλοι* remains quite obscure.

4. (*δραχμᾶς*) μ : the reading is very doubtful. The rare adjective *ἀγρικός* is read only in Moschus Fr. 2. 13, but is found in one or two other places as a variant for *ἀγροικός*.

11. *εἰς ἑπαντ(λ)εῖν*: for this common omission of the article cf. e.g. 736. 6, P. Tebt. 120. 13, 57.

12. ἡ δύο γεύη: if these are an alternative to *ζεῦγος βοῶν*, *γεῦος* should refer to an animal, but the word is unknown. There is no doubt about the reading. Possibly *ζεύγη* was meant. If *δύο γεύη* is an alternative to *τὸ κτήμα*, *γύας* in the sense of measures of land might be intended, but this is a less likely explanation.

1676. LETTER OF FLAVIUS HERCULANUS TO APLONARION.

30.5 × 12 cm.

Third century.

A letter couched in very affectionate terms from a man bearing the Roman name Flavius Herculanus to a woman called Aplonarion (cf. l. 1, n.). In the address on the verso the writer is styled *patronus*, and Aplonarion may have been his emancipated slave, notwithstanding the mention of her 'father' in l. 33. She was married (l. 12), as was Herculanus, whose wife and son send their remembrances (ll. 34-5). The intimacy was therefore not unrecognized; the writer's tone, however, is hardly that of ordinary friendship, and the letter is in fact the most sentimental that has yet appeared among published papyri.

<p>Φλαούιος Ἑρκουλιανὸς Ἀπλωναρίῳ τῇ γλυκυτάτῃ καὶ τειμιωτάτῃ πλεῖστα χαίρειν. ἐχάρην μεγάλως κομισάμε- 5 νόσ σου ἐπιστολήν, δόντος μοι αὐτὴν τοῦ μαχαιρᾶ· ἦν δὲ γράφεις δι[ι]ὰ Πλάτωνος τοῦ τοῦ ὀρχηστοῦ πεπομ- φέναι μοι οὐκ ἐκομισάμην. 10 ἀλλὰ λείαν ἐλυπήθην ὅτι οὐ παρεγένου ἰς τὰ γενέσια τοῦ παιδίου μου καὶ σὺν 'καί' ὁ ἀ-</p>	<p>ἐκτός μου ε[ῖ.] ἐὰν δὲ ἐκ- τός μου οὐκ ἀκάλως ἔχῃς, χαίρω ὅτι καλῶ[ς] ἔχεις μὲν, κάγῳ δὲ πάλι καταξύομαι 25 μὴ ὀρῶν σε. τὸ σύνφορόν σου ποίει· ὅταν γὰρ θέλῃς ἡμᾶς πάντοτε ἰδεῖν, ἡδισ- τά σε παραδεξόμεθα. καλῶς οὖν ποιήσεις ἐλ- 30 [θούσ]α τῷ Μεσορῇ πρὸς [ἡμᾶ]ς ἵνα ὅλως ἴδωμέν σε. [ἄσπα]σαι τὴν μητέρα σου</p>
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<p>νῆρ σ[ο]υ, εἶχες ἄγάρ ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας εὐφ[ρ]ανθῆναι σὺν 15 αὐτῷ. ἀλλὰ πάντως κρείττο- να εἶχες· διὰ τοῦτο ὑπερη- φάνηκας ἡμᾶς. ἐγὼ θέ- λω σε πάντοτε καλῶς ἔχειν ὡς ἐμαυτὸν, ἀλλὰ 20 καὶ λυποῦμαι πάλιν ὅτι 2nd h. 40</p>	<p>[καὶ τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ Καλ- [λίαν.] ἀσπάζεται σε ὁ υἱός 35 [μου] καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ [καὶ Δι]ονύσιος ὁ συναγωνισ- [τῆς μο]υ, ὃς ὑπηρετεῖ με ἐν [τῷ στ]αβλαρίῳ. ἀσπασαὶ τοὺς [φιλιοῦ]ντάς σε πάντας. ἐρρῶσθαί σε εὐχομαι.</p>
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On the verso

<p>1st h. ἀπόδος Ἀπλωναρίῳ παρὰ Φλαουίου Ἑρκουλανοῦ</p>	<p>παρὰ Ἑρκουλανοῦ [] πατρωνος.</p>
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8. First ο of ορχηστου corr.
 27. ἴδειν.

14. ναι of -θηναι corr. from σ.

16. ὑπερη.

‘Flavius Herculanus to the sweetest and most honoured Aplonarion, very many greetings. I rejoiced greatly at receiving your letter, which was given me by the cutler; I have not, however, received the one which you sent me by Plato the dancer’s son. But I was very much grieved that you did not come for my boy’s birthday, both you and your husband, for you would have been able to have many days’ enjoyment with him. But you doubtless had better things to do; that was why you neglected us. I wish you to be happy always, as I wish it for myself, but yet I am grieved that you are away from me. If you are not unhappy away from me, I rejoice for your happiness, but still I am vexed at not seeing you. Do what suits you; for when you wish to see us always, we shall receive you with the greatest pleasure. You will therefore do well to come to us in Mesore, in order that we may really see you. Salute your mother and father and Callias. My son salutes you and his mother and Dionysius my fellow worker, who serves me at the stable. Salute all your friends. I pray for you health. (Addressed) Deliver to Aplonarion from her patron Herculanus. From Flavius Herculanus.’

1. Ἀπλωναρίῳ no doubt = Ἀπολλωναρίῳ, but since the spelling Ἀπλων. is repeated on the verso, it is to be accepted, and the name regarded as an intentionally shortened form rather than as an inadvertence; cf. B. G. U. 213. 5 Ἀπλωνοῦς.

8. The second τοῦ may be a dittography. For ὀρχηστοῦ cf. 519. 6, 526. 9, and P. Grenf. ii. 67, a contract of engagement of two ὀρχήστριαι.

22. ἀκάως: the only instance of ἄκαλος cited is *Etym. Magn.* 11. 38 ἀγλευκής, ἀηδής, ἄκαλος.

24. καταξύομαι: cf. 525. 4.

33. Καλ[λίαν]: perhaps the ἀνὴρ of l. 12.

38. στ]αβλαρίῳ: cf. στάβλον in e. g. 43 verso. i. 12, 138. 10, 140. 14.

42. παρὰ Φλαουίου Ἑρκουλανοῦ is more cursively written than the rest of the address, but may be by the same hand.

1677. LETTER OF AGATHUS TO APHRODITE.

14.6 x 14.6 cm.

Third century.

A letter accompanying a sealed order (ἐντολικόν: cf. e. g. 1142, 1742. 10), which was to be handed on to a third person, and asking for an immediate acknowledgement. The papyrus is broken at the bottom, but the loss is evidently slight.

Χαῖρε, Ἀφροδείτη, Ἄγαθος σε ἀσπάζομαι.
 πρὸ μὲν πάντων εὖχομέ σε ὑγιαίνν καὶ τὸ
 προσκύνημά σου ποιῶ παρὰ τῷ κυρίῳ Σαράπιδι.
 λήμψῃ παρὰ Δόξης' τῆς ἀναδιδούσης σοι τὸ ἐπιστο-
 5 λίδιον τὸ ἐντολικὸν Πτολεμαῖτος ὃ ἔλαβον παρὰ
 Χαιρή(μό)νος τοῦ ποικιλτοῦ πέμψαι αὐτῇ ὡς ἔδ[ω]κέν
 μοι ἐσφραγισμένον. ταχέως δήλωσον ἡμῖν διὰ
 φάσεως ἀπέσχεσ', ἵνα μὴ βαρήσεις ἀνθρώποις γράφαι σοι
 ἐπιστολὴ δ' ἴον, ἵνα μὴ ὀχληρὰ γένη παρ' ἀνθρώποις.
 10 καὶ περὶ τῶν πρώτων ἐντολικῶν δήλωσόν μοι.
 ἄσπασαι τὴν μητέρα σου καὶ τὸν πατέρα σου καὶ Ἄγαθον
 καὶ Ἡρακλάμμωνα καὶ Διδύμην καὶ Ἀλεξάνδραν
 καὶ Σί. τρία σὺν τῷ ἀνδρὶ μαθέτω ὅτι ἀσπά-
 [ζ]ομαι αὐτήν. ἄσπασε τοὺς σοὺς πάντας κατ' ὄνομα
 15 [ἐξ] ὀνόματός μου. ἔχει πάλιν ἡ Δόξα ἄλλα ἄτινὰ ἃ ἔσχεν

On the verso

Ἀφροδείτη] π(α)ρὰ Ἀγάθου.

2. 1. εὖχομαι. ὑγιαίνν. 5. πτολεμαῖτος: 1. Πτολεμαῖδος. 8. ἵνα: so in l. 9. 14. 1. ἄσπασαι.

' Greeting, Aphrodite, I, Agathus, salute you. First of all I pray for your health and I make your supplication to the lord Sarapis. You will receive from Doxa, the bearer of this note, the order for Ptolemis which I received from Chaeremon the embroiderer to send to her sealed as he gave it me. Send me word at once that you have received it, in order that you may not give people the trouble of writing to you, so that you may not become wearisome to them. Tell me too about the first orders. Salute your mother and father and Agathus and Heraclammon and Didyme and Alexandra and Si. tria with her husband; let her know that I salute her. Salute all your friends severally in my name. Doxa

has also some other things which she had . . . (Addressed) To Aphrodite from Agathus.'

2. *υαίνιν*: for this common vulgarism cf. e. g. 729. 3, 1110. 21, 1493. 4, 1678. 3.
 8. *ἀνθρώποις*: *ἀνθρώπους* would be the normal construction.
 13. *Σι . τριάν*: the second letter may be η, but *Δη(μη)τριάν* is unsuitable.

1678. LETTER OF THEON TO HIS MOTHER.

26 × 15.6 cm.

Third century.

This is a very illiterate letter, written in a rather large uncultivated hand, and full of mistakes of spelling and grammar. After explaining that he had been kept on business, the writer asks if he shall come now, or go to Alexandria, and in the latter event what commissions he can do. An unusually detailed address on the verso is noticeable; cf. l. 28, n.

*Κυρία μου μητρει Θεων χαίρειν.
 πρὸ μὲν πάντων εὔχομέ σε ὀλοκληρεῖν
 καὶ υἱεῖνεν παρὰ τῶ κυρείω θεῶ. μὴ νο-
 μείσης, κυρεία μου μήτηρ, ὅτει ἡμέλη(σα) μὴ ἀ-
 5 ναβῆ ἡ[νε(?) ἐν τ]ῶ 'Οξυρειχείτ[η· ὕ]δας ὅτει, ἡ [ύστ]ε-
 ρείσι τῆς πρωτοκερείας, μετὰ {υ} τὰ ὕ'τα εἶδη
 ἄλλην ἐλπίδα'ν' οὐκ ἔχομεν. πᾶν οὖν πυή-
 σης, κυρεία μου μήτηρ, μὴ ἀμελήσε τῆς θυ-
 γατρός `σου'. ὁ γὰρ ἀδελφός μου προσέρειψε
 10 [[ψε]] τὸν πῶλον. δεῖ σε αὐτὸν προσέ{σ}χειν,
 κὲ οὐ[[κε]]κ ἐδυνήθην ἀνελθεῖν.
 ἡὰν δὲ δοκεῖ συ με ἀνελθεῖν, γράψον μου
 κὲ ἔρχομε· ἡ δὲ δοκεῖ συ ἀπελθεῖς εἰς τὴν
 λα(μ)προτάτην Ἀλεξάνδρειαν, γράψον
 15 μου, κὲ τὸ δοκεῖ συ τεῖ ἐνήκε, ἡτε πορφύρειν
 γράψον μου, ποταπὸν θέλεις ἐνήκω γράψον
 μου, ἡτε ἐλάδειν, πόσον ἐνήκω γράψον
 μου, ἡτ[ε τι ἄ]λλο βούλ{λ'}η, [γρά]ψον μου. ἀσπ[άζ]ο-
 [μ]ε τὰ[ς ἀδελφ]άς μου καὶ τὸν [πα]τέρα μου Βαρβα-
 20 ρείωνα [καὶ] τὴν μητέρα μου Ἡράκλειαν
 καὶ Εὐτέ{πε}ρπειν κὲ τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς καὶ Ἄν-
 νειν κὲ τὰ τέκνα αὐτῆς καὶ Εἰσειν καὶ Εὐτυ-*

χεῖν καὶ τὴν μητέρα μου Σωφρόνειν
 καὶ Νεῖλον καὶ Πυμένειν καὶ τὸν πατέραν
 25 ἡμῶν Χοοῦν καὶ τὴν μητέρα ἡμῶν καὶ
 Ἀφούν καὶ τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ κὲ τὰς ἀδελφ[ρ]λ-
 φὰς αὐτοῦ. ἐρῶστέ σε εὐχομε ὀλοκληρεῖν.

On the verso

ἀπ[ρ]ό(δος) παρὰ Θεώ[νος.] σημασ{σ}ία ἐν Τευ-
 μενοῦτει ἐν τῷ
 30 ῥυμείῳ
 ἀντεῖ τοῦ φλητρος.

2. 1. εὐχομαι: so in l. 27. 3. 1. υγιαίνειν. 4. 1. μητερ: so in l. 8. 5. 1. οἰ]δας . . .
 εἰ (so in l. 13). 5-6. 1. [ύστ]ερήσει. 7. 1. ποιήσεις. 8. 1. ἀμελήσαι. 10. ω ο f
 πωλον corr. 1. αὐτῷ? 11. 1. καί: so in ll. 13, 15, 21, 22, 26. 12. 1. ἐὰν . . . σοι (so
 in ll. 13, 15) . . . μοι (so in ll. 15, 16, 17, 18). 13. 1. ἔρχομαι . . . ἀπελθεῖν. 15. τό = ὅ.
 η of ενηκε corr. from ε. 1. ἐνέγκαι, εἶτε (so in ll. 17-18) πορφύριον. 16. 1. ἐνέγκω: so in l. 17.
 17. 1. ἐλάδιον. κ of ενηκω corr. 18. 1. ἀσπ[άξ]ι[μ]αι. 21. 1. Ἄννημ. 22. 1. Εὐτυχίον of
 Εὐτύχι(ο)ν. 23. 1. Σωφρόνην. 24. 1. Ποιμένιον. 25. 1. Χοοῦν. 26. υ of αφονν corr.
 27. 1. ἐρῶσθαι . . . ὀλοκληροῦσαν. 31. 1. φρέατος.

'To my lady mother greeting from Theon. First of all I pray to the lord god for
 your safety and health. Do not think, my lady mother, that I have neglected to come up
 to the Oxyrhynchite nome; you know that if it misses the early season we have no other
 hope after this produce. Be sure, my lady mother, not to neglect your daughter; for my
 brother turned the colt loose (?); you ought to beware of him, and I could not come. If
 you think that I should come, write to me and I will come; or if you think that I should
 go to the most illustrious Alexandria, write to me, and write what you would like me to
 bring, whether purple, write to me what sort you wish me to bring, or oil, write to me how
 much to bring, or if there is anything else you desire, write to me. I salute my sisters and
 my father Barbarion and my mother Heraclea and Euterpe and her children and Anna
 and her children and Isis and Eutythis and my mother Sophrone and Nilus and Poemenius
 and our father Choous and our mother and Aphous and his brother and sisters. I pray for
 your health and safety. (Addressed) Deliver from Theon; address, at the Teumenous
 quarter in the lane opposite the well.'

3. τῷ κυρείῳ θεῷ: it would be unsafe to infer from this phrase, as from ὁ θεός alone (cf.
 Wilcken, *Archiv* i. 436), that the writer was a Christian. Other instances of ὁ θεός or
 ὁ κύριος (or δεσπότης) θεός occur in this volume in 1680. 3, 1682. 6, 1683. 5, 14, 1773. 4,
 1775. 4. Very possibly the writers were in some of these cases Christians, though in none
 of them are the specifically Christian contractions used, as in 1774. The suggestion of
 Christianity is strongest in the phraseology of 1682 (ἡ τοῦ θεοῦ πρόνοια παρέξει, l. 6; cf. e. g.
 1492. 8).

9. προσέρειψε: the word occurs in what seems to be a similar sense in an unpublished
 Ptolemaic Tebtunis papyrus ὥστε τὰ μουσάρια προσερίφθαι τῷ κυάμῳ.

19 sqq. This passage affords another good example of the loose use of πατήρ, μήτηρ, &c.;
 cf. 1206. 15, n., and 1665. 2, n.

28. σημασία: this word introduces the address of the person to whom the letter was sent; cf. 1773. 39, where there is another instance of this apparently novel use.

Τευμενοῦτει (or Τευμενούτει?): the same spelling Τευμενοῦτι is found in 43 verso. ii. 21.

1679. LETTER OF APIA TO SERAPIAS.

25.5 × 12.5 cm.

Third century.

A woman's letter announcing the dispatch of some clothes, with other domestic news.

[Ἀπία . . .] Σεραπιάδι τῇ κυρία
 μ[η]τρὶ χαίρειν.
 πολλά σε ἀσπάζομαι, κυρία, εὐχο-
 μένη σοι τὰ κάλλιστα. κόμισαι,
 5 κυρία, ἡ παρὰ τῆς ἡπητρίας τὰ κρόκινα ὀθονεΐδια τῆς
 θυγατρὸς σου, χιτῶνα καὶ ἡρα-
 χιανον, καὶ Ἡρακλάμμωνι
 χ[ι]τῶνα. νομίζω δὲ ὅτι ἐπιγ' ν' ὥσει
 προῖά ἐστιν τὰ τῆς θυγατρὸς σου
 10 αὐτὰ γὰρ εἰς ἀμφοτέρα ἐῖλιξα.
 ἡ ἡπήτρια μεταδώσει σοι διὰ λόγων
 ὅσα αὐτῇ εἶπον. λείαν γὰρ ὄψαι σοι
 ταῦτα ἔγραψα. Ἄγαθος δὲ τῇ ἐνά-
 τη τάχα πρὸς σὲ γίνεται ἐνέγ-
 15 και σοὶ τινα πρὸς τὴν ἑορτήν. ὥσ-
 τε, κυρία, μὴ μετεωρίζου, κα-
 λῶς διάγομεν. Σερῆνωσ ὁ υἱὸς
 σου πολλά σε ἀσπάζεται, καὶ
 Λούκις καὶ Τεχῶσις καὶ τὰ παιδιά
 20 καὶ Τααμίσις καὶ ὁ ἰ' ἡμῶν πάντες.
 τοῦσ' ἡμῶ[ν] ἀσπάζομαι. Λουκάμ-
 μωνα τὸν ἀδελφὸν πολλά ἀσ-
 πάζομαι, οὗ δέομαι γράψαι
 ἡμεῖν ἡ ἐκομίσατο τὸν χιτῶ-
 25 να αὐτοῦ παρὰ τοῦ Λεύκου, ἐπεὶ
 Βηρύλλος ἐπελάθετο αὐτὸν ἄραι.

Ἀλέξανδρον καὶ Κυριλλοῦν πολ-
 λὰ ἀσπάζομαι.
 ἔρρωσθαί σε εὐχομαι.

On the verso

30 Σεραπ]ιάδι μητρ[ί] (παρὰ) Ἀπίας.

8. ν of νομιζω corr. 10. ει of ειλιξα corr. 12. ι. ὄψέ. 16. η of μη corr.
 17. ι. Σερῆνος. υἱος. 18. τ of υσπαζεται corr. from ι. 20. οis of ταμοis corr. 24. ι. εἰ.
 27. Final ν of αλεξανδρον corr. from σ.

‘Apia daughter of . . . to her mother Serapias, greeting. I send you many salutations, my lady, and best wishes. Receive, lady, from the seamstress the saffron clothes of your daughter, a tunic and . . ., and a tunic for Heraclammon. I think that you will recognize which are your daughter’s, for I wrapped them up together. The seamstress will inform you verbally what I told her, for I am writing this to you very late. Agathus will perhaps come to you on the ninth to bring you some things for the festival. So, lady, do not be anxious; we are well. Your son Serenus gives you many salutations, as do Lucius and Techosis and the children and Taamois and all of us. I salute our friends. I send many salutations to my brother Lucammon, whom I beg to write to us whether he received his tunic from Leucus, since Beryllus forgot to take it. I send many salutations to Alexander and Cyrillous. I pray for your health. (Addressed) To my mother Serapias from Apia.’

6. ηραχιανον: the letters might be divided Ἡρᾶ χιανον, parallel to Ἡρακλάμμωνι χιτῶνα, but χιανον would be an equally unknown word, and χιτῶνα καὶ ηραχιανον are more naturally taken in apposition to ὀθονεΐδια. That Ἡρακλιανόν was intended does not seem likely. Possibly there may be some connexion with ῥάχνη of P. Gen. 80. 7.

1680. LETTER TO APOLLO FROM HIS SON.

14 × 11.6 cm.

Late third or early
fourth century.

In this interesting letter, of which a line or two at the beginning and the conclusion are unfortunately missing, a son expresses his anxiety for the safety of his absent father, who he feared might meet with some disaster and not be found again. He makes the remarkable suggestion that his father should be provided with a mark of identity.

[. . .] . .
 . [20 l. φίλ]τατε
 πάτερ, καὶ εὐχομαι τῷ θεῷ ὀλοκλη-
 ρεῖν σε καὶ εὐδο[ῦ]σθαι καὶ ὑγιαίνον-
 5 τί σε ἀπολαβεῖν ἐν τοῖς ἰδίοις. καὶ
 γὰρ πρὸ τούτου σοι ἐδήλωσα λυπού-

μενος ἐπὶ τῇ ἐν ἡμῖν σου ἀπουσίᾳ,
 μήπως ὃ μὴ εἶοι σοι γένοιτο καὶ μὴ
 εὖρωμέν σου τὸ σῶμα. κα[ὶ γὰρ
 10 πολλακίς σοι δηλώσαι {σοι} βου[λόμαι ὅτι
 βλέπων εἰς τὸ ἀσύστατον σῆ[μα ἡ-
 θέλησα ἐνχαράξαι σοι. καὶ νῦν γὰρ ἀκού-
 ω ὅτι σφόδρα Ἡράκλειος ὁ νῦν ἐπίτρο-
 πος ζητεῖ σε, καὶ ὑπονοοῦμαι ὅτι πάν-
 15 τως πάλιν τί ποτε ἔχει πρὸς σέ.
 [εἴ τ]ί ποτε αὐτῷ χρεωστεῖς, καὶ τοῦτό
 [γε β]ύλομαί σοι γνῶναι ὅτι ἐκόμισα
 [πρ]ὸς Γάειν σίτου ἀρτάβας δύο καὶ

On the verso

τῷ κυρίῳ] καὶ ἀγαπητῷ πατρὶ Ἀπόλλωνι [

4. υγιανω[τι. 1. υγιαίνοντα. 5. ἴδιοις. 8. 1. εἴη. 12. σοι. a of ακουω rewritten.
 14. πᾶν, the ν being only partially formed owing to lack of space. 17. 1. σε. 18. 1.
 Γάιον.

. . . dearest father, and I pray to the god for your prosperity and success and that
 we may receive you home in good health. I have indeed told you before of my grief at
 your absence from among us, and my fear that something dreadful might happen to you
 and that we may not find your body. Indeed I often wish to tell you that having regard
 to the insecurity I wanted to stamp a mark on you. And now I hear that Heraclius the
 present overseer is vigorously searching for you, and I suspect that he must have some
 further claim against you. If you owe him anything, I wish you to know this, that I have
 taken to Gaius (?) two artabae of corn and . . . (Addressed) To my lord and beloved
 father Apollo . . .

1. Possibly this was the first line of the letter, but in any case it is clear from l. 2 sqq.
 that the loss is small.

3. τῷ θεῷ: cf. 1678. 6, n.

5. ἀπολαβεῖν: cf. 1217. 6, where the translation in spite of 1683. 7-8 (cf. n.) is probably
 incorrect, 1682. 7, Ryl. 244. 5, Leipzig 110. 8.

1681. LETTER OF AMMONIUS TO JULIUS AND HILARUS.

17.2 × 8.8 cm.

Third century.

The following letter is addressed to some persons who were living beyond
 the borders of Egypt, but they need not be supposed to have been farther away
 than Alexandria; cf. ll. 18-19, n. The writer, their 'brother', had been residing

in the country for some time and now sends word of his imminent departure hoping that his friends will not think him 'a barbarian or an inhuman Egyptian'.

The writing is across the fibres of the verso, the recto, apart from the address, being blank.

Ἀμμώνιος Ἰουλίῳ
καὶ Ἰλάρῳ το[ῦ] ἀδελ-
φοῖς πλεῖστα χαίρειν.
ἴσως με νομίζετε,
5 ἀδελφ[ο]ί, βάρβαρόν τι-
να ἢ Αἰγύπτιον ἀνάν-
θρωπον εἶναι. ἀλλὰ ἀ-
ξιώ μὴ οὕτως [ἔ]χειν,
πρῶτον μὲν ἀπὸ μέ-
10 ρους πείραν λαβόν-
τας τῆς ἡμετέρας
γνώμης, πολλὰ δέ
με ἤπειξε πρὸς τοὺς
ἑμοὺς γενέσθαι, πρῶ-
15 τον μὲν τὸ δι' ἐνιαυ-

τ[ο]ῦ αὐτοῦς θεάσασθαι, εἰ-
τα τὸ βούλεσθαι πρὸ
χειμῶνος καταλι-
ψαι τὴν Αἴγυπτον.
20 ἐλπίζω οὖν μετὰ
τρεις καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς
ὑμᾶς ἐλθεῖν καὶ
τὰ περὶ ἐμοῦ ὑμῖν
ἐξηγήσασθαι. ἀσπά-
25 σ(ασ)θαι τὴν ἀδελφὴν
Ἰερωνί[ι]δα μετὰ Ἰου-
λίῳ το[ῦ] συμβίου καὶ
Ἰσιδά[ραν?] μετὰ τῶν
[. . .] [—
.

On the verso

30 ἀπ(όδος) Ἰουλίῳ καὶ Ἰλάρῳ ἀδελφοῖς
π(αρά) Ἀμμωνίου.

1. ἰουλιῳ: so in l. 30. 2. ἰλαρω: so in l. 30. 3. χαίρει. 4. ἴσως. 24. l. ἀσπάσασθε. 26. ἰουλιου. 28. ἰσιδω[ραν] . . . τῶ.

'Ammonius to Julius and Hilarus, very many greetings. You are, my brothers, perhaps thinking me a barbarian or an inhuman Egyptian; but I claim that it is not so, first because you have had a partial proof of my sentiments, moreover many reasons have urged me to go to my friends, in the first place my wish to see them after a year's interval, and secondly my desire to leave Egypt before winter. I hope then that after three days I too shall come to you, and tell you my news. Greet my sister Hieronis with Julius her husband and Isidora (?) with her . . . (Addressed) Deliver to my brothers Julius and Hilarus from Ammonius.'

6. ἀνάνθρωπος seems to be unattested, ἀπάνθρωπος being the usual form. For the latter term in connexion with Egyptians cf. 237. vii. 34 τῇ τοῦ νόμου (sc. τῶν Αἰγυπτίων) ἀπανθρωπία.

8. οὕτως [ἔ]χειν: οὕτω δ[ο]κεῖν is improbable.

18-19. Since Alexandria was distinguished from Egypt, the phrase καταλιψαι τὴν

Αἴγυπτον is quite consistent with the supposition that Ammonius was intending to go to the capital from the χώρα. Presumably ἡμέρας is to be supplied with τρεῖς in l. 21, and the mention of this short interval suggests a not very protracted journey. Cf. 727. 11 τὸν ἐς Αἴγυπτον πλοῦν ποιήσασθ[α]ι, which, as Wilcken has noted (*Archiv* iv. 392), probably means a voyage from Alexandria, and e. g. 35 recto. 9 ἐν Ἀλεξ[ανδρείᾳ] τῇ πρὸς Αἰγύπτω.

29. The word at the beginning of the line was probably τέκνων, but the vestiges are too slight for identification. The conclusion of the letter was evidently not far off.

1682. LETTER OF HERACLIDES TO ANTIOCHIA.

16.7 x 11.7 cm.

Fourth century.

A letter from a man to his 'sister', who had lately departed, asking for news of her and recommending that her son should stick to his work. The writer was perhaps a Christian; cf. l. 6 and 1678. 6, n.

Κυρία μου ἀδελφῆ Ἀντιοχείη
 Ἡρακλείδης χαίρειν.
 ἀπέστειλα [[τινα]] Μέλανα διὰ γραμμάτων, ἐπειδὴ
 ὁ ἀὴρ ἐναντίος ἡμῖν ἦν ἀφ' οὗ ἔπλευσας,
 5 ἵνα ἡμῖν περὶ τῆς ἀνόδου καὶ ὀλοκληρίας
 γνῶς, καὶ ἡ μὲν τοῦ θεοῦ πρόνοια παρέξει
 τὸ μετὰ ὀλοκληρίας σε τὰ οἰκεία ἀπο-
 λαβεῖν. ἀναγκαίως δὲ καὶ ἡμῖν ἐ-
 πίστεilon ὅτι εἰ ἡς ἐπιδημήσασα,
 10 ἵνα εὐθυμέτεροι γενώμεθα τὰ περὶ
 σοῦ ἀκούσαντες. τὸ τέκνον σου τοῖς
 ἔργοις ἑαυτοῦ προσεχέτω· τὰ μὲν εἰ-
 κότα αὐτῷ ἐπέσταλκα κήδεσθαι
 τῶν ἔργων ἀφορῶντι τῇ τοῦ
 15 ἐνιαυτοῦ διαφορᾷ. ἐρῶσθαί σε
 εὐχομαι, κυρία μου
 ἀδελφή, πολλοῖς
 χρόνοις.

On the verso

κ[υρ]ία μου ἀδελφῆ Ἀντιοχείη.

5. ἵνα: so in l. 10. 8. αναγκαιως. 10. l. εὐθυμέτεροι.

'To the lady my sister Antiochia from Heraclides, greeting. I am sending Melas with a letter, because the wind was contrary to us since you sailed, in order that you might

let us know of your journey and security, and may the divine providence grant that you may be restored in security to your home; and do you by all means send word to us whether you have arrived, in order that we may be more reassured after hearing about you. Let your son give heed to his work; I have sent to tell him to take proper care of the work, having regard to the difference of the year. I pray for your lasting health, my lady sister. (Addressed) To the lady my sister Antiochia.'

3. If *Μέλανα* is right, the sentence is illogical, but the loose construction is assisted by the commonness of the phrase *διὰ γραμμάτων* (cf. e. g. 963, 1160. 7, 1217. 2), and it is hardly necessary to supply a word like *γράφων* or *πυσσόμενος*. The doubtful λ may be γ or τ, and the preceding letter may be α.

6. *γνῶς*: the doubtful *s* is very small, and *γνῶ* simply might be read, but this would have to be emended to *γνωσθῆ*, or to *γνώμεν* with *ἡμεῖς* for *ἡμεῖν* in the previous line. The sense 'make known' is unusual, but not unparalleled.

7. Either *σε ὄρ τὰ οἰκεῖα* might here be taken as the subject of *ἀπολαβεῖν*, but analogy favours the latter alternative; cf. 1680. 5, n.

9. For the redundant *ὅτι* cf. e. g. 1668. 6, 1671. 22. To read *εὔης* would not suit the required sense, even if the optative were passed. *ῆς* for *ἦσθα* is common in the *Κουή*.

10. *εὐθυμέτεροι*: the false form was perhaps assisted by association with *ὑμέτερος*, but interchange of ε and ο is not infrequent; cf. 1670. 13, n.

11 sqq. Cf. e. g. 1493. 11-13, 1581. 5-7.

1683. LETTER OF PROBUS TO MANATINE.

28.5 × 12 cm.

Late fourth century.

In this very illiterate letter Probus requests his 'sister' to collect some money which was due to him and pay it over to his wife. He proceeds to recall a recent occasion when the sister had refused to let him have some of his money, but the bearing of this is somewhat obscure. The last few lines are rubbed and illegible, and the writer's eccentricities in grammar and orthography make restoration difficult. ω for ο is so common that we generally neglect it in the critical notes below.

Τῆ κυρία μου ἀδ[ελ]φῆ
 Μανατίνῃ Πρώβ[ο]ς ἀδελ-
 φῶ χαίριν.
 πρὸς [μ]ὲν πάντων εὐχῶμαι
 5 τῶ κυρίῳ θεῶ περι τῆ[s] σῆς
 ὀλοκληρίας ὅπως ὑ[ί]ε[ρ]οντα σοὶ
 καὶ εὐθυμοῦντι ἀπωλάβῃς
 τὰ παρ' ἐμοῦ γράμματα. [γ]ιγνώσκιν
 σε θέλω, κυρία μου ἀδ[ελ]φή, ἀπελθε
 10 πρὸς Πετρῶνιν τῶν ἐγγυησά-

τῆ γυναικί{ν} μου. μὴ λυπήσις οὖν
 ἐμέναν· δὸς οὖν αὐτά, ἐπιδὲ χρίαν
 αὐτὰ ὁ υἱός μου (ἔχει). σημίου δὲ
 χάριν,
 ὅπου ἠπάντηκά σου ἰ[s] τὸ Κησάρι-
 20 ον καὶ εἶρηκά σου ὥτι δὸς ἐμοὶ κέρ-
 μα ἀπὸ τῶν ἔχισ με ἵνα ἀγοράσω
 ἐματῶ ἕναν λεβιτων . . ., καὶ εἰπές
 με ὅτι α . [.] ἄρῶν τὰ ἀπ' ἐσοῦ καὶ
 ἄρτι δέ σε δ[ί]δω, καὶ ἀη ἐματῆς ἀπε-

μενών μου· δέξε ἀ[π'] αὐτοῦ ἐκ τοῦ
μισθοῦ μου ἔναν ὕμισυ, (τάλαντον ?)
αΛ,
οἶδες γ[ὰ]ρ καὶ σὺ ὅτι [ο]ὐδὲν ἔχωμεν
μάρτυρων ἐ[ἰ] μὴ ὁ θε[ὸ]ς καὶ σὺ καὶ ἡ
15 γυνή μου. ἀπώδως οὖν αὐτὰ

25 δῆμησα ἐπὶ δὲ καὶ δῆμωσίων [έ-
αν δὲ υἱέγω . . . ε . . . ε . . . ἰδια
ἡμῶν. κύριέ μ[ο]ν ἀδελφέ, βο-
ήθησων, δὸς τὰ ε
κ[.]αυτα . . . ε [.
30 [ἔρρ]ῶσθ[α]ί σ[ε] εὐχομαι.

On the verso

ἀπώ(δος) [τῆ] κ[υ]ρία μου ἀδελφῆ Μανατίνῃ παρὰ Πρό-
β[ο]ν ἀδελφ[ο]ῦ.

2. 1. ἀδελφός. 6. 1. ὑ[γαι]νοντα σύ. 7. 1. εὐθυμοῦσα. 8. [γ]ί'γ'νωσκιν. 10. 1.
τὸν ἐγγησάμενον. 11. 1. με. δέξαι. 12. ὕμισυ : 1. ἤμισυ. 14. 1. μάρτυρον (for -υρα) ?
. . . τὸν θε[ὸ]ν κτλ. 16. 1. λυπήσης. 17. δ of δος corr. 1. ἐπειδή. 18. 1. αὐτῶν. υ of
ἕως rewritten. 19. 1. σοι (so in l. 20). ἴ[s]. 1. Καισάρειον. 21. 1. μου. ἴνα (a corr.?).
22. 1. λέβητα, or ἐν λεβήτιον? 23. 1. μοι. 24. 1. σοι. 26. ὑιενω : 1. υγιάινω.
27. 1. βοήθησον.

'To the lady my sister Manatine from Probus her brother, greeting. First of all I pray to the lord god for your security that you may in health and happiness receive my letter. I wish you to know, my lady sister, that you should go to Petronius my surety; get from him out of my pay one talent (?) and a half, 1½ tal. For you too know that we have no witnesses at all besides god and you and my wife. Give them then to my wife. Don't vex me; give them to her, since my son needs them. And in proof, when I met you at the Caesareum and said to you "Give me some money out of what you have of mine in order that I may buy myself a kettle", you said ". . . use your own, and presently I will give it you" . . . I pray for your health. (Addressed) Deliver to the lady my sister Manatine from her brother Probus.'

6. ὑ[ε]νοντα : cf. l. 26. The initial vestige is perhaps consistent with ν, if the letter be supposed to have been placed very low in the line, which sometimes happens with this writer, e. g. in l. 10 the cross-bar of τ of των is below the base of the preceding ν. For the phraseology cf. P. Leipz. 111. 4-5 ἴνα ὑγιένοντά σε καὶ εὐθυμοῦντα ἀπολάβῃ τὰ παρ' ἐμοῦ γράμματα, on the analogy of which one might feel tempted to read ἀπολάβῃ{s} here. ἀπολάβῃς is, however, confirmed by P. Gen. 53. 7-8 ὅπως ὑγιένοντός σου καὶ εὐθ[υ]μοῦντος προσδέξῃ τὰ ἐμὰ γράμματα, and ἀπολάβῃ{s} is accordingly to be restored in P. Leipz. 111, the preceding accusatives being perhaps due to confusion with the common formula exemplified in 1680. 4-5.

12. (τάλαντον ?) : the symbol consists of two oblique strokes joining at an acute angle, being practically identical with that used for ἤμισυ immediately afterwards. This writer's grammar is so erratic that (τάλαντον) is hardly excluded by ἔναν, and it is not easy to see what else can be meant, though the symbol is unusual. Possibly the two strokes were unintentionally joined and correspond to those following αΛ, the unit then remaining unexpressed; that they represent γίνεται seems unlikely.

17. ἐμέναν : this form of ἐμέ became common in later Greek.

19. For the Καισάρειον at Oxyrhynchus cf. 43 verso. i. 22.

21. τῶν : cf. e. g. 1678. 15, 1765. 10, P. Gen. 56. 19 ἕως τοῦ ἀποδώ, Leipz. 110. 9 παρὰ τοῖς ἐπιξενούμε θεοῖς.

24. αη possibly = αεί, but the passage remains obscure.

1684. LETTER OF HORION TO TIMOTHEUS.

26.1 x 7.4 cm.

Late fourth century.

A letter announcing the receipt and dispatch of various articles, chiefly of dress, and offering to send anything else that might be wanted.

<p>Κυρίῳ μου υἱῷ Τιμοθέῳ Ὀρίων. ἀπεδεξάμην τὰ δύο στιχάρια εἰσοφόρια 5 καὶ βαρβαρίκια δύο κα(ἰ) φακιάριον καὶ οὐη- ράρια δύο. ἀπέστει(ι)λά σοι στιχάριον ἰσοφό- ριον ἐν καὶ βαρβαρίκι- 10 ον ἐν καὶ φακιάριον καὶ οὐράριον ἐν καὶ ὕμισου με- κάλου δελφακίου. ἔγραψές μοι περὶ</p>	<p>15 ἄμμας Δωροθέῳ. εἵπερ ἀληθές ἐστιν καὶ καλῆς τιμῆς, δήλωσόν μοι, καὶ περὶ τοῦ σίτου 20 καὶ τῶν κριθῶν. ἀπαντᾶ πρὸς σὲ Φῖβις ἐν τῇ αὐ- ριον· εἴ τι θέλεις, μετάδωδος αὐτῷ 25 καὶ ἀποστέλλω σοι. ἐρρῶσθαί σε εὔχ(ομαι).</p>
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On the verso remains of an address and a postscript mentioning *τυρία δέκα*.

6. 1. οὐηάρια: so in l. 11. 8. ἰσοφοριον. 12. ὕμισου: l. ἤμισου μεγάλου. 15. 1. ἄμιος? 16. εστίν, the ν being incompletely formed. 24. 1. μετάδος.

‘To my lord my son Timotheus from Horion. I received the two equivalent tunics, two foreign cloaks (?), a veil, and two coverings. I have sent you one equivalent tunic, one foreign cloak, a veil, one covering, and half a large pig. You wrote to me about cummin (?) for Dorotheus. If it is genuine and of a good price, let me know, and also about the corn and barley. Phibis is going to you to-morrow. If you want anything, let him know and I will send it to you. I pray for your health.’

4. εἰσοφόρια: cf. l. 8. The significance of the epithet is not very clear. Does it mean ‘reversible’?

5. βαρβαρίκια: this word, evidently denoting some foreign article of dress, presumably a variety of the *βαρβαρικὸν παλλίον* cited from a gloss by Stephanus, appears to be novel.

6. οὐηάρια: cf. e. g. P. Grenf. ii. 111. 16 οὐηάρ(ιον) κρεμ(αστόν).

15. ἄμμας: the second μ has a dot above it and was perhaps intended to be cancelled. Since the writer goes on to speak of σῖτος and κριθή (ll. 19–20), it seems not unlikely that ἄμιος or ἄμεως should be read; cf. e. g. P. Tebt. 55. 5. This would accord with the neuter ἀληθές.

VI. MINOR DOCUMENTS

(1) *Leases.*

1685. 10.7 × 8.5 cm. A. D. 158. The middle part of a badly spelled lease from a woman to two Persians of the epigone for 1 year of two lots of land at the Ὀασίτου ἐποίκιον (previously unknown), one lot consisting of 12 arourae at a rent of 44 drachmae for each, the other of 3 arourae. Cf. 101, 499, 501, 910, 1125, 1686-91, P. S. I. 73. After remains of 3 lines ⁴] . s κατὰ τὸ ἄλλ[ο ἤμισυ, ἀμφοτ]έροις ⁵ [ἀπ]ὸ τοῦ Ἀδέου (l. Ἀδαίου) ἐ[ποικίου (elsewhere called a κώμη) Πέρσαις] τῆς ⁶ [ἐπι]γονῆς πρὸς [μόνον τὸ ἐνεσ]τὸς ⁷ κβ (ἔτος) Ἀντωνίνου [Καίσαρος τοῦ] κυρίου ⁸ ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόντ[ων αὐτ]ῆ περι τὸ ⁹ Ο[ὐ]ασίτου ἐποικίου (l. -οίκιον) ἐν μὲν κλήρῳ ¹⁰ Ψεταιταὶ ἐκ τοῦ ἀπὸ λιβδὸς μέρους ¹¹ ἀρούρας δεκάδου, ὥστε ξυλαμῆσαι ¹² οἷς ἐὰν αἰρῶνται χωρὶς ἰσάτεως καὶ ¹³ ὄχωμενίου (l. ὄχομ.) φόρου ἐκά[σ]της ἀρούρης ¹⁴ ἐκ γεομετρίας ἐπὶ τὸ πλῖον ἢ (corr. from ε) αἰ- ¹⁵ λαττον (l. ἔλ.) ἀνὰ ἀργυρίου δραχμὰς τεσ- ¹⁶ σεράκοντα τέσσαρος (l. -ρας), ἐκ δὲ τοῦ Μεγά- ¹⁷ λου κλήρου ἐκ τοῦ ἀπὸ νότου καὶ ¹⁸ λιβδὸς μέρους πρὸς ταῖς ἀναβολαῖς ('embankments') τὰς ¹⁹ πρὸ τοῦ ἐσπα[ρ]μένας ἀρούρας (2nd a corr.) τρὶς ἐ[κ] τῶν ²⁰ πλῖον ἢ ἔλαττον, ὥστε καὶ ταύτας ²¹ σπε[ρ]εῖραι καὶ ξυλαμῆσαι οἷς ἐὰν αἰρῶν[τ]αι ²² χωρὶς ἰσάτεως καὶ ὄχωμενίου φόρου ²³ [ἐκάσ]της ἀρούρης ἐκ γεομετρίας, and traces of 3 more lines.

1686. 12.7 × 14.3 cm. A. D. 165. Beginning of a lease of 10 arourae of ἰδιωτικὴ γῆ at Talao (cf. 1659. 105) for 4 years from a senator of Antinoöpolis to three brothers, half to be sown with wheat, half with grass or vegetables. ¹ Ἐμίσθωσεν Ἀ[π]ολλώνιος Ἀπολλωνίου Σεβά[σ]τιος ὁ καὶ Καισάριος ² βουλευτῆς Ἀντινοέων διὰ Διοσκόρου φροντιστοῦ Κρονίωνι ³ Παυσίριος μητρὸς Σιννεχώτου καὶ τοῖς ὁμομητρῖοις ἀδελφοῖς ⁴ Ἀρπαῆσει καὶ Ὠρω ἀμφο[τ]έ[ρ]οις Ἀντινοέων τοῦ Ἀρπαῆσιος τοῖς ⁵ [τρ]ισὶ ἀπ[ὸ] κ[ώ]μης Ταλαῶ [εἰς ἔτ]η τέσσαρα β[ρ]οχὰς τέσσαρες ἀπὸ τοῦ ⁶ ἐνεστώτος ἔκτου ἔτους Ἀντωνίνου καὶ Οὐ[ρ]ύρου Καισάρων ⁷ τῶν κυρίων ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων [α]ὐτῶν [π]ερὶ τὴν Ταλαῶ ἐκ τοῦ ⁸ Καλλίου κλήρου ἰδιωτικῆς γῆς ἀ[ρ]ούρας δέκα, ὥστε τοὺς μισο- ⁹ θωμένους σπεῖραι καὶ ξυλαμῆσαι κατ' ἔτος πυροῦ μὲν τὸ ἤμισυ, ¹⁰ χόρτῳ δὲ ἦτοι (τ corr.) εἰς βρώσιν ἢ καὶ κοπήν καὶ θερνῆν ἐπινομήν ¹¹ τὸ ἄλλο ἤμισυ, ἐξουσίας αὐτο[ῦ] οὔσης σπεῖραι ἐν τῷ ἐν χόρτῳ ¹² ἡμίσει μέρει κατ' ἔτος λαχα[ρ]οσπ[έρ]μῳ ὃ ἐὰν αἰρῶν[τ]αι, ἐκφορίου ¹³ κα[ὶ] φόρου κατ' ἔτος ἀποτάκτου τῶν ὄλων ἀρουρῶν δέκα μηδε- ¹⁴ μ[ί]ας γεωμε[τρ]ίας γεω[ο]μένης πυροῦ ἀρ[τ]αβῶν

[δέκαπεν?]τε¹⁵ [καὶ ἀργυρίω]ν δραχμῶ[ν]κο[ν]τα ὀκ[τὼ ἀκίνδου]να¹⁶ [πάντα παντ]ῶς κιν[δύνου, τῶν τ]ῆς γῆς [δημοσίων —. Verso¹⁷ μί(σθωσις) (ἀρουρῶν) ι ἐκ τ(οῦ) Καλλίου and traces of another line.

1687. 14.3 × 8.5 cm. A. D. 184. Beginning of a similar lease of private land (5½ arourae in all) near two villages in the Ἄνω τοπαρχία for 1 year, 1 aroura to be sown with barley, the remainder, of which the rent was fixed at 180 drachmae, with (probably) χόρτος or ἄρακος (l. 24; cf. 1686. 10).
¹Ἐμισθωσεν Δημητροῦς ἢ καὶ Θαῆσις ²Τερεντίου ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως ³μετὰ κυρίου τοῦ ἀνεψιοῦ Ἐρίωνος ⁴Ἀμόιτος τοῦ Τερεντίου ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς ⁵πόλεως Σαραπίου χρηματίζονται ⁶μητρὸς Ταχύτιος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πό- ⁷λεως πρὸς μόνον τὸ ἐνεστὸς κε (ἔτος) ⁸τὰς ὑπαρχούσας αὐτῇ περὶ Νέσλα ⁹ἐν μὲν τόπῳ λεγομένῳ Σαμβούτος ¹⁰ἄρουραν μίαν, ἐν δὲ τόπῳ λεγομένῳ ¹¹νφ Ἐλει λιβὸς δὲ βασιλικῆς καλου- ¹²μένης Τροφῆς Αἰγῶν ἄρουραν μί- ¹³αν ἡμισυ, καὶ περὶ τὸ Ἴσιον Παγγᾶ ἐκ ¹⁴τοῦ Νικάνορος καὶ Δριμάκου κλήρου (cf. 250. 8) ¹⁵ἀρούρας τρεῖς, ἐπὶ δὲ πασῶν μηδεμι- ¹⁶[ἀς] γεωμετρίας γεινομένης, ὥστε ¹⁷τὴν μὲν ἐν τόπῳ Σαμβούτος ἄρου- ¹⁸ραν μίαν σπεῖραι ἢ ξυλαμῆσαι κριθῇ ¹⁹[ἐκφορ]ί[ο]ν ἀποτάκτου κριθῆς ἄρτα- ²⁰[βῶν . . .], τὴν δὲ ἐν τόπῳ Ἐλει ἄρου- ²¹[ραν μίαν ἡμι]ισυ καὶ τὰς περὶ τὸ Ἴσιον ²²[Παγγᾶ ἀρούρα]ς τρεῖς, ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ἄ- ²³[ρούρας τέσσα]ρες ἡμισυ, ξυλαμῆσαι ²⁴[χόρτῳ? φ]όρου ἀποτάκτου ἀργυρίου ²⁵[δραχμῶν ἐκ]ατὼν ὀγδοήκοντα ²⁶[ἀκίνδυνα πάντα παντῶ]ς κινδύ[ο]ν | —.

1688. 8.3 × 6.7 cm. Third century. Beginning of a lease of 5⅔ arourae of private land for 4 years, being an extension of an existing lease. The lessees belonged to Phoboou, a village in the Eastern toparchy (1659. 53), and the village Ποσομβοῦς Ἀριστομάχου (l. 10) is probably identical with Ποσομποίσις, a village in that toparchy known from 1285. 85. ¹Ἐμισθωσεν Αὐρήλιος Θέων ²ὁ καὶ Ἐπίμαχος Διογένους ³ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων (-γ'χ-) πόλεως Αὐ- ⁴ρηλίσις Θώνι καὶ Ἐπιμάχῳ ⁵καὶ Πλούτῳ τοῖς τρισὶ Ἀνε- ⁶σούριος μητρὸς Ἀμμωνοῦ- ⁷τος ἀπὸ κώμης Φοβῶου εἰς ⁸ἔτη τέσσαρα[ς] ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνεστῶ- ⁹τος γ (ἔτους) τὰς ὑπαρχούσας αὐτῶ ¹⁰περὶ Ποσομβοῦς Ἀριστομά- ¹¹χου προ[γεωργουμένας] ¹²[ὑπὸ τῶν αὐτῶν μεμισθω- ¹³μένων ἀρούρα]ς πέντε δι- ¹⁴μοιρον φόρου? | κατ' ἔτος ¹⁵[15 l.]λοῖς ¹⁶[16 l.]τε | —.

1689. 35 × 7.1 cm. A. D. 266. Lease of 5 arourae of land at Mermertha (cf. 1659. 30) for 2 years at the rent of 10 artabae of wheat and 10 of lentils. ¹Ἐμισθ[ω]σαν Αὐρήλιος [Σε]ρήνος ²ὁ καὶ Σαραπίων (cf. 1631. 1, n.) [καὶ Ἀπί?]ων ³ἀμφ[ύ]τεροι Ἀγαθει[νου] ἀπ' Ὀξ[υ]ρ[ύ]γ- ⁴χων πόλεως Αὐρηλ[ί]οις Ἄντω- ⁵νίφ Π[λ]άτωνος μητρὸς Τα- ⁶π[ι]. [ἀλλ]ίσις καὶ Πανεχώτῃ Πανε- ⁷χώτος μητρὸς Ταύριος Ἱερέω[ς?] ⁸ἀμφοτέροι(ς) ἀπὸ [κώμ]ης Μερ- ⁹ρῶν ἐπὶ χρόν[ον] ἔτη δύο ¹⁰ἀπὸ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ιδ (ἔτους) τὰς ὑπαρ- ¹¹χούσας αὐτοῖς περὶ Μερ[μ]έρθα ¹²ἐν δυσὶ κλήροις ἀρ[ού]ρας πέντε, ¹³ᾧ[σ]τε τοὺς μεμισθ[ω]μένους ¹⁴σπεῖραι καὶ ξυλαμῆσαι οἷς ἐὰν

¹⁵ αἰρῶνται χωρὶς εἰσάτ[ε]ως καὶ ἐ- ¹⁶ χομενίου (l. ὄχομ.), ἐκφορίου [κα]τ' ἔτος ¹⁷ ἀπο-
τάκτου πυροῦ [ἀρτά]βας (l. -βῶν) δέκα ¹⁸ καὶ φακῆς ἀρταβ[ῶν] δέκα ¹⁹ ἀκινδύνων παν[τῶ]ς
κινδύ- ²⁰ νου, τῶν τῆ[ς] γῆς κα[τ'] ἔτος δι- ²¹ μοσίων ὄντων [πρὸς] τοῦς ²² γεούχου[ς]
κυριεύον[τας] τῶν ²³ καρπῶν ἕως τὰ ὀφειλόμενα ²⁴ ἀπολάβωσι. εἰδὲ τις, [ὁ] μὴ εἴη,
²⁵ ἄβροχος γένηται, π[αρ]αδεχθήσε- ²⁶ ται τοῖς μεμισθωμέ[νοι]ς. βεβαι- ²⁷ ουμένης δὲ
τῆς μισθώσεως ²⁸ ἀποδότησαν οἱ μεμ[ισ]θωμέ- ²⁹ νοι τὸν πυρὸν καὶ τὴν φακὴν ³⁰ νέα
καθαρὰ ἄδολα ἄβ[ω]λα ³¹ κεκοσκινευμένα, τὸν μὲν ³² πυρὸν ὡς εἰς δημό[σι]ον με- ³³ τρού-
μενον, τὴν δὲ φακὴν χω- ³⁴ ρὶς βοτανῶν ἐφ' [ἀ]λω τῆς ³⁵ Μερμέρθων κοινο[υ]με[τρ]οῦν-
³⁶ τος (l. -τες) δικαία μετρήσι, τῆς πράξε- ³⁷ ως οὔσης παρά τε τῶν [με]μισθω-
³⁸ μένων ἀλληλεγγύων ὄντων ³⁹ καθότι πρόκειται, π[ερὶ] ἧς ἐ- ⁴⁰ περωτήσαντες ἀ[λλ]ή-
λους ⁴¹ ἑαυτοῖς ὁμολόγησ[α]ν. ⁴² (ἔτους) ἰδὲ Αὐτοκράτο[ρο]ς Καίσαρος ⁴³ Πουπλίου Δικιν-
νίου Γαλ[λ]ιανοῦ ⁴⁴ Γερμανικοῦ Μεγίστου Περσικ[οῦ] ⁴⁵ Μεγίστου Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐ[τ]ρυχοῦς
⁴⁶ Σεβαστοῦ Θῶθ κζ. ⁴⁷ (2nd h.) Αὐρήλιου Ἀντωνίου καὶ Πα- ⁴⁸ νεχῶτης μεμισθώ-
μεθα ⁴⁹ τὴν γῆν καὶ ἀποδ[ώ]σο- ⁵⁰ μεν τὰ ἐκφόρια ἐξ ἄλλ[η]λη[ε]γ- ⁵¹ γύης (-λ[ε]γ[γ]-) ὡς
πρόκ(εῖται), καὶ ἐπερωτήθη- ⁵² τε ὁμολογήσαμεν. Αὐρήλι[ο]ς ⁵³ Χαϊρή[μ]ων ἔγρα(ψα)
ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν (-τῶ) ⁵⁴ μὴ εἰ[δ]ῶτων γράμματα. Verso ⁵⁵ μίσθωσι[ς] Μερμέρθων
ἀρουρῶν [πέ]ντε.

1690. 18.8 x 15.2 cm. A. D. 287. Found with 1365, 1386, and 1392; cf. 1365. int. Lower part of a lease of 5 arourae to a strategus from a woman (called τὴν γεούχον in l. 11) at the rent of 3,000 drachmae per aroura, concluding (ἔτους) δ ¹⁷ Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Γαίου (γαίου) Αὐρηλίου Οὐαλερίου [Δ]ιοκλη-
τια[νοῦ] ¹⁸ καὶ (ἔτ.) γ Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου Οὐαλερίου Μαξιμια-
νοῦ ¹⁹ Εὐσεβῶν Εὐτυχῶν Σεβαστῶν Θῶθ κα. (2nd hand) ²⁰ Αὐρηλία Πτολεμαῖς καὶ
ὡς χρηματίζω) ἔσχον τούτου ²¹ τὸ ἴσον. Verso ²²]. [. μίσ]θωσις ἐδαφῶν Ἀπολλωνίου
στρατηγοῦ. This strategus is to be placed between Aur. Philiarachus (1456. 1, n.) and Aur. Heraclides (1252 recto. 2, 20).

1691. 10.1 x 9.1 cm. A. D. 291. The first part of a lease of 3 arourae at Seno-
komis (cf. 1659. 37) by a woman to two men for 1 year, the land to be sown
with flax (cf. 102-3, P. S. I. 469) at a rent of 2,500 drachmae per aroura.
One of the lessees belonged to the ἱερὰ σύνοδος, which is apparently identical
with ἡ ἱερὰ μουσικὴ περιπολιστικὴ Αὐρηλιανὴ οἰκουμηνικὴ μεγάλη σύνοδος τῶν περὶ
τὸν Διόνυσον τεχνιτῶν, ἱερονικῶν, στεφανιτῶν, καὶ τῶν τούτων συναγωνιστῶν in
B. G. U. 1074, from Oxyrhynchus; cf. 908. 8 τῶν ἀπὸ τοῦ Διονυσείου καὶ τῆς
ἱερᾶς συνόδου ἱερονικῶν ἀτελῶν, P. S. I. 450 verso. i. 56, and 1703. int. ¹ Ἐμί-
σθωσεν Αἰλία Ἐρωδιένα (l. -ίανα) καὶ ὡς χρηματίζει) ² Αὐρηλίου Διογένει Διογέ-
νους ἀπὸ τῆς ἱερᾶς (ἱερ.) ³ συνόδου καὶ Φιλονίκῃ Θέωνος (Θέωνος added later),
⁴ ἀμφοτέροις ἀπὸ τῆς λα(μπρᾶς) καὶ λα(μπροτάτης) Ὁξυρυχειτῶν ⁵ πόλεως, πρὸς
μόνον τὸ ἐνεστὸς η (ἔτος) καὶ ζ (ἔτος) ⁶ ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων (l. -χουσῶν) αὐτῆ περὶ
κώμην (-μῆ) ⁷ Σενοκώμειν (ειν corr.) ἀρουρῶν ἐξ ἑκ γεωμετρίας ⁸ ἀρούρας τρεῖς

κοινωνικῶν πρὸς πρὸς τὴν ὁ-⁹ μογνησίαν αὐτῆς ἀδελφῆν, ὥστε ξυλα-¹⁰ μῆσαι λινοκαλάμη, ἐκφοριῶν καὶ φόρων¹¹ κατ' ἄρουραν δραχμ(ῶ)ν δισχειλίων πεν-¹² τακοσίω, / (δρ.) Ὑβφ, ἀκινδύνων παντὸς¹³ κινδύνου, τῶν τῆς γῆς δημοσίω ὄν-¹⁴ των πρὸς τὴν γεοῦχου κυριεύουσιν τῶν (τῶ)¹⁵ [καρπῶν ἕως ἂν τὰ] ὀφιλόμενα ἀπολάβῃ. ¹⁶ [βεβαιουμένης δ]ὲ τῆς μισθώσεως ¹⁷ [ἀποδότωσαν οἱ μεμισθωμένοι τὰ ὀφιλόμε-¹⁸ να ἐν μηνί —.

1692. 19 × 12.6 cm. A. D. 188. The first part of a lease of ἀμπελουργικὰ ἔργα in a vineyard and adjoining reed-plantation at Talao (cf. 1659. 105), similar to 1631, but about a century earlier. The technical terms are discussed in the commentary on that papyrus. ¹ Ἐμισθωσεν Ἀπίων Ὀρειώνας γυμνα- (σιάρχης) ² τῆς Ὀξυρύνχ(ων) πόλεως Ἀμόιτι Ἀμόιτος μητρὸς ³ Σαμβούτος καταγι(νομένῳ) ἐν Ταλαῶ ἐπὶ ἐνιαυτὸν ⁴ ἕνα ἀπὸ νεομηνιας Ἀθῆρ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ⁵ κθ (ἔτους) τὰ ἀμπελουργικὰ χερικὰ ἔργα πάντα χω- ⁶ ρις ξυλοτομίας ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόντων ⁷ αὐτῷ περὶ Ταλαῶ ἐκ τοῦ Πτολεμαίου τοῦ Τρύ- ⁸ φωνος κλήρου ἀμπελικῶ κτήματος ⁹ καὶ καλαμείας ὅσων ἐστὶν ἀρουρῶν παλαι- ¹⁰ ᾶς ὡς καὶ νέας, ἅπερ ἐστὶν ἔργα τιλμὸς καλάμου, ¹¹ μεταφορὰ τούτου εἰς τὸν συνήθη τόπον, σάρω- ¹² σις φύλλων, συντομὴ καὶ μεταφορὰ τούτων ¹³ ἐκτὸς πλαστῆς εἰς ἐπιτηδείους τόπους, [σ]κα- ¹⁴ φητός, παραγραφὴ, ἀπωρυγισμὸς τῶν δεομέ- ¹⁵ νων τόπων, συντομὴ τοῦ εἰς καλαμουργίαν ¹⁶ καιοῦ καλάμου, καλαμουργία, τοῦ γεοῦχου παρε- ¹⁷ χομένου κάλαμον καὶ φλοῦ[υ]ν τὸν αὐτάρκη, ¹⁸ ἐπάρδενσις καὶ βοτανισμὸς διηνεκῆς, σκα- ¹⁹ λισμὸς, βλαστολογία, διάστασις φύλλων [καὶ ²⁰ ἀνάλημψις βλαστῶν, φυλλολογία, καὶ π[αρέσται? ²¹ τῇ τρύγγι, καὶ φυράσι τὸν Πηλουσι[ακὸν οἶνον?, ²² καὶ ἔτι φυλάξι ἐν ἀργῷ τὸ σύνη[θες? ²³ [πρ?]ὸς κώμην, καὶ μετερε[γκέι? ²⁴ [. . . γέ?]μμα μέχρι . [I4 l. ²⁵ [. εν]εχθέντ[—. Verso ²⁶ μίσθωσις ἀμπελουργικ(ῶν) ἔργων κθ (ἔτους) Ἀπίωνος (or λι) —.

1693. 6.8 × 9.2 cm. Late third century. Beginning of a lease of a courtyard at Oxyrhynchus for 4 years, similar to 911-12, 1036, 1694. ¹ Ἐμισθωσεν Αὐρήλιος Ἀπίων Ἀπολλω- ² νίου τοῦ καὶ Ἡρακλᾶ γενομένου γυμνα- ³ σιάρχου βουλευτοῦ τῆς λαμπρᾶς καὶ λαμ- ⁴ προτάτης Ὀξυρυνχειτῶν πόλεως Αὐρηλίῳ ⁵ Ἀπολλοθέωνι Διογένους ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς ⁶ πόλεως ἐπὶ χρόνον ἔτη δ ἀπὸ α Φα- ⁷ μενῶθ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος δ (ἔτους) ἦν ἔχειν ἐν ⁸ τῇ αὐτῇ πόλει ἐπ' ἀμφόδου Παμμένους ⁹ Πα[ρ]α- δίσου αὐ[λῆ]ν ἐν ? |. The reign is not earlier than that of Valerian and Gallienus or later than that of Probus. On the verso is 1570, an order for payment.

1694. 24.4 × 7.3 cm. A. D. 280. A similar lease of a house and appurtenances at Oxyrhynchus for six years at a rent of 1,000 drachmae per annum. ¹ Ἐμισθωσεν Αὐρήλιος ² Ἡρακλᾶς Ζωίλου (ζωιλ.) μητρὸς ³ Θερμουθίου ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς ⁴ καὶ λαμπροτάτης Ὀξυρυνχειτῶν (-τῶ) ⁵ πόλεως Αὐρηλία Χαιρήμου ⁶ Ἡρακλάμμωνος τοῦ καὶ Ἀγαθοῦ ⁷ Δαίμονος ἀρχιερατεύσαιτος τῆς ⁸ Μεικρᾶς Ὀάσεως

ἐπὶ χρόνον ἔτη ⁹ ἕξ ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄντος μηνὸς Φαμε- ¹⁰ νῶθ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ε (ἔτους) τὴν ¹¹ ὑπάρχουσαν αὐτῷ ἐπ' ἀμφόδου ¹² Ἰππέων (ἵππ.) Παρεμβολῆς (π corr.) οἰκίαν ¹³ καὶ αἴθριον καὶ αἰλλὴν ἐν ἧ ¹⁴ φρ[έα]ρ καὶ τὰ ταύτης χρηστήρια ¹⁵ πάντα ἐνοικίου κατ' ἔτος ἄργυ- ¹⁶ ρίου δραχμῶν χειλίωι. ¹⁷ βεβαιουμένης δὲ τῆς μισθώ- ¹⁸ σεως χράσθω ὁ μεμισθωμέ- ¹⁹ νος τοῖς μισθουμένοις πᾶσι ²⁰ ἐπὶ τὸν χρόνον ἀκωλύτως, ²¹ καὶ ἀποδότη τὸ κατ' ἔτος ἐνοί- ²² κιον ἐν δόσεσι δυσι δι' ἕξαμή- ²³ νου τὸ ἡμισυ, καὶ ἐπὶ τέλει τοῦ ²⁴ χρόνου παραδότη τὴν οἰ- ²⁵ κίαν καθαρὰν ἀπὸ κοπρίων (-ιῶ) ²⁶ καὶ δεισῆς πάσης καὶ ἄς ἐὰν ²⁷ παραλάβῃ θύρας καὶ κλεῖδας ²⁸ ἢ ἀποτεισάτω οὐ ἐὰν μὴ (μ corr.) παρα- ²⁹ δῶ τὴν ἀξίαν τιμὴν, τῆς ³⁰ πράξε(ως) οὔσης παρά τε τοῦ μ[ε- ³¹ μισθωμένου ὡς καθήκει. ³² κυρία ἢ μίσθωσις, περὶ ἧς ἐπε- ³³ ρωτηθεὶς ὁ μεμισθωμένος ³⁴ [ὠ]μο- λόγησεν. ἔτ[ο]υς ε ³⁵ Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου ³⁶ Αὐρηλίου Πρόβου Γοθθικοῦ Μεγίστου ³⁷ Περσικοῦ Μεγίστου Γερμανικοῦ [Μεγίστου ³⁸ Ε[ὐ]σε[β]ο[ῦ]ς Εὐτυχοῦς Σ[ε]βαστοῦ ³⁹ Φαμενῶθ ια. (2nd h.) Αὐρήλιος ⁴⁰ Ἐπίμαχο[ς] ἀρχι(ε)ρατεύσαντος ⁴¹ μεμισθῶμαι τὰ προκείμενα ⁴² καὶ ἀποδώσω τὸ ἐνοικίον ⁴³ ὡς πρόκειται καὶ ἐπερω- ⁴⁴ τηθ[ῆ]ς ὠμολόγησα. The name and sex of the lessee are given differently in ll. 5-6 and 39-40; Αὐρηλία in l. 5 seems to be a mistake for Αὐρηλίω. Possibly a few more lines followed l. 44. On the titles of Probus see 1631. 34, n.

- 1695.** 25.7 × 10.4 cm. A. D. 360. Lease of part of a house at Oxyrhynchus for 1 year at the rent of 6,000 talents; cf. P. S. I. 175, 467, 1037, 1129. The lessors, 3 brothers, had recently acquired the property as the result of a division by lot with their mother. A reference to the regnal years of Constantius and Julian, which became the two customary eras of Oxyrhynchus, occurs in l. 13; cf. 1056, which is two months earlier, and 1632. 9, n. ¹ Ὑπατίας (ὑπ.) τῶν δεσποτῶν ἡμῶν ² Κωνσταντίου Αὐγούστου τὸ ε' καὶ Ἰουλιανοῦ (ἰουλ.) ³ τοῦ ἐπιφανεστάτου Καίσαρος τὸ γ' ⁴ Χοϊάκ κγ. ⁵ Αὐρηλίου Σύρφ καὶ Τεχάσι καὶ ⁶ Ἀσύγγη τοῖς τρισὶ ἐκ πατρὸς Διουνσίου ⁷ ἀπὸ τῆς λαμ(πρᾶς) καὶ λαμ(προτάτης) Ὁξυρυγχι(τῶν) πόλεως ⁸ παρὰ Αὐρηλίον Κοπρέως Σύρου ⁹ μη(τρὸς) Σαραπιάδος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως. ¹⁰ ἐκουσίως ἐπιδέχομαι μισθῶσα- ¹¹ σθαι ἐφ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἕνα ἀπὸ α ¹² τοῦ ἕξῆς μηνὸς Τῦβι τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ¹³ ἔτους λζ (ἔτ.) καὶ ς (ἔτ.) ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ πόλει ¹⁴ ἐπ' ἀμφόδου Ἀπολλωνίου (previously unknown) τοῦς ¹⁵ κλήρω- θέντας ὑφ' (ὑφ') ὑμῶν τόπους ¹⁶ τῆς οἰκίας εἰς τὸ κ λίου ¹⁷ .[.] .[.] .[.] τόπους ἀκολουθῶς τῇ ¹⁸ γενομένῃ ἐγγράφῳ (εγ' γ.) διαιρέσει ¹⁹ ἐφ' οἷς περιέχει δικ[αί]οις δι[α] τὸ μεταξὺ ²⁰ ὑμῶν καὶ τῆς μητρὸς[ς] . ι .[.] .[.] .[.] ., ²¹ καὶ τελέσω ἡμῖν ἐν[ο]ικίου ²² τῶν αὐτῶν τόπων ὑμῶν καὶ ἑτέρου μέρους αὐ- ²³ λῆς ἐκτὸς τοῦ οἴκου' τοῦ ἐνιαυσίου χρόνου ἀ[ρ]γυρίου Σεβαστῶν (-τῶ) ²⁴ νομίσματος τάλαντα ἕξακισχίλια, γ(ίν.) (τάλ.) 'ς. ²⁵ βε[β]βαιουμένης δὲ ἐμοὶ τῆς ἐπιδοχῆς ²⁶ ἐπάναγκες ἀποδώσω τὸ ἐν[ο]ικίον δι' ἕξα- ²⁷ μήνου τὸ ἡμισυ, καὶ χρήσομαι τοῖς τό- ²⁸ ποις ἐπὶ τὸν χρόνον ἀκωλύτως, μεθ' ὃν ²⁹ παραδώσω ὡς παρείληφα, γνωμένης ³⁰ σοι τῆς πράξ(εως) παρὰ [ἐμ]οῦ ὡς καθή- κ(ει). ³¹ κυρία ἢ ἐπιδοχῆ β (= δισση) γρ(αφείσα), καὶ ἐ[περ(ωτηθεὶς) ὠ]μολόγησα.

(2) Sales and Cessions.

1696. 26.7 × 11.5 cm. A. D. 197. Sale of the courtyard of a house at Oxyrhynchus for 200 drachmae, similar to 505. ¹[Σαραπάμμων 25 letters]ῶνος καὶ ὁ τούτου υἱ[ὸ]ς Δαμά[ς] ²[ὁ καὶ Σαραπάμμω]ν μη[τρὸς Ἀπο]λλωνοῦτος ἀμφότ[εροι] ἀπ' Ὁξυ- ³[ρύγχων πόλεως Κατ. .]νει Δ[.] τοῦ κ[α]ὶ Διονυσί[ο]υ μ[ητρ]ῶς Ἄρσι- ⁴[νόης ἀπὸ τ]ῆς αὐτ[ῆς πό]λεως χαί[ρε]ω. ὁμολ[ογοῦ]μεν ⁵[πεπρακέναι σοι ἀπὸ τοῦ υἱ]ῶν [εἰ]ς τ[ὸ]ν ἀεὶ χρόν[ο]ν τὴν ὑπάρχουσαν ⁶[ἡμῶν ἀμφο- τέροις ἦς] ἔχομεν ἐπ' ἀμφόδοι Χηροβοσκ[ῶ]ν οἰκίας ⁷[. αὐτὴν ἐκ βορρῶ] τῆς σῆς οἰκίας, ἣς αὐτῆς γείτονες νότου ⁸[οἰκία ? γ]ένους, βορρῶ ἢ ἡμῶν οἰκία, ἀπηλιώτου ψει- ⁹[λὸς τόπος, λιβὸς ῥύμη, καὶ τὰ]ς συνπεφωνημένας ὑπὲρ τιμῆς τῆς αὐτῆς ¹⁰[αὐτῆς ἀργυρίου Σεβα]στοῦ νομίσμ[α]τ[ο]ς δραχμὰς διακοσίας α[ὐ]τό- ¹¹[θι ἀπεσχηκέναι παρὰ] σοῦ διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους. διὸ ἀπὸ τοῦ ¹²[νῦν κρατῖν σε καὶ κυριεύ]ειν σὺν ἐγγόνιοις καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ ¹³[μεταληψομένοις] τῆς πωλουμένης σοι ὡς πρόκειται αὐτῆς, ¹⁴[καὶ χρᾶσθαι καὶ οἰ]κογομεῖν περὶ αὐτῆς ὡς ἐὰν αἰρή, ἦ[ν] περ (η corr. from α ?) καὶ ¹⁵[παρεξόμεθά σοι βε]βαίαν δι(ὰ) παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων πά[σ]η βεβαι- ¹⁶[ώσει, καὶ καθαρὰν] ἀπὸ ἀπογραφῆς ἀνδρῶν καὶ γεωργίας (α corr.) βασιλι- ¹⁷[κῆς γῆς καὶ οὐσια]κῆς κα[ὶ] παντὸς εἶδους καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς οὐτιμοσ- ¹⁸[οῦν ἄλλου. κυρία] ἢ πράσις τρι[σ]ῆ γραφεῖσα. (ἔτους) ε Α[ὐ]τοκράτο[ρος] ¹⁹[Καί- σαρος Λουκίου] Σεπτίμ[ιο]υ Σεουήρου (first ου corr. from πτ) Εὐσεβοῦς Περτίνακος ²⁰[Σεβαστοῦ Ἀραβικοῦ Ἀδιαβηνικ]οῦ Παχῶν ιδ. (2nd h.) Σαραπάμμων ²¹[. καὶ Δ]αμά[ς] (corr. from Σαραπάμμων ?) [ὁ καὶ] [Σαρ]απάμμων πεπράκαμεν τῷ Κατ. . νι ²²[τὴν προκειμένην α]ὐτῆν, καὶ ἀπέσχαμεν τ[ὰ]ς τῆς τιμῆς δραχμὰς ²³[διακοσίας, καὶ βε]βεώσομεν (l. βεβαιώ.) ὡς [π]ρόκειται. Βειθαρίων ὁ καὶ Δημητρίαν[ος] ²⁴[ἔγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτῶ]ν μὴ εἰδόντων γράμ[μα]τα.

1697. 28.2 × 27 cm. A. D. 242. Sale in duplicate of the courtyard of a house at Oxyrhynchus for 200 drachmae; cf. 1276-7, 1634, 1696, 1698-1702. ¹Αὐρήλιος Διογένης Στεφάνου ἀρχιερατεύ[ο]ς ²βουλευτῆς Ὁξυρυνχιτῶν πόλεως Αὐρηλίω ³Τιμαγένη τῷ καὶ Ἡρακλεῖδῃ τῶν ἐξ ἐφηβίας ⁴[εἰ]ρονομικῶν (cf. 1703. int.) διὰ τοῦ πατρὸς Ἡρακλεῖδ[ου] τοῦ ⁵καὶ Δημητρίου βουλευτοῦ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ⁶χαίρειν. ὁμολογῶ πεπρακέναι σοι ἀπὸ τοῦ ⁷νῦν εἰς τὸν ἀεὶ χρόνον τὴν (ν corr. from σ) ὑπάρχουσαν ⁸μοι αὐτὴν ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ πόλει ἐπ' ἀμφόδοι ⁹Κρητικοῦ συνηνω- μένην πατρικῆ μου ¹⁰οἰκία, ἣς γίτονες νότου ἐμοῦ τοῦ Αὐρηλίου ¹¹Διογένους, βορρῶ (ο corr. from α) δημοσία ῥύμη, ἀπηλιώτου ¹²Αὐρηλίας Χαιρομονίδος (l. Χαιρημ.) ἀδελφιδῆς μου, ¹³λιβὸς δημοσία ῥύμη. τὰς δὲ συνπεφωνη- ¹⁴μένας ὑπὲρ τιμῆς καὶ παραχωρητικῆ τῆς ¹⁵αὐτῆς αὐτῆς (2nd h.) ἀργυρίου Σεβαστοῦ νομί[σ]ματος ¹⁶δραχμὰς διακοσίας αὐτόθι ἀπέσχον πα- ¹⁷ρὰ (π corr. from δι) σοῦ διὰ τοῦ πατρὸς σου διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους. ¹⁸διὸ ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν κρατῖν σε καὶ κυριεύειν ¹⁹σὺν ἐγγόνιοις καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταλημ- ²⁰νομένοις τῆς προκειμένης αὐτῆς ὡς ²¹πρόκειται, καὶ χρᾶσθαι

καὶ οἰκονομῶν ²² περὶ αὐτῆς ὠ[σ] ἐὰν ἐρῆ (l. αἰρῆ), ὅπερ (l. ἦνπερ) καὶ παρέξο- ²³ μέ (l. -μαί) σοι βεβαίαν διὰ παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων ²⁴ πάσῃ βαιβεώσι (l. βεβαιώσει), καὶ καθαρὰν ἀπὸ ἀπο- ²⁵ γραφῆς (s corr. from ν) ἀνδρῶν καὶ γεωργίας βασι- ²⁶ λικῆς γῆς [κ]αὶ (αι corr.) οὐσιακῆς καὶ ἀπὸ παν- ²⁷ τὸς εἶδους καὶ ἀπὸ πά[σ]ης ὀφιλῆς ²⁸ παντοίας κ[α]ὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς οὐτινοσοῦν ²⁹ ἄλλου. κυρ[ί]α ἢ πράσις δισση γραφῖσα ³⁰ [ὑπ' ἐμοῦ Ἀ]νρηλίου Διογένους, ἦνπερ ³¹ [ὀ]πηνίκα ἐὰν ἐρῆ (l. αἰρῆ) ποιή[σομαι σοι διὰ δη- ³² μο[σί]ου μηδὲ]ν ἕτερον λ[α]μβάνων παρὰ ³³ [σ]οῦ, τῶ[ν τῆ]ς καταγραφῆς τελῶν καὶ ³⁴ [γρ]αμ[ματι]κῶν ὄντων πρὸς ἐμέ. περὶ ³⁵ δὲ [τ]οῦ [ταῦτα] ὀρθῶς καὶ καλῶς γενέ[σθαι] ³⁶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὑπὸ σοῦ ὠμολόγησα. ³⁷ (ἔτους) 5 Αὐτοκ[ράτορος Καίσα]ρος Μάρκου ³⁸ Ἀυτων[ίου Γορδιανοῦ] Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς ³⁹ Σεβ[αστοῦ Φαῶφι κς.] Ἀνρηλίος Διογένους ⁴⁰ Σ[τ]εφάν[ου πέπρακα] Ἀνρηλίω (ω corr. from ου) [Τι]μαγένη ⁴¹ τῷ καὶ Ἡ[ρακλείδῃ διὰ τοῦ] πατρ[ὸς Ἡρα]κλίδου ⁴² τὴν προ[κειμένην] ἀλλήν, καὶ ἀπέσχω]ν ⁴³ τὰς τῆς τιμῆς δραχμὰς διακοσίας ⁴⁴ πλήρη, καὶ [βεβαιώσω πάσῃ βεβαιώσει, ⁴⁵ καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὠμολόγησα ὡς πρό- ⁴⁶ κειται. Verso ⁴⁷ πρᾶ(σις) ἀλλῆς Διογένους υἱοῦ Στεφάνου ἐκ βορ(ρᾶ) οἰκίας αὐτοῦ. The restorations in ll. 30-4, 38-9, 41, 43-5 are obtained from the second copy, which is by the 2nd hand and in l. 6 has πεπρακαίνε εἰς ἀ(εὶ ἀπὸ) τοῦ νῦν, 12 Χαιρημονίδος, 16 αὐτόθει, 21 χρῆσθαι καὶ οἰκονομεῖν, 24 βεβαιώσει. By the καταγραφῆς τέλη in l. 33 are meant the customary 12 drachmae for Alexandria and the τιμῆματος τέλη: cf. 1473. 17-18, n., where the γραμματικά are also discussed. ποιή[σομαι σοι διὰ δη]μο[σί]ου in ll. 31-2 corresponds to ἀνοίσις διὰ δημ. in 1208. 24; cf. 1638. 30, n.

1698. 17 × 13.6 cm. A.D. 268? Sale of house-property and building-land at a village. A few lines are lost at the beginning, and the first halves of lines are missing throughout. The date is Thoth 13 (Sept. 10) of the 1st year of a third-century emperor whose name is lost (l. 28). Most probably he was Claudius II, who came to the throne shortly before the end of an Egyptian year, with the result that the year beginning Thoth 1 (Aug. 29), 268, was sometimes (unofficially) treated as the 16th of Gallienus and 1st of Claudius, sometimes (officially) as the 2nd of Claudius; cf. 1476. int., where the chronology of that period is discussed in detail. 1698, if our restoration of l. 28 is correct, is on the first system of dating, being parallel to P. Strassb. 6 and 10-11 (1646 is on the second system), and provides the earliest mention of Claudius in a papyrus, being 5 weeks earlier than P. Strassb. 10. 25 (Hermopolis; 1st year, Phaophi 19 = Oct. 16, 268). In the case of any other emperor than Claudius the restoration of his name in l. 28 gives rise to great difficulties. Claudius is not the only third-century emperor whose accession took place near the end of an Egyptian year; but there is evidence from coins and papyri concerning the date of the recognition in Egypt of Macrinus, Elagabalus, Severus Alexander (cf. 1522), Maximin, Gordian,

Aemilianus, Probus, and Diocletian, which is inconsistent with the attribution of Sept. 10 to the 1st year of any of these. Emperors who at their accession reigned jointly (Balbinus and Pupienus, Gallus and Volusian, Valerian and Gallienus, Macrianus and Quietus, Vaballathus and Aurelian, Carus and Carinus and Numerian) are excluded by the use of the singular. Decius is now known to have been recognized at Oxyrhynchus by Choïak 1 (Nov. 28) of his 1st year, and there is evidence for his accession before Oct. 16 (cf. 1636. 41, n.); but his name is too long for the lacuna, and on Sept. 10, 249, in Egypt the Philippi were probably still regarded as reigning. Tacitus is generally considered to have come to the throne in September, but his accession can hardly have been known at Oxyrhynchus by Sept. 10, 275, and 1455, written on Oct. 19 of that year, is still dated by Aurelian. Quintillus (1476. int.) is equally improbable, for on Oct. 20, 269 (1646. int.), the dating at Oxyrhynchus was still by Claudius. Hence in the absence of testimony concerning other emperors that more than one system of reckoning their 1st year was employed, there is a strong presumption in favour of Claudius as the emperor in 1698. After traces of 1 line² [32 letters]ου ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πρόλεψος χαί-³[ρευ. ὁμολογῶ πεπρακεῖναι σοι ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦ]ν εἰς τὸν [ἀεὶ χρόνον τῆ]ν ὑπάρ-⁴[χουσάν μοι ἐν κώμη ἐ]ν τοῖς ἀπὸ ἀπηλιώτου μέρεσι ταύ-⁵[της τῆς κώμης ? 17 l. οἰ]κίαν, ἧς γείτονες νότου δημοσί-⁶[α ρύμη, βορρᾶ, ἀπηλιώτου] Αἰνέως καὶ ἄλλων, λιβὸς ἐτέ-⁷[ρων, καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ κώμῃ ? ἐν τοῖς ἀπὸ ἀπη]λιώτου μέρεσι ψειλὸν τό-⁸[πον 21 l., οὗ γείτ]ονες νότου καὶ ἀπηλιώτου ἐτέρων⁹ [30 l.] . εἰς [κ]αὶ ἄλλων, λιβὸς δημοσία ρύ-¹⁰[μη, τὰς δὲ συμπεφωνημένας π]ρὸς ἀ[λ]λήλους ὑπὲρ τιμῆς τῆς αὐ-¹¹[τῆς οἰκίας καὶ ψειλοῦ τόπου ἀ]ρ[γ]υρίου Σεβαστοῦ νομίσματος¹² [δραχμὰς 15 l. ἀ]ντόθι ἀπέσχον παρὰ σοῦ διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους, [¹³ καὶ περὶ τούτων ? ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὧ]μολόγησα. κρατεῖν οὖν σε καὶ κυριεῖν¹⁴ [σὺν ἐκγόνουσι καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομένοις τῶν πωλουμένων¹⁵ [σοι ὑπ' ἐμοῦ ὡς πρόκειται οἰκίω]ν καὶ ψειλοῦ τόπου, καὶ ἀποφέρεσθαι¹⁶ [πάντα τὰ ἀπ' αὐτῶν περιεσόμενα ἀπ]ὸ τοῦ [ἐ]ν[ε]στῶτος ἔτους, καὶ χρᾶσθαι¹⁷ [καὶ οἰκονομεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν] ὡς ἐὰν αἰρή, ἅπερ καὶ ἐπάναγκον (-ναγκον) παρ-¹⁸ [ἔξομαί σοι βέβαια διὰ παντὸς] ἀπὸ πάντων πάσῃ βεβαιώσει, καὶ¹⁹ [καθαρὰ ἀπό τε ἀπογραφῆς ἀνδρῶ]ν καὶ γεωργίας βασιλικῆς καὶ οὐσια-²⁰ [κῆς γῆς καὶ παντὸς εἴδους καὶ ὀ]φει[λῆ]ς πάσης καὶ κατοχῆς παντοί-²¹ [ας καὶ ἀπὸ παντὸς οὐτινοσοῦν] ἄλλου, κ[α]ὶ πάντα τὸν καθ' ὄνητοῦν²² [τρόπον ἐπελενσόμενον ἢ ἐμ]ποιησόμε[ο]ν ἀφιστάνει παραχρήμα τοῖς²³ [ἰδίοις ἀηλωμάσι καθάπερ ἐκ ὀ]κίης. κυρία ἢ πρᾶσις τ[ρ]ισσῆ γραφείσα,²⁴ [ἤ]νπερ ὀπηνίκα ἐὰν αἰρή δημοσιώσ[ε]ις διὰ τοῦ καταλογείου, οὐ προσδεόμενος²⁵ [μεταληψέω μου οὐδὲ ἐτέρας εὐδοκήσ[ε]ω]ς διὰ τὸ ἐντεῦθεν ἐ[ὶ]δοκεῖν²⁶ [μὲ τῇ ἐσομένῃ δημοσιώσει. περὶ δὲ τοῦ τ]αῖτα [ὀ]ρθῶς κ[α]λῶς [γ]ενέ-²⁷ [σθαι ὑπὸ σοῦ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὧμολόγησα.] (ἔτους) α Αὐτοκράτο[ρ]ο[σ] Καίσαρο[σ] [²⁸ Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου

Κλαυδίου? Εὐσεβῶς Εὐτ]υχοῦς Σεβαστοῦ Θῶθ ιγ. ²⁹ (2nd h.) [40 l. οἰ]κιῶν καὶ τοῦ
³⁰ [ψιλῶς τόπου —. In l. 11 the word after τόπου may be ἀχανοῦς: cf. 1702. 3.

1699. 17·5 × 19·1 cm. A. D. 240–280. A similar contract, incomplete at the end, for the sale of a house and building-land at Païmis (cf. 1629. 8, n.) to Aur. Serenus son of Agathinus (cf. 1631. 1, n.) for 4,500 drachmae.

¹ Αὐρήλιοι [. κα]ὶ Σαραπίων καὶ Ὀρος καὶ Κόλλουθος [Τ].

² λου μητ[ρ]ῶς ἀπὸ κ[ώ]μης Παείμεως τοῦ Ὀξυρυγχείτου (-υ'χ.) [σ]μ[οῦ] Αὐρη-
³ λίω ³ Σερήνω τ[ῶ] καὶ Σαραπίων]ι Ἀγαθίνου καὶ ὡς χρηματίζεις χαίρειν. ὁ[μολογοῦμεν

⁴ πεπρακεῖναι [σοι ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν] εἰς τὸν ἅπαντα χρόνον τὰ ὑπάρχοντα ἢ[μῖν ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ

⁵ κώμῃ Παείμ[ει ἐν τοῖς] ἀνὰ μέσον μέρεσι τῆς κώμης οἰκίαν μονόστ[εγον καὶ ⁶ ἀθύρωτον

καὶ [. . . .] ὦτον καὶ τοὺς περὶ αὐτὴν ψειλοὺς τόπους σὺν χρηστῆ[ρ]ι(οῖς) καὶ [ἀν]ήκου-

⁷ σι καὶ συνκύρουσι πᾶσι, ὧν [γ]είτονες νότου Φουλλίου καὶ Πασαλύμιος καὶ ἄλλων,

βορρᾶ [᾽Ω]ρ[ου] ? ⁸ Πεττίριος (πετ'τ.), ἀπηλιώτου δημοσία ρύμη, λιβδὸς ἱερόν, τιμῆς τῆς

συμπεφωνημένης ⁹ πρὸς ἀλλήλους τῆς προκειμένης οἰκίας καὶ ψειλῶν τόπων καὶ

χρηστηρίων ἀργυ- ¹⁰ ρίου Σεβαστοῦ νομίσματος δραχμῶν τετρακισηλίων πεντακοσίων,

ἄσπερ αὐ- ¹¹ τόθι ἀπέ[σ]χομεν παρὰ σοῦ ἐκ πλήρους διὰ χειρός, καὶ περὶ τοῦ ἠρι-

θμῆσθαι ἡμᾶς ἐξ ὄλο- ¹² κλήρου ἐπερωτηθέντες ὑπὸ σοῦ ὠμολογήσαμεν. διὸ ἀπὸ τοῦ

νῦν κρατεῖν σε ¹³ καὶ κυριεύειν σὺν ἐκγόνοις καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομένοις τῶν

πωλου- ¹⁴ μένων σοι ὑφ' ἡμῶν ὡς πρόκειται οἰκίας καὶ ψειλῶν τόπων καὶ χρηστηρίων,

¹⁵ καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχειν χρᾶσθαι καὶ οἰκονομεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν ὡς ἐὰν αἰρή, μ[η]δεμιᾶς

¹⁶ ἡμῖν μηδ' ἄλλω μηδενὶ ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν ἐφόδου καταλειπομένης ἐπ' [αὐτὰ ἢ ἐπὶ μέ- ¹⁷ ρος

αὐτῶν κατὰ μηδένα τρόπον, ἄπερ καὶ ἐπάναγκες (-αγ'κ.) παρέξομεν [σοι βέβαια ¹⁸ διὰ

παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων πάσης βεβαιοῦσαι, καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ τε ἀπογρα[φ]ῆς ἀνδρῶν ¹⁹ καὶ

γεωργίας βασιλικῆς καὶ οὐ[σ]ιακῆς γῆς καὶ παντὸς εἶδους καὶ ἀπὸ ὀφειλῆς καὶ κα-

²⁰ τοχῆς [παντοίας δημοσ]ίας τε καὶ ἰδιωτικῆς (ἰδ.) καὶ πολιτικῆς καὶ γεουχικῆς ? (cf.

1638. 15) ²¹ καὶ ἀπὸ π[αν]τὸς οὐτινοοῦν ἄλλου, καὶ πάντα τὸν καθ' ὀνδηποτοῦν

τρόπον ἐπελευσόμε- ²² νον ἢ ἐμ[π]οισόμενον ἀφιστάνειν παραχρήμα τοῖς ἰδίοις

ἀνηλώμασι καθάπερ ἐκ δίκης. κυρία ²³ ἢ πρ[ᾶ]σις — with vestiges of 1 more line.

1700. 12·4 × 15·1 cm. Late third century, in the 1st year of an emperor (l. 20). The middle part of a contract for the sale of arable and vine-land,

a pigeon-house, and house-property at Seruphis (cf. 1285. 71) for 2 talents.

¹ κώμῃ Σερούφει . . [35 letters ² ον καὶ ὀλόκληρον περιστερεῶνα καὶ οἰκίαν καὶ

αἰλῆν σὺν χρῆ- ³ στηρίοις καὶ ἀνήκουσι πᾶσι, ὧν ὄλων γείτονες νότου Τασωτ[ᾶ] ?.]

⁴ βορρᾶ διῶρξ, ἀπηλιώτου δημοσία ρύμη, λιβδὸς ἐτέρων ψιλοὶ τό- ⁵ ποι, τὰς δὲ

συμπεφωνημένας πρὸς ἀλλήλους ὑπὲρ (ὑπ.) τιμῆς ⁶ [τ]ῶν προκειμένων πάντων ἀργυ-

ρίου Σεβαστοῦ νομίσματος ⁷ [δ]ραχμὰς μυριάδων μίαν δισχειλίας, αἶ εἰσιν ἀργυρίου

τάλαντα ⁸ [δύ]ο, αὐτόθι ἀπέ[σ]χον, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὠμολόγησα ἠριθμῆ- ⁹ [σθαι ἐμὲ]

παρὰ σοῦ διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους. κρατεῖν οὖν σε ¹⁰ καὶ κυριεύειν σὺν ἐγγόνοις (εγ'γ.)

καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομέ- ¹¹ νοις τῶν προκειμένων ὑπαρχόντων (ὑπ.) καὶ

οικοπέδων, καὶ ¹² χρᾶσθαι καὶ διοικεῖν περὶ αὐτῶν ὡς ἐὰν αἰρή, καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχειν (-εἶ)
¹³ ἑτέροις π[ω]λεῖν, ἄπερ ἐπάναγκες (-αγκ.) παρξομαί σοι βέβαια διὰ παν- ¹⁴ τὸς
ἀπὸ πάντων πάσῃ βεβαιώσει, καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ τε γεωργίας βασιλει- ¹⁵ κῆς καὶ
οὐσιακῆς γῆς καὶ παντὸς εἴδους καὶ ἀπ[ὸ] δ]φειλῆς καὶ κατο- ¹⁶ χῆς πάσης [δ]ημοσίας
τε καὶ ἰδιωτικῆς (ἰδ.), καὶ τὰ μὲν σειτικὰ καὶ ἀμπε- ¹⁷ λικὰ ἐδ[άφ]η ἀπὸ ἀπεργασίας καὶ
ὑδροφυλακίας (ὑδρ.) χωμάτων, ἔτι δὲ καὶ ¹⁸ ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν τελουμένων δημοσίων
τ[ε]λεσμάτων καὶ ἐπι- ¹⁹ κλασμών κα[ὶ] ἐπιμερισμῶν παντοίων τῶν ἕως ἐπαγομένων
κ[αὶ] αὐ- ²⁰ τῶν ἐπαγ[ο]μένων τοῦ ἐνεστώτος α (ἔτους) διὰ τὸ τὰ ἀπ[ὸ] τοῦ εἰσιύτος β
(ἔτους) τρύ- ²¹ των προ[σ]φορα εἶναι σοῦ τοῦ ὠνούμενου, πρὸς δ[ν] καὶ εἶν[αι] τὰ ἀπὸ
τοῦ αὐ- ²² τοῦ εἰσιύτος β (ἔτους) τελέσματα παντοῖα, τῶν δὲ ἐπελ[ευσόμ]ερον
²³ ἢ ἐμποη[σ]όμενον ἀποστήσειν παραχρῆμα τοῖς ἰδοῖς (ἰδ.) ἀ[ν]ηλώμασι ²⁴ καθάπ[ερ]
ἐκ δίκης. κυρία ἢ πρᾶσις τρισσῆ γραφέεσα, ἡ ὑπερ ὀπηρῖκα ²⁵ ἐὰν αἰρή δημοσιώσεις
διὰ τοῦ καταλογίου, οὐ προσδε[όμενος] μετα- ²⁶ [λήμψ]εως μ[ο]υ οὐδὲ ἐτ[έ]ρας μου εὐδο-
κήσεως διὰ τὸ ἐντεῖθεν | —.

- 1701.** 10.9 × 12.6 cm. Third century. Fragment of a sale of house-property at Oxyrhynchus which had been mortgaged (ἐπὶ ὑποθήκῃ, l. 15) to the buyer as security for two loans, of 4,000 dr. and 5,100 dr. respectively. These loans, together with accrued interest amounting to [.]64 dr. (l. 19), were apparently deducted from the purchase-price, which was not less than 18,000 dr. (l. 14). Cf. int. to 1634, which is similar, but better preserved. About half the lines 40–50 (letters) in 1701. 5 sqq. are lost, and 5 letters more in l. 4, and 18 more in l. 3; only in l. 16 can the initial lacuna be supplied with a high degree of probability. After traces of 2 lines ³ —] .[.] .[.] γειη μετὰ τὸ .ι. [.] . . [15 l. ⁴ [— ἡμισὺ μέρος οἰκίας καὶ ἀλλ[ή]ης] πρότερον Μώρου τοῦ καὶ Φόιτος τὸ λοιπὸν ἡμισυ ⁵ [μέρος —, καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς] αὐτῆς πόλεως ἀπὸ οἰκιῶν δύο συνηνωμένον ἀλλήλοισ (l. -λαις) τὴν βοριωνῆν (-νῆ) ⁶ [οἰκίαν — καὶ — μέρος τῆς] ἑτέρας οἰκίας μετὰ τοῦ[ς] διαταγέντας ἐκ τῆς ἐπάνω διαθήκης ὑπὸ τοῦ ⁷ [πατρὸς ? —] .ι τῷ ἀδελφῷ μου λοιποὺς τόπους πάμπας, νυνὶ δὲ τῆς αὐτῆς οἰκίας ⁸ [— ἐ]ποικοδομεῖν ὀπόταν αἰρή τῇ συνεστώσῃ πρώτῃ στέγῃ τῆς αὐτῆς ⁹ [οἰκίας —] εἴσασθαι τὴν πρώτῃν στέγην πρὸς τὸ ἀκινδύνως καὶ ἀσφαλῶς ¹⁰ [ἐνοικεῖν ?, ὧν γείτονες νότου —, ἀπηλιώτου ρ]ύμη, βορρᾶ [κ]αὶ λιβὸς κληρονόμων Θέωνος τοῦ καὶ Ζωίλου, ¹¹ [καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως μετὰ τὸ — δ]ίμυρο[ν] (l. δ]ίμυροι.) μέρ[ο]ς οἰκίας καὶ τῶν ταύτης χρηστηρίων καὶ ἀνηκόντων ¹² [— τὸ λοιπὸν τρίτ]ου μέρος, ἧς ὅλης γίτονες νότου Κοπρέω[ς] οἰκία καὶ μετόχων, ¹³ [βορρᾶ —, ἀπηλιώτου —, λιβὸς —]ου, τιμῆς τῆς συμπεφωνημένης πρὸς ἀλλήλους τῶν προκειμένων (-νῶ) ¹⁴ [οἰκιῶν καὶ — ἀργ]υρίου Σεβαστοῦ νομίσματος δραχμῶν μυρίων ὀκτακισχειλίων ¹⁵ [— ? αἶ εἰσι τάλαντα τρία — πρὸς ? τὰ κατα]βληθέντα σοι ὑπ' ἐμοῦ κατὰ ἀσφαλείους (l. -είας) δύο γεγυυίας (-υῖ.) ἐπὶ ὑποθήκῃ τῶν ¹⁶ [προκειμένων οἰκιῶν ?, μίαν μὲν τῷ . ἔτει τῆς εὐτυχιστάτης ταύτης βασιλείας μηρὶ Παῖτι κη κεφαλαίου ἀργυρίου δραχμᾶς τετρακισ-

¹⁷[χιλίας —, ἑτέραν δὲ τῶ. ἔτει —] κεφαλαίου] δραχμὰς πεντακισχειλίας ἑκατόν, ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτὸ τῶν δύο ¹⁸[ἀσφαλειῶν κεφαλαίου δραχμὰς —, τοὺς] δὲ συναχθέντας δραχμιαίους τόκους τῶν ἕως τοῦ διελθόντος ¹⁹[. ἔτους δραχμὰς —]τακοσίας ἐ[ξ]ή[κον]τα τ[έσ]σαρες, τὸ ἐ[π]ὶ τὸ [α]ὐτὸ κεφαλαίου καὶ τόκων ²⁰[δραχμὰς —]τα[.] . ου γαμετή | —. In l. 9 ἐφ' ᾧ ἀσφαλ]είσασθαι is not unlikely.

1702. 16.5 × 9.3 cm. A. D. 290. Sale, or both sale and cession (cf. 1208. 8), of a piece of building-land (called ἀχανής) at an unspecified place for [I?]2,800 drachmae (ll. 3–4), lacking the beginning of the contract and the second halves of lines, which can, however, be restored from e. g. 1636. After remains of 1 line ²συμπεφωνημένας πρὸς ἀλλήλο[υ]ς ὑπὲρ τιμῆς τοῦ προκειμένου ψι- ³λοῦ τόπου ἀχανοῦς ἀργυρίου Σεβαστ[ῶν νομί]σματος δραχμὰς μυρίας? ⁴δισχειλίας ὀκτακοσίας αὐτόθει [ἀπέ]σχον παρὰ σοῦ παραχρήμα διὰ ⁵χειρὸς ἐκ πλήρους. κρατῖν οὖν [σε καὶ κυριεύειν σὺν ἐκγόνοις ⁶καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομένοις τοῦ προκειμένου ψιλοῦ ⁷τόπου ἀχανοῦς, καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχει[ν] χρᾶσθαι καὶ οἰκονομεῖν ⁸περὶ αὐτοῦ ὡς ἐὰν αἰρῆ, ἐμαὶ (l. ἐμὲ) δὲ μ[ὴ] ἐπελεύσεσθαι ἐπ' αὐ- ⁹τὸ ἢ ἐπὶ μέρος αὐτοῦ μηδ' ἄλλο[υ] μηδένα ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ¹⁰κατὰ μηδένα τρόπον, ἀλλὰ ἐπ[ὶ]ἀναγκες παρέξομαι σοι ¹¹βέβαιον καὶ καθαρὸν ἀπὸ μόνου τοῦ [ἐμοῦ ὀνόματος καὶ ἀπὸ παν- ¹²τὸς τοῦ ἐξ ὀνόματός μου ἐπ[ε]λευσομένου σοι διὰ τὸ ἀρ- ¹³χεῖσθαι (l. ἀρ[κ.] σε τῇ εἰς μαι (l. με) ἀπὸ τῆ[ς] προκτητρίας (cf. 1636. 24) βεβαιώσῃ ἐπὶ τοῖς ¹⁴ἐνγεγραμμένοις πλήρης. κυρί[α] ἢ πρᾶσις — γρα- ¹⁵φῖσα, ἥρπερ (l. ἦνπ.) ὀπηνίκα ἐὰν αἰρῆ ὀ[δη]μοσιώσεις διὰ τοῦ καταλογίου, ¹⁶οὐ προσδεόμενος μεταλήμ[ψ]εως μου διὰ τὸ ἐντεῦθεν εὐ- ¹⁷δοκεῖν τῇ ἐσομένῃ δημοσιώσ[ε]ι. περὶ δὲ τοῦ ταῦτα ὀρ- ¹⁸θῶς καλῶς γίνεσθαι καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὁμολόγησα. ¹⁹ἔτους 5 (ἔτ.) Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Γαί[ου] (γαῖ) [Αὐρηλίου Οὐαλερίου ²⁰Διοκλη[τι]ανοῦ καὶ ἔτους 6 (ἔτ.) Αὐτοκρ[άτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλίου ²¹Οὐαλερί[ου] Μαξιμιανοῦ Γερμανικῶ[ν] Μεγίστου Εὐσεβῶν Εὐτυχῶν ²²Σεβαστῶν Παῦνι (παῦ.) κς. The following 4 lines containing the signature, which have been expunged, begin (2nd h.) ²³[Σα]ραπᾶμμων ὁ καὶ Φιλῆας πέπ[ρα]κα? —. On the verso is part of an account in a different hand.

1703. 8.3 × 15.5 cm. Third century. Beginning of a contract for the conveyance (καταγεγραφέναι; cf. 1636. 42–3, n.) of part of a house at Seruphis (cf. 1285. 71) to a cosmetes of Oxyrhynchus from an agoranomus, acting on behalf of his 3 sons, who were under his *manus* (cf. 1642. 5, n.) and had bought the property previously from the cosmetes. One of the sons belonged to the ἐξ ἐφηβίας ἱερονίκα; cf. B. G. U. 1093. 2, 1697. 3, 1705. 2–3, and for ἱερονίκα 1691. int. ¹Αὐρήλιος Γεμ[ύ]ρος ὁ καὶ Σιλβανὸς Δημητρίου [ἀγο]ρανόμος ²βουλευτῆς τῆς [Ἰ]σχυρ[ῶ]ν πόλεως Αὐρηλίω Ἀπίωνι ³τῶ καὶ Πολλί[ω]νι κοσμητῆ βου[λευ]τῆ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ⁴υῖω (υῖω) Πολλίωνος . ἐξ[ῆ]τος κοσμητεύσαντος τῆς αὐτῆς ⁵πόλεως χαίρειν. ὁ[μ]ο[λογῶ] καταγεγραφέναι σοι ἀπ[ὸ]

τοῦ⁶ νῦν εἰς τὸν ἀεὶ χρόνον ὃ ἐώ[νη]ντε (l. -νται) παρὰ σοῦ δι' ἐμοῦ οἷ ὑπο-⁷ χε[ι-
ρι]οί μου υἱοὶ (υἱοὶ) Αὐρήλιο[ι Δ]ημήτριος μητρὸς Ἰσιδῶ[ρας⁸ τῆς καὶ Διουνσίας τῶν
ἐξ ἐφηβίας ἱεροικῶν (ἱερ.) καὶ Ἡλι[ό]δ[ω]-⁹ρος κα[ὶ] Σιλζανὸς ἀμφοτέροι μητρὸς
'Απίας τῆς καὶ ¹⁰Ταπα[.] . . . ς Ξόρι[ο]ς, οἱ τρεῖς ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως, ¹¹ἐν κώμη
Σερύφει ἐν τοῖς ἀπὸ βορρᾶ ἐπ' ἀπηλιώτου ¹²μέρεσι τῆς κώμης τρίτον μέρος οἰκίας
διπυργιαίας ¹³κα[ὶ] τῶν συ[γκυρόντων]ν . . . [.]σε . [.] . . . [.]ε[.] . [.] . . . [.] —

- 1704.** 21 × 15 cm. A. D. 298. Conveyance (l. 24 καταγραφῆ; cf. 1636. 42-3, n.) of buildings and corn-land at Sespitha (cf. 1659. 108), with a water-wheel (l. 11), windlass, stone, &c. The price of the property, which had been inherited by the vendor from his parents, is not stated, and though it may possibly have been given in the lost beginning, is more likely to have been the subject of a distinct contract of πρᾶσις. After parts of 4 lines, ⁵[40 letters] . . . ψ[ιλ]ῶν τόπων κατελθόντων [εἰς⁶ [με ἀπὸ κληρονομίας? τῶν] προγεγρα[μ]μέν[ω]ν μοι (l. μου) πατρός τε καὶ μητρός, ὄντων ἐν κώμη Σέσφθα ⁷[τῆς Κάτω τοπαρχίας τοῦ Ὁ]ξ[υ]ρυγχε[ί]του νομοῦ ἐν διαφόροις τό[πο]ις, καὶ περὶ τὴν αὐτὴν κώμην ⁸[20 l.] τῶν αὐτῶν οἰκοπαίδων (l. οἰκοπέδ.) καὶ τῶν σι[τι]κῶν ἀρουρῶν ἐφ' οἷων εἰσὶν διαθέ-⁹ [σεων καὶ καὶ γεινῶ?] καὶ τοποθεσιῶν (cf. 1637. 21-7, n.), πάντ[ω]ν ἀ[κ]ολούθως τοῖς ἀπὸ τῶν γοναίων (l. γονέων) ¹⁰[δικαίους ἐ]πὶ τούτοις κρατίν ὕμᾶς ([[ῆ]μ.) τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἐπιβ[ά]λλοντός μου μέρους ὕσου ἐὰν ᾗ τῶν (τῶ) ¹¹[προκειμένων ο]ικοπαίδων (l. -πεδ.) [καὶ το]ῦ ἐν αὐτῆς (l. -ταῖς) μοι (l. μου) ἀ[ν]τ[ι]κλητικῶ (l. ἀ[ν]τ[ι]κλητικῶ) σὺν στροβίλῳ καὶ λίθῳ καὶ ¹²[22 l.]α καὶ σιτικῶν ἀρουρῶν σὺν ἐγγόνοις (εγ'γ.) καὶ τοῖς <παρὰ> ὑμῶν μεταλημψομένοις, ¹³[καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχειν χ]ρᾶσθαι καὶ οἰκονομῆν περὶ αὐτῶν ὡς ἀ[ν] ἐρῆ (l. αἰρήσθε) ἀνεμποδίστως, καὶ ἀποφέρεσθαι ¹⁴[πάντα τὰ ἀπ' αὐτῶν περιε]σόμενα εἰς τὸ ἴδιον (ἴδ.), τελοῦσας τὰ ὑπὲρ τῶν σιτικῶν ἀρουρῶν δημόσια ¹⁵[τελέσματα καὶ ἐπικλασμοὺς] καὶ ἐπιμερισμοὺς παντοίους, μηδεμίᾳ μοι ἢ ἄλλῳ μηδενὶ ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ἐφόδου ¹⁶[καταλειπομένης ἐπ' αὐτὰ ἢ] ἐπὶ μέρος αὐτῶν κατὰ μηδένα τρόπον, ἄπερ καὶ ἐπάναγκες παρέ[ξ]ομαι ὑμῖν (υμῖ) ¹⁷[βέβαια διὰ παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων] πάσῃ βεβαιώσει καὶ καθαρὰ ἀπὸ τε ὀφιλῆς καὶ κατοχῆς (κ corr. from χ) παντοίας καὶ [ἀπ]ὸ πα- ¹⁸[ντὸς οὐτινοσοῦν ἄλλου, κα] τὸν καθ' ὄνηποτοῦν τρόπον ἐπελευσόμενον ἢ ἐμποισόμενον τοῦ-¹⁹ [των ἀφιστάνειν κατ]ὰ κέ[ε]ξ[υ]σί[ν] σου παραχρή[μ]α ταῖς ἐαυτῶν δαπάναις καθάπερ ἦκ (l. ἐκ) δίκης. κύρια ²⁰[τὰ τῆς καταγραφῆς? γράμματα τετρασὰ γρ]αφέντα πρὸς τὸ ἐκάτερον ἡμῶν ἔχιν δισσόυ, ἡμπερ ὀπνήκα ²¹[ἐὰν αἰρῆ] δημοσιώσεις, οὐ προσδεόμενος μεταλήμψεως οὐδὲ ἐτέρας μου εὐδοκῆσεως διὰ τὸ ἐτεῦθεν εὐδοκίμ με τῇ ἐσομέ- ²²[ν]η δημοσιώσει. περὶ δὲ τοῦ ταῦτα ὀρθῶς καλῶς γ[ε]ν[ε]σθαι ὑπὸ σ[οῦ] ἐπερωτ[η]θεῖς ὡ[μ]ολόγησα. (ἔτους) ἰθ' καὶ (ἔτ.) ιγ τῶν (τῶ) ²³[κυρίων ἡμῶν Διοκλητιανοῦ καὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ Σεβαστῶν καὶ] (ἔτ.) ς τ[ῶν] κυρίων ἡμῶν Κωνσταντίου (ω corr. from αι) καὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ τῶν ἐπιφανεσ-²⁴[τάτων Καισάρων , ὑπατίας Ἀνικίου Φαύστου καὶ] Οὐ[ρ]β[ι]νίου Γάλλου (cf. 1705. 22). (2nd h.) ²⁵— ἔσ[χ]ον τῆν [κ]αταγραφῆν ²⁶[. τοῖς] προκει-
μ[έ]νοις, καὶ ²⁷[ἐπερωτηθεῖς ὡμολό]γησα.

1705. 21.3 × 16.7 cm. A. D. 298. Sale of a loom (l. 6, *ιστός ταρσικοῦφικός*, a new adjective; for *ταρσικάριοι* cf. Reil, *Gewerb.* 98) and its apparatus for 2 talents 1,000 drachmae. In **264** (54) a smaller loom with *ἀντία* and *ιστόποδες* was sold for 20 drachmae. ¹ Οὐαλέριος Πετερμουθῆς στρατιώτης δι' ἐμοῦ Ἀνρηλίου Σαραπίωνος Σαραπί- ²ωνος ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς καὶ λαμ(προτάτης) Ὀξυρυ[γ]χειτῶν πόλεως [τ]ῶν ἐξ ἔφηβίας ³ ἱερονικῶν (ἱερ.) (cf. **1703**. int.) Ἀνρηλία Εὐδαιμονίδει τῇ καὶ Ἀπολλωνία ματρῶνα στ[ο]λάτα ⁴ χαίρειν. ὁμολογῶ πεπρακένας σοι ἐντεῦθεν ὃν κἀγὼ ἐώνημαι παρὰ Ἀνρη- ⁵λίου Σαραπάμμωνος Θώνιος ἀπὸ Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως τῷ ἐνεστῶτι ἔτι μηνὶ ⁶ Μεχείρ η ἰστὸν ταρσικοῦφικὸν μήκους πηχῶν δέκα πλάτους πη- ⁷χῶν ἕξ, καὶ τὴν οὖσαν ἐν[θ]α ἀπόκειται ἐξαρτίαν πάσαν ὄση[ν] ἐὰν ἦ, ⁸ τιμῆς τῆς συμπεφωνημ[έν]ης πρὸς ἀλλή[λ]ους ἀργυρίου Σεβαστῶν ⁹ νομίσματος ταλάντων δύο καὶ δραχμῶν χιλίων, ἄπερ αὐτόθι ἀπέσχον ¹⁰ παρὰ σοῦ ἐκ πλήρους διὰ [χ]ειρός, περὶ ἧς ἀριθμήσεως ἐπερωτηθεὶς ¹¹ ὑπ[ὸ] (ὑπ.) σοῦ ὁμολόγησα, ὄνπερ ἰστὸν καὶ τὴν ἐξαρτίαν βαστάξεις ¹² ἐντεῦθεν ἔνθα ἀπόκειται καὶ μετενεγκεῖς (-εγ'κ.) ὄπου ἐὰν θέλῃς ἀκωλύτως, ¹³ καὶ κρατεῖν σε καὶ κυριεύειν σὺν ἐκγόνοις καὶ τοῖς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομέ- ¹⁴νοισ, καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχειν χρᾶσθαι καὶ ἐκμισθοῖν καὶ πωλεῖν ὡς ἐὰν αἰρῇ, ¹⁵ κα[ὶ] παρέξομαί σοι β[έ]βαιον διὰ παντὸς ἀπὸ πάντων ¹⁶ π[ά]σῃ βεβαιώσει, καὶ τὸν ἐπελενσόμενόν σοι ἀποστήσω παρα- ¹⁷χ[ρῆ]μα ταῖς ἐμαυτοῦ δαπάναις, καθάπερ ἐκ δίκης.] κυρία ἢ πρᾶσις ¹⁸ ἀπλή γραφεῖσα, καὶ ἐπερωτ[η]θεὶς ὁμολόγη[σ]α. (ἔτους) ἰδ ¹⁹ καὶ (ἔτ.) ιγ τῶ[ν] κυρίων ἡμῶν Διοκλη[τ]ιανοῦ κ[α]ὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ ²⁰ Σεβαστῶν καὶ (ἔτ.) ς τῶν κυρίων ἡμῶν Κωνσταντίου καὶ ²¹ Μαξιμιανοῦ τῶν (τ corr. from σ) ἐπιφανεστάτων Καισάρων Ἐπεὶφ ιβ, ²² ὑπατείας (ὑπ.) Ἀννικίου Φαύστου καὶ Οὐιρίου (ουῖ.) Γάλλου. (2nd h.) ²³ Οὐαλέριος Παθερμουθῆς δι' ἐμοῦ Σαραπίωνος ²⁴ πέπρακα τὸν ἰστὸν (ἰσ.) καὶ τὴν ἐξαρτίαν πάσαν, ²⁵ καὶ ἀπέσχον τὰ τῆς τιμῆς ἀργυρίου τάλαντα δύο ²⁶ καὶ δραχμὰς χιλίας πλήρη, καὶ βεβαιώσω ὡς ²⁷ πρόκειται, καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ὁμολόγησα.

1706. 12 × 11.5 cm. A. D. 207. Sale of two female slaves, drawn up at the ἀγορανομεῖον of Oxyrhynchus by ἐπιτηρηταί (as frequently happens in Herculopolite contracts; cf. **1208**. 2, n.), and similar to **1209** (251-3) and P. S. I. 182 (234). Blank spaces were sometimes left for names and ages, which have been partly supplied by a different hand. About 35 letters are lost at the ends of ll. 2-16 and about 8 more in ll. 17-20, and the conclusion is missing. Two new demes at Antinöopolis occur, Ἀρτεμισίος in the Athenian tribe and Ἰσιδῖος in the Paulinian. ¹ Ἐ[το]υ[ς] ἐκκα[ὶ]δεκά[τ]ου (cf. l. 15) Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Λουκίου Σεπτίμιου Σεουήρου Εὐσεβοῦς Περτίνακος ² Ἀραβ[ικ]οῦ Ἀδι[α]βημ[ικ]οῦ Παρθικοῦ Μεγίστου καὶ Μάρκ[ου] Ἀνρηλίου Ἀντωνίου Εὐσεβοῦς Σεβαστῶν ³ καὶ Πουβλίου Σεπτίμιου Γέτα Καίσαρος Σεβαστοῦ Δίου [— Ὡθ — ἐν Ὀξυρύγχων πόλει διὰ ⁴ ἐπιτηρητῶν ἀγορανομῶν καὶ [— ⁵ ἐπρίατο Σαραπίαν ἐπικεκλημένη Θασῆσις ἀπελε[υ]θέρα — Παν- ⁶ λινίου τοῦ καὶ Ἰσιδίου (ἰσ.)

ώ(ς) (ἐτῶν) μετὰ κυρίου [τοῦ ἑαυτῆς — Ἡρα-⁷ κλίδου· Ἀθηναίως τοῦ καὶ Ἀρτεμει-
σειου ὡς (ἐτῶν) κγ ἀσή(μου) ἤ[— Σαραποῦτος —⁸ μητρὸς Ταυσοράπιος ἀπ' Ὁξυρύγχων
πόλεως ὡς δι[ὰ — καὶ — τῆς⁹ αὐτῆς μητρὸς Ταυσοράπιος ἀπελευθέρας Θαήσιος ἀπ[ὸ
τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ὡς (ἐτ.) . . — οὐλλῆ μετώ-? ¹⁰ πω, ἑκατέρας δὲ μετὰ κυρίου Σαρα-
ποῦτος μὲν τριῶ ἀδελφοῦ? — μητρὸς ¹¹ Ταυσοράπιος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ὡς (ἐτ.) [,
[— δὲ — ¹² τος ἀπελευθέρου Ἡρακλᾶτος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλ[εως — ἐν ἀγνιᾷ τὰς
ὑπαρχού- ¹³ σας αὐταῖς ἐξ ἴσ[ο]ν (ἴσ.) δούλας δύο Ἀφροδίτην μητρὸς? — ¹⁴ των
ὁμύως (l. ὁμοίως) ἐξ ἴσον (ἴσ.) κατὰ χρηματισμὸν γεγ[ι]γνότα διὰ τοῦ ἐν Ὁξυρύγχων
πόλει ἀγορανομίου? ¹⁵ τῷ προδιεληλυθότι (v corr.) ἰδ (ἕτει) μηνὶ Καισαριῷ (αι corr.
from ε) παρὰ Α[— ¹⁶ Ἀμμωνίου ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως αρθ . . νδ[— ¹⁷ ἐνιαυτοῦ
ἐνὸς καὶ μηνῶν πέντε [— ¹⁸ καὶ (corr. by 2nd h. from ας) παρίληφεν ἡ ὄνομαμένη
παρ[ὰ τῶν ἀποδομένων — ταύτας τοιαύτας ¹⁹ ἀναπορρίφους πλὴν ἐπαφῆς ληη[— διὰ
τὸ τὴν Ἀφροδί- ²⁰ τιν ἀνακεκρίσθαι (cf. 1463. int.) ὡς διὰ τοῦ προ[τεταγμένου
χρηματισμοῦ δηλοῦται? — with vestiges of 1 more line. On the verso is
a list of contracts (1726) in a different hand.

1707. 18 × 8·8 cm. A. D. 204. Sale of a female ass for 600 drachmae; cf. P. S. I. 79 and 1708. Both parties were Alexandrian citizens, one of them from a new tribe (Εὐθηνόδιος, l. 4). ¹ {Ὁμολογεῖ} Ἀπολλώνιος Ἡφαιστίωνος ² τ[ο]ῦ Ἀμμωνίου Σωσικόσμιος ὁ κ(αὶ) Ἀλθ(αι)εύς ³ Ἀπολλωνίω Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ Σαραπίω- ⁴ νος Εὐθηνοδίου (l. -δίω) τῷ (ω corr. from ου) καὶ Ἀλθεεῖ (l. Ἀλθαιεῖ) χαίρειν. ⁵ ὁμολογῶ πεπρακεῖναι σοι ὄνον θήλειαν ⁶ πρωτοβόλως (l. -βόλον) μνόχρωμον ἀχάρα- ⁷ κτον τιμῆς τῆς συμπεφωνημέ- ⁸ νης πρὸς ἀλλήλους ἀργυρίου Σεβαστῶν ⁹ νομίματος δραχμᾶς (l. -ῶν) ἑξάκοσί- ¹⁰ ων, / (δρ.) χ, ἅς καὶ αὐτόθι ἀπέσχεον ὁ ὁ- ¹¹ μολογῶν Ἀπολλώνιος παρὰ τοῦ (τ corr.) ¹² Ἀπολλωνίου, καὶ βε(βα)ιώσει πάση βε- ¹³ βαιώσει ἀπ[ὸ] παντὸς τοῦ ἐπελευσο- ¹⁴ μένου ταύτ[η]ν τοιαύτην ἀναπόρι- ¹⁵ φ[ο]ν. ἐὰν δὲ ἐπιλάβηται τις αὐτῆς, ¹⁶ ἀποστήσει αὐτὸν ὁ Ἀπολλώνιος ταῖς ¹⁷ ἰδίαις αὐτοῦ δαπάναις. κυρία ἡ πρᾶσις. ¹⁸ ἔτους τρισκαδεκάτου Ἀυτοκρατόρων ¹⁹ Καισάρων Λουκίου Σεπτιμίου Σεουήρου ²⁰ Εὐσεβοῦς Περτίνακος Ἀραβικοῦ ²¹ Ἀδιαβηνι[κ]οῦ Παρθικοῦ Μεγίστου ²² καὶ Μάρκου [Α]ῦρηλίου Ἀντωνίνου ²³ Εὐσεβοῦς Σεβαστῶν καὶ Πουβλίου ²⁴ Σεπτιμίου Γέτα Καίσαρος Σεβαστοῦ ²⁵ Φαῶφι ε. (2nd h. in rude uncials) ²⁶ Ἀπολλώνιος ²⁷ ὁ προκείμενος ²⁸ πέπρακα ὁ (l. ὡς) πρ- ²⁹ ὀκίται.

1708. 25 × 9·1 cm. A. D. 311. Sale of a male ass by an inhabitant of Penne in the Heracleopolite nome (cf. Πεινή in P. Stud. Pal. x. 233. i. 12) for 10 talents 4,000 drachmae to an inhabitant of Oxyrhynchus. The transfer had taken place at the market of the Cynopolite nome, which is here, as in 1256. 4, called ὁ ἄνω Κυνοπολίτης to distinguish it from the Cynopolite nome in the Delta (that ἄνω refers to a toparchy, as proposed in the translation of 1256, is less likely; cf. 902. 1 ἐκδίκω τῆς ἄνω Κυνοπολιτῶν, sc. πόλεως). ¹ Ἀυρήλιος Ἀράχθης Πατήτου ² μη(τρὸς) Θερμουθίης ἀπὸ κόμης ³ Πεινῆ τοῦ

Ἡρακλεοπολείτου νομοῦ ⁴ Αὐρηλίω Θεοδώρῳ Ἄρποκρα- ⁵ τίωνος ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς Ὀξυρυγ- ⁶ χειτῶν πόλεως χαίρειν. ⁷ ὁμολογῶ πε(π)ρακέναι καὶ παραδε- ⁸ δωκέναι σοι ὑπ' (l. ἐπ') ἀγορᾶς τοῦ ἄνω ⁹ Κυνοπολείτου ὄνον ἄρρε(ε)να (or ἄρ(ρ)σena) ¹⁰ λευκόχρωμο[ν] δευτεροβόλον ¹¹ τιμῆς ἀργυρίου τάλαν]τα δέκ[α κ]αὶ ¹² δραχμὰς τετρ[ακισχι]λείας, ¹³ γ(ίνονται) (τάλ.) ι (δρ.) Δ, ἀ[ς καὶ] αὐτόθι ἀπέσχον ¹⁴ παρὰ σοῦ ἐκ [πλήρους] διὰ χειρός, ¹⁵ τῆς βεβαιώσ[α][ί][ως] (l. -σε[ως] . . .) ἄλλην [(not κ]ατ(ὰ) τὴν apparently) πᾶσαν ¹⁶ βεβαίωσιν δ[.]. ε[. . .]τι διὰ παν- ¹⁷ τὸς καὶ ἀπὸ παν[τὸς τοῦ] ἐπελευσομέ[νο]ν. ¹⁸ κυρία ἢ πρᾶσις ἀπλῆ [γ]ρ[α(φείσα), καὶ ἐπ]ερωτ[ηθ(εῖς)] ¹⁹ ὁμολόγησα. ²⁰ ὑπατίας τῶν δεσποτῶν ἡμῶν ²¹ Μαξιμιανοῦ τὸ η καὶ Μαξιμίνου ²² τὸ β Αὐγούστων Φαρμουθι η. ²³ (2nd h.) Αὐρήλιος Ἀράχθης (αχ corr. from χ; cf. 1430. 5) πέπρακα τὸν ὄνον ²⁴ καὶ ἀπέσχον τὴν τιμὴν ὡς πρόκιτε (l. -ται). ²⁵ Αὐρήλιος Σερήνος ἔγραψα [[υ]] ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ ²⁶ γράμματα μὴ εἰδ(ότος) (εἰδ() corr. from vos).

1709. 3·4 × 10·4 cm. A. D. 224. Beginning of a sale drawn up before two ἀσχο-
λούμενοι ὠνήν ἀγορανομείου; cf. 1208–9, where there was only one ἀσχολούμενος,
and 1706, where there were two ἐπιτηρηταί, and 1208. 2, n. The lower part
of the contract was cut off. ¹ Ἔτους γ Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Μάρκου Αὐρηλί[ο]υ
² Σεουήρου Ἀλεξάνδρου Εὐσεβοῦς Εὐτυχοῦς Σεβαστ[οῦ] ³ Ὑπερβερεταίου ζ μηνὸς
Καισαρίου ζ ἐν Ὀξυ- ⁴ ρύγχων πόλει ἐπὶ Αὐρηλίῳ Θεώνος καὶ τοῦ ⁵ σὺν αὐτῷ
ἀσχολουμένων ὠνήν ἀγορανομ(είου). ⁶ ἐπρίατο Αὐρήλιος Πλουτίων Ζωίλου (ζωιλ.)
μητ(ρὸς) τε- ⁷ χ[.]. ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως ὡς (ἐτῶν) ⁸ [24 l.]. φ Δημητρι|—.

(3) Loans and Deposits.

1710. 17·5 × 21·2 cm. A. D. 148. On the verso of 1622 (Thuc. ii). An
incomplete contract in a large irregular hand for the loan of 160 drachmae
from Ἀλέξ[ανδ]ρος Ἀγαθοῦτος to Κλανδία Τεχ[—, concluding ¹⁴ — κ]υρία ἢ ιδιό-
¹⁵ [γραφό]ς μο[υ] χεῖρ παντ[α]χῆ ἐπι- ¹⁶ [φερομ]ένη καὶ παντὶ [τ]ῷ ἐπιφέ- ¹⁷ [ροντι.
(ἔτους)] ια Αὐτοκράτορος Καί[σ]αρ[ο]ς ¹⁸ [τίτου Αἰ]λίου Ἀδριανοῦ Ἀτωνεῖνου
¹⁹ [Σεβασ]το[ῦ] Εὐσεβοῦς Μεχέλρ κα.

1711. 12·5 × 17·4 cm. Late third century, in the 2nd year of an emperor (l. 10).
Contract in duplicate for the loan of 2 talents 4,800 drachmae, interest
at the usual rate of 1 per cent. a month being payable only for overtime.
The lender was a friend or relative (client?) of a *ducenarius*; cf. ἴδιος in
1722. 2. ¹ Αὐρήλιος Ἀλέξανδρος Ἀλεξάνδρου μητρὸς ² Διδύμης ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς
καὶ λαμπρο- ³ τᾶτης Ὀξυρυγχειτῶν πόλεως Αὐρηλίω ⁴ Γελασίφ ἰδίφ (ἴδ.) Αὐρηλίῳ
Ἐθερίου (l. Αἰθερ.) τοῦ κρα(τίστου) ⁵ δουκηναρίου (cf. 1643. 1–3, n.) χαίρειν.
ὁμολογῶ ἐσχηκέναι ⁶ παρὰ σοῦ ἐν χρήσει ἀργυρίου Σεβαστοῦ ⁷ νομίσματος τάλαντα
δύο καὶ δρα- ⁸ χμὰς τετρακισχειλίας ὀκτακοσίας, ⁹ ἄπερ ἐπάναγκες ἀποδώσει σοι
ἕως δε- ¹⁰ κᾶτης Ἀθῦρ τοῦ ἰσιόντος (ἰσ.) γ (ἔτους) τῆς εὐτυχεσ- ¹¹ τᾶτης ταύτης

βασιλείας χωρὶς πάσης ὑπερ-¹² θέσεως καὶ εὐρησιλογείας, εἰ δὲ μή, ἐ-¹³ κτείσειν σοι τοῦ ὑπερπεσόντος χρό-¹⁴ νου τόκου δραχμιαῖον ἐκάστης¹⁵ μνᾶς τοῦ μηνὸς ἐκ[ά]στου, γεινο-¹⁶ μένης σοι τῆς πράξεω[ς] ἐκ] τε ἐμοῦ¹⁷ καὶ ἐκ τῶν ὑπαρχ[όντων μο]ι πάν-¹⁸ των. κύριον τὸ [χειρόγραφον? δι]σσὸν¹⁹ γραφὴν παντα[χού] ἐπιφερόμενον] καὶ²⁰ [παντὶ τῷ ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ἐπιφέρουσι, καὶ ἐ]πε-²¹ [ρωτηθεὶς ὑπὸ σοῦ ὁμολόγησα. Lines 19-21 are better preserved in the second copy.

1712. 9.8 × 12.5 cm. A. D. 394. Beginning of an acknowledgement of a loan from an *optio familiae*, probably of the praefect. With this new kind of *optio* cf. *optio carceris* in Dessau, *Inscr.* 2117, &c., *custodiarum* 2436, and especially *optio praet(orii)* 2439 (cf. Domaszewski, *Rangordnung*, p. 44), C. I. L. iii. 5803, 7765, viii. 2947, x. 7583, from the residences of provincial governors. The *familia praefecti* may perhaps be compared to the *familia castrensium* or *castrorum imperatoris* (Dessau 1747, 3465, 9028). As Rostowzew observes, the private household of the praefect seems to have been organized on a military basis, like his *officia*. The head of these was the *centurio princeps* (1637. 10, n.), to whom the *optio praetorii* or *familiae praetoriae* was subordinate. The praenomen Flavius of the consul Abundantius (l. 2) was previously unknown. About 20 letters seem to be lost at the ends of lines; cf. ll. 1 and 4-5. ¹ Μετὰ τὴν ὑπατείαν τοῦ δεσπότου ἡμῶν Θεοδ[ο]σίου τοῦ αἰωνίου Αὐγ[ού]στου τὸ γ ² καὶ Φλαουίου Ἀβου[ν]δαντίου τοῦ λαμπρο[τ]άτου — ³ Φλαουίῳ Δομνίῳ ὀπίονι φαμιλίας ἡ[γε]μονικῆς? — ⁴ Αὐρήλιος Φοιβάμμων Θέωνος ἀπὸ τῆς λαμπρᾶς καὶ λαμπροτά- ⁵ [τ]ῆς Ὀξυρυχειῶν πόλεως χαίρειν. ὁ[μολογῶ] ἐσχηκέναι παρὰ ⁶ [σοῦ διὰ χειρὸς?] ἐνταῦθα τῇ Ὀξυρυχειῶν πόλει — ⁷ [. . . εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν] μου καὶ ἀναγκαί[αν] χρεῖαν — ⁸ [12 l. τ]ὸ δημόσιον λόγον μ[ε] — ⁹ [13 l.] ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀδελφ[ο]ῦ —. Verso ¹⁰ γραμματίον [—.

1713. 22.6 × 14.3 cm. A. D. 279. Contract for the receipt of a deposit of 148 talents 1,280 drachmae, to be returned at the depositor's will; cf. 1714, P. Strassb. 54, Tebt. 387. The document has been crossed through, showing that the deposit was repaid. ¹ Αὐρή[λιος] Σερήνος ὁ καὶ Σαραπίων (cf. 1631. 1, n.) ² ἀπὸ τῆ[ς] λ]αμπρᾶς καὶ λαμπροτάτης Ὀξυρυγ- ³ χειῶν (-ρυγ'χ.) πόλεως Αὐρηλίῳ Ἀρποκρατίωνι ⁴ καὶ ὡς χρηματίζει χαίρειν. ⁵ ὁμολογῶ ἐσχηκέναι παρὰ σοῦ ἐν παραθέσει ⁶ ἀργυρίου Σεβαστοῦ καινοῦ νομίσματος ⁷ τέλαντα ἑκατὸν τεσσαράκοντα ὀκτώ ⁸ δραχμᾶς χειλίας διακοσίας ὄγ[ο]δοήκοντα, ⁹ γ[ίνονται] (τάλ.) ρμη (δρ.) Ἀσπ, ἄπερ σοι ἀποκαταστήσω ¹⁰ ὅπταν αἰρῆ ἀνυπερθέτως ἢ τῷ ὑπ[ὸ] σοῦ ¹¹ διαπεμφθησομένην ἢ κατὰ μέρος ¹² ἐπιστείλαντός σου καθ' ἐκάστην δόσιν γράμματα ¹³ ὁμολογίας ὧν βουλευθείης ἐξοδισθῆναι, ¹⁴ εἰς δὲ τὴν συνπλήρωσιν τοῦ προκειμένου ¹⁵ παντὸς κεφαλέου (l. -αίου) ἀναδιδόντος σου ἢ ἀποστέλ- ¹⁶ λοντός σου ἐμοὶ δι' οὐ πέμψεις ἐπὶ τὸ ὑπόλοι- ¹⁷ πον τοῦ ἀργυρίου ταῦτά μου τὰ γράμματα. ¹⁸ κύρια τὰ τῆς παραθήκης γράμματα ἀπλᾶ ¹⁹ γραφέετα ὄντα μου ἰδιόγραφα (ιδ.), καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς ²⁰ ὁμολόγησα.

Δομιτίου (-τ.) Ζηνοφίλου ³ τῶν λαμπροτάτων Φαρμουῦθι ιδ. ⁴ Φλαούιος (-ίος) Σεπτίμιος Σερήμι[ο]ς Ἀπολλώνιος διαση- ⁵ μότατος ἀπὸ ἐπιτρόπων δι' ἐμοῦ Ἐπαγάθῳ (l. -θου) ἰδίου (ιδ.) ⁶ Αὐρηλίους Πάλεξ Παράμμων[ο]ς μη(τρὸς) Θαήσιος καὶ τῆ γυναι- ⁷ κὶ Σιθῶνι Θωνίου μη(τρὸς) Σαραπιάδος ἀμφοτέρους (οι corr. from ω) ἀπὸ ⁸ τῆς λαμ(πρᾶς) καὶ λαμ(προτάτης) Ὀξυρυχιτῶν πόλεως. ⁹ ὁμολογῶ ἀπεσχηκέναι καὶ ἠριθμήσθε (l. -σθαι) παρ' ὑμῶν (ὑμ.) ¹⁰ τὰ εὐχρη[σ]τηθέντα ὑμῖν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ ἀργυρίου τάλαν- ¹¹ τα τριακόσια ἀκολούθως ᾧ ἔθεστέ (l. -σθέ) μοι περὶ αὐτ[ῶ]ν ¹² γραμματ[ί]φ,] κ[αὶ διὰ? τὸ] π[α]ρ[α]πεπτοκέναι (l. -πτωκ.) τοῦτο κ[αὶ ἀπο- ¹³ λελωκέναι (l. -λωλεκέναι) καὶ μὴ ἐ[ὕ]ρηκέναι πρὸς ἀπ[ο]κατάστασιν ¹⁴ ὑμῖν (ὑμ.) ἐντεῦθεν μηδὲν ὑμῖν περὶ τούτου ἐνκαλεῖν ¹⁵ μηδὲ ἐνκαλέσιν μηδὲ ἐπελεύσασθα[ι] κ[α]θ' ὄντιναοῦν ¹⁶ τρ[ι]ῶ[ν] πον τρόπῳ μηδενὶ παρευρ[έ]σι μη[δ]έμιᾶ (2nd μ corr.), ἄκυρόν ¹⁷ τε καὶ ἀνίσχυρον (-ῖσχ.) καὶ ἀνεπίφορον εἶναι τὸ αὐτὸ περὶ ¹⁸ αὐτῶν γενόμενον γραμμάτιον ἐμοί τε καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ¹⁹ ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ ἐπιφέρουσιν. κύρια τὰ τῆς [δ]μολογείας καὶ ἀνε- ²⁰ κλησίας (cf. 1717. 3) καὶ ἀποχῆς γράμματα ἀπλᾶ γραφέντα, καὶ ἐπερω- ²¹ τηθεῖς ὠμολ[ό]γησα. (2nd h.) ²² Φλαῦ οὐίος (second o corr. from ω) [[.]] Ἀπολλώνιος δι' (ἐ)μοῦ Ἐπα- ²³ γάθου (ου corr. from ω) ἰδίῳ (ου corr. from ων) ἔσχον τὰ τοῦ ἀργυρίου (ου corr. from ω) ²⁴ τάλαν(τα) τριακόσια[s] (ο corr. from ω) καὶ οὐδ' ἐν (ν corr.) ἐν- ²⁵ καλῶ οὐδ' ἐν' καλέσω (ω corr. from αν) κα[ὶ] ἄκυρον (ο corr. from η) ²⁶ ἵναι (ἴν., ν corr.) τὸ (ο corr. from ω) περὶ αὐ(τῶν) {εἶναι.} γρα(μμά)τι[ν]ον (ρ corr.) ²⁷ ὡς πρόκειτε (l. πρόκειται). Αὐρηλίος Παπνοῦτις ²⁸ Χωδούτος ἔγραψα (γ corr. from ρ) ὑπὲρ[[ε]] (ὑπ.) αὐτο(ῦ) γράμ(μα)- ²⁹ τα μὴ εἰ[δ]ότος. ³⁰ (3rd h.) δι' ἐμοῦ Σωτᾶ ἐγρ(άφη). καὶ ἀνεπίφ[ο]ρο]ν (cf. l. 17) is probable in 1133. 13.

1717. 7.5 × 17.7 cm. A.D. 258. Conclusion of a receipt in duplicate for wages of nursing; cf. 91 (187). Col. i has lost the first halves of the lines. Col. ii: ¹ [π]ροφάσει τῶ[ν] τροφείων [μηδενὸς οὐτινοσοῦν (restored from Col. i) ² ἀπλῶς μέχ[ρ]ι τῆς ἐνεστώσ[ε]ς ἡμέ[ρ]ας. κύρια τὰ ³ τῆς ἀποχῆς τῶν τροφείων καὶ [ἀ]νεκλησίας ⁴ γράμματα τετρασσὰ γραφέντα πρὸς τὸ ἐκάτε- ⁵ ρον μέρος ἔχειν δισσόν, ἀπερ ὀπηνίκα ἐὰν αἰ- ⁶ ρῶνται ἢ καὶ τις (is corr. from η) αὐτῶν δημοσιώσεις διὰ τοῦ κα- ⁷ ταλογείου, οὐ προσδεόμενοι τῆς τοῦ ἐτέρου μετα- ⁸ λήμψεως διὰ τὸ ἐντεῦθεν εὐδοκεῖν ἡμᾶς τῆ ⁹ γενομένη δημοσιώ[σει], καὶ ἐπερωτήσαντες ἀλ- ¹⁰ λήλους ὠμολογ[ή]σαμεν. (ἔτους) ἐ Αυτοκρατόρων ¹¹ Κα[ὶ]σάρων Πουπλίου Λικιννίου Οὐαλερια[ν]οῦ καὶ ¹² Πουπλίου Λικιννίου Οὐαλε[ρ]ιαν[οῦ] Γα[λλ]λην[οῦ] ¹³ Γερμανικῶν Μεγίστων Εὐσεβῶν Εὐτυχῶν καὶ ¹⁴ Π[ρ]ο[σ]π[α]ίου Λικιννίου Κορνηλίου Οὐαλεριανοῦ τοῦ ¹⁵ ἐπιφανεστάτου Καίσαρος Σε[β]αστῶν [Με]χ[ε]λ[ε]ν[ε]ρ (?) κ. Signatures may have followed.

1718. 26.4 × 10.5 cm. A.D. 292-304. Parts of two columns of a series of receipts for various official payments, Col. i having only a few letters from the ends of lines, while in Col. ii, as is shown by l. 14, about 28 letters are lost at the ends of lines. One receipt for 23 talents 560 $\frac{2}{3}$ denarii is fairly intelligible. Col. ii: ¹ Αὐρηλίος Ἰερακίων (ἱερ.) ὁ καὶ . [— τῆς λαμ(πρᾶς) ² καὶ

λαμ(προτάτης) Ὀξυρυγχιτῶν πόλε[ως — χαίρειν. ἀπέσχον³ καὶ ἠρίθμημαι παρὰ σοῦ εἰς τὸν —⁴ Αὐρηλίου Ζηναγένους [— λόγον?, μεθ' ἃ ἐξωδία-⁵ σάς μοι εἰς τὸν (τ corr. from λογ.) τοῦ αὐτ[οῦ] — λόγον ὑπὲρ τῆς⁶ προτέρ[α]ς ἐτήσεως (l. αἰτ.) ἀργ[υρίου] (τάλαντα) . . . (δηνάρια)⁷ ἄλλα ἀργ[υρίου]ν (τάλ.) κε [—⁸ τοῖς κυρί[οι]ς λόγον[—⁹ (τάλ.) κγ (δηνάρια) φξβ/ πλήρη]ς. κυρία ἢ ἀποχή γ (= τρισσῆ) γραφείσα, ἦν¹⁰ ἐξεδόμεν τῷ μὲν στρα(τηγῶ) [δισσῆν, σοὶ δὲ μοναχῆν? (cf. 1260. 18), καὶ ἐπερωτηθεὶς¹¹ ὠμολόγησα. [(ἔτους) . . καὶ (ἔτ.) . . τῶν κυρίων ἡμῶν¹² Διοκλητιανοῦ καὶ Μαξ[ιμιανοῦ] Σεβαστῶν καὶ (ἔτ.) . .¹³ τῶν κυρίων ἡμῶν [Κωνσταντίου καὶ Μαξιμιανοῦ] τῶν¹⁴ ἐπιφανεστάτων Κα[ιστάρων —¹⁵ Ἰερακίων (ἱερ.) καὶ ὡς χρημα(τί)ζω] [ἔσχον τὰ —¹⁶ (τάλ.) κγ (δηνάρια) φξβ/ [—¹⁷ Μεχεῖρ. Διονυσίῳ τῷ [καὶ — καὶ¹⁸ Αὐρηλίῳ Ἀγαθείῳ] —¹⁹ Αὐρηλίου Διονύσιος — τῆς λαμ(πρᾶς)²⁰ καὶ λαμ(προτάτης) Ὀξυρυγχιτῶν [πόλεως —²¹ μου χαίρειν. ἀπέσχον —. On the verso is a letter (1491).

1719. 16.6 × 11.2 cm. A.D. 204. Receipt, similar to 1646, for the money portion of rent for corn-land at Syron (cf. 1659. 38). ω is often written for ο. ¹ Ζωῖλος κ[αὶ] Ξωσία ἀμφοτέροι Ζωῖλου ² μητρὸς Αἰλίας Πριμιαρ[ε]ῖ[ς] τῆς καὶ ³ Πρεμεστίνη[ς] ἀμφ[ό]τεροι Ἀντι-⁴ νωεῖς δι' ἐμοῦ τοῦ Ζωῖλου Διδύμῳ ⁵ Θέωνος θέσι Διδύμου ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων ⁶ πόλεως χαίρειν. ἀπέσχωμεν ⁷ παρὰ σοῦ τὰς ἐπιβαλλούσας ἡμῖν ὑπὲρ ⁸ ἀργυρικοῦ φώρου[ς] ὧν γεωργίς ἡμῶν ⁹ καὶ τοῦ ὠμωπατρίου ἀδελφοῦ Διονυσάμ-¹⁰ μωνος περὶ Σύρων κώμην σιτικῶν ¹¹ [σιτικῶν] ἔδαφῶν δραχμαὶς χιλίας, ¹² μένοντος ἡμῖν τοῦ λ[σ]γ[ο]ν (ν corr.) περὶ τε τοῦ ὦ-¹³ φλωμένου (l. ὀφειλομ.) ἡμῖν πνροῦ ἐν θέματι ¹⁴ καὶ χόρτου (first ο corr.) τῶν πάντων τοῦ ἐνεστῶ-¹⁵ τος δωδεκάτου ἔτους. κυρία ἢ ἀπ[ο]-¹⁶ χῆ οὐσά μου εἰδιώγραφος τοῦ Ζωῖλου. ¹⁷ ἔτους δωδεκάτου (first δ corr.) τῶν κυρίων Αὐτοκρατόρων ¹⁸ [Σ]ευούηρου καὶ Ἀντωνίνου [[κ[αὶ] Γέτα]] Καισάρων Σεβαστῶν] ¹⁹ Παχῶν λ.

1720. 4.8 × 11.4 cm. On vellum. Fourth century. Beginning of a receipt for the payment (probably in advance; cf. 1639. int.) of the price of 110 jars of wine, which are in l. 5 called both *συκώματα* and *δι(πλᾶ)*. *συκώματα* is probably a mistake for *σηκώματα*, a word occurring as a measure in P. Cairo 10070 (= P. Oxy. xv. 1856; A.D. 577), where 3,000 *σηκώματα* ὀκτάξεστα of wine are paid. The village Βερκύ (l. 2) is new. ¹ Αὐρηλία Θεέκλα γυν(ῆ) Παπνουθίου ² ἀπὸ κώμης Βερκὺ Αὐρηλίᾳ ³ (Ἐ)λένη Παπεντῶς (l. Παποντῶτος) χαίρειν. ὁμολογῶ ⁴ ἐσχηκέναι παρὰ σοῦ τὴν τιμὴν οἴνου ⁵ συκώματα (l. σηκωμάτων) ἑκατὸν δέκα, δι(πλῶν) ρι, ⁶ τῷ κύρῳ Τού(σ?)κῳ καρπῶ ου | —.

(5) *Miscellaneous Contracts.*

1721. Fr. 1 12.8 × 9 cm. A.D. 187. Contract between Platonis also called Ophelia (cf. 1647. int.) and a woman called Heras concerning an inheritance from Hermias, the maternal grandfather of Heras and by adoption father of

Platonis' deceased husband, part of which was to be given to Platonis' two sons. The main provision of the document, which begins like 1638 with a long clause headed by ἐπεὶ, is not reached, and Fr. 2, containing the lower portion of the papyrus, is blank. Probably the contract was of the nature of a settlement of claims, like 1638. ¹ Πλατωνίς ἡ καὶ Ὀφελία Ὀρίωνος μη-
² τρὸς Διογενίδος ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως μετὰ κυ- ³ ρίου τοῦ ὁμογενισίου ἀδελφοῦ
 Πλάτωνος Ἡράτι ⁴ Ἀπίωνος μητρὸς Ἡραΐδος (-ιδ.) ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ⁵ μετὰ
 κυρί[σ]ιν τοῦ ἀνδρὸς Ἡρώδου Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ ⁶ καὶ Διδύμου ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως
 χαίρειν. ἐπεὶ ⁷ δι' ἧς ἔθετο ὁ σοῦ μὲν κατὰ μητέρα πάππος, τοῦ δὲ ⁸ μετῆλλαχότος μου
 ἀνδρὸς Θεώου τοῦ καὶ Ἑρμίου θέ- ⁹ σει πατῆρ, Ἑρμίας Ἑρμού μητρ[ὸς] Ἡρακλείας
 ἀπὸ τῆς ¹⁰ αὐτῆς πόλεως διὰ τοῦ ἐνθάδε ἀγορανομείου τῷ Φαρ- ¹¹ μουθι μηνὶ τοῦ
 ἐνεστῶτος ἔβδόμου καὶ εἰκοστοῦ ¹² ἔτους Αὐρηλίου Κομμόδου Ἀντωνίνου Καίσαρος
¹³ τοῦ κυρίου ἐπὶ σφραγείδων διαθήκης, ἐφ' ἣ ἄμε- ¹⁴ ταθέτω ἐτελεύ(τη)σειν, τῇ καὶ
 λυθίσῃ, κληρονόμους ¹⁵ ἡμᾶς ἀμφοτέρας καταλείψα[ς] τῶν μεθ' ἃς ποσας (ο corr.
 from η or ι?) ¹⁶ διέταξεν, ἠθέλησεν οὖν ἡμᾶς τοῖς ἀφήλιξι ἐμ[οῦ] ¹⁷ τε καὶ τοῦ
 προτεταγμένου μετῆλλαχότος μου ¹⁸ ἀνδρὸς υἱοῖς, τῷ μὲν μείξ[ο]νι αὐτῶν Πανσ[ίρει
¹⁹ τῷ καὶ Ἑρμ [ἐ]ξαίρετον ε . [.] ρι . [. .] . . . [.] with remains of 2 more
 lines. On the verso in a different hand are the ends of 6 lines.

1722. 8.4 × 11.3 cm. Late third or early fourth century. Fragment from the beginning of an agreement with a *princeps* of a praefect (cf. 1637. 10, n.), one of the parties being from Eleutherapolis in Syria (i. e. Eleutherapolis near Jerusalem). The precise extent of the lacunae at the beginnings and ends of lines is not clear, but probably very little is lost at the ends. ¹ — πρί]νκιπι τοῦ διασημοτάτου ἡγουμένου Αἰγύπ[του] ² [διὰ —] Μαργαρίου ἰδίου (ιδ.) ³ —]ρίου ἀπὸ Συρίας Ἐλευθεράπολεως καὶ Ζώσιμο[ς] . . . ⁴ — καὶ Ἀλέξα]νδρος Διουνσίου Ἀλεξανδρέως (ν corr. from ω) καὶ Αἰωνᾶς (αῖω.) [. . . ⁵ — καταμέ]νοντες ἐν τῇ λαμ(πρᾶ) καὶ λαμ(προτάτη) Ὀξυρυγχιτῶν (-ρυγ'χ.) πόλει [⁶ —] ὁμολογοῦμεν διὰ τ[αύτης] ⁷ —]. τ. [—.

1723. 6.4 × 6.5 cm. B. C. 114–108. Fragment from the beginning of a contract written in the reign of Cleopatra III and Ptolemy Soter II, apparently mentioning the name of the priest of Alexander, a rare phenomenon in the later Ptolemaic period. ¹ Βασιλευόντων Κλεοπάτρας θεᾶς [Ἐνεργέτιδος καὶ Πτο-
² [λ]εμαίου θεῶν Φιλομητόρων Σωτ[ή]ρων ἔτους — ἐφ' ἱερέως? — ³ [. . .] ροάδου τὰ δ' ἄλλα τῶν [κοινῶν ὡς ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ ⁴ [γράφ]εται μηνὸς Ὑπερβερε[ταίου καὶ Μεσορῆ] ⁵ [. . .] . η καὶ ἰκάς Ἐπιβι γ' ἐν Ὀξυρύγχων πόλει τῆς ⁶ [Θη]βαίδος. ὁμολογεῖ Η[— ⁷ [. .] ετα μετὰ κυρίου Δ[— ⁸ [Μακ]εδόνος τῆς η [ἰππαρχίας? —.

(6) *Abstracts of Contracts.*

1724. 18.1 × 35.2 cm. Early third century. Two columns, the first much damaged and both incomplete at the bottom, of a list of abstracts of contracts, similar to 1648-9; cf. 1648. int. The date is after the death of Commodus (l. 6), probably in the reign of Severus. Col. i: παρα-]¹ χωρήσαι σοι τὰ καὶ αὐτῇ εἰς τὴν ἐρεστώσα[ν] ἡμέραν ²[ὑ]πάρχοντα, ὧν ἔστιν τὸ καθ' ἑν ³[ἐν μ]ὲν τῇ μητροπόλει ἐπ' ἀμφόδου Ἡρόφου ο[ἰ]κίας β ⁴[σὺ]ν χρηστηρίοις. ⁵[διὰ χρηματισμοῦ γενομένου διὰ τοῦ ἐν Ἑρμοῦ πόλ(ει) τῇ μεγάλῃ ⁶[γραφεί]ου τῷ κε (ἔτει) θεοῦ Κομμόδου Μ[εσο]ρῆ πρότερον Διουνσίου Κάστορος ⁷[περὶ τ]ὴν π[ρο]-κειμένην Χύσιον κωμογρα(μματείας) Πα[σ]κῶ ⁸[ἐκ τοῦ] Ἑρμοφίλου κλήρου [γ]ῆς (ἀπὸ) (ἀρουρῶν) γ (ἀρούρας) ? Δ, ⁹[καὶ ἐ]κ τοῦ Διουνσίου κλήρου [ἐν τ]ῷ νοτιω[φ] κ[αὶ] ἐ[ν] ἀπηλι- ¹⁰[ω]τικῷ μορίῳ (ἀρούρας) β, ¹¹[καὶ] ἐκ [τοῦ] ἀ[υ]τοῦ κλήρου ἀπὸ (ἀρου.) [.] (ἀρού.) Δ, ¹²γ(ίνονται) ἐπ(ὶ τὸ αὐτὸ) σι(τικαὶ) (ἀρου.) [γ, ¹³[περὶ] Ἰ[βι]ῶνα (ἴβ.) Χύσιος ἐκ τοῦ Ἑρμοφ[ί]λου ¹⁴[κλήρου] ἀμπέλου (ἀρού.) δ' α. — with parts of 4 more lines. Col. ii: ὑπαρ-] ¹⁵χούσης αὐτῷ ἐν κώμῃ Σεπέπτα ἐν τοῖς ἀπὸ ἀπηλιώτου ²⁰μέρεσι τῆς κώμης οἰκίας καὶ ἀλλῆς καὶ χρηστη(ρίων). ²¹καὶ ὑπὸ (ὑπ.) τοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἀρίστωνος καθ' ἕτερον αὐτοῦ χειρόγρα(φον) ²²δισσὸν ἀργ(υρίου) (δρ.) Γ καὶ ἴσαι (ἴσ.) τόκου. ²³καὶ ὑπὸ (ὑπ.) Ἀρμύσιος Ἀρμύσιος μητρὸς Ἡράτος ἀπὸ τῆς α(ὐτῆς) πόλ(εως) ²⁴ὁμοί(ως) κατὰ χειρόγρα(φον) αὐτοῦ δισσὸν ἀργ(υρ.) (δρ.) Ἀχ κεφαλαίου ²⁵καὶ ἴσαι (ἴσ.) τόκου. ²⁶καὶ ὑπὸ (ὑπ.) Σαραπίωνος Ἡρακλείδου τοῦ Ἀσκληπιάδου μητρὸς ²⁷Θ[ε]ρμουθίου ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως ὁμοί(ως) κατὰ χειρόγρα(φον) αὐτοῦ ²⁸παραθήκης β (= δισσὸν) ἀργ(υρ.) (δρ.) Δυ. ²⁹καὶ ὑ[πὸ] (ὑ.) Πτολεμαίου τοῦ καὶ Ἀντιόχου υἱοῦ (ὑίου) Πτολεμαίου Δείου ³⁰γυ[μ]νασιάρχ(ησαντος) τῆς α(ὐτῆς) πόλ(εως) καὶ εὐθηνιαρχ(ησαντος) τῆς λαμπροτάτης πόλ(εως) τῶν ³¹Ἀλ[ε]ξανδρῶν τὸ κατασταθ[ἐν] μ[έ]ρος τοῦ παρατεθέντος ³²τ[. . . .] γάλλου Πτολεμαίω [τῷ] Ἀγαθοῦ κατὰ [χε]ιρόγ[ρ]α(φον) ³³[αὐτοῦ] παραθήκης β (= δισσὸν) ἀργ(υρ.) (τάλαντον) α, τὸ καὶ δημοσι(ωθὲν) καὶ μεταδοθὲν τοῖς ε. . . ³⁴[. . . . Δ]ιογένει [ε] τῷ καὶ Θ[ε]ών[ι] καὶ Δε[ί]ω τῷ [καὶ] Διογένει with remains of 2 more lines. Πα[σ]κῶ (l. 7) was a district in the north of the Hermopolite nome, but Chusis was in the Oxyrhynchite nome; cf. 1659. int. and 1637. 27, n.

1725. 15 × 42.7 cm. After A. D. 229. On the verso of an account (1727). The middle part of three columns of a similar list of abstracts of contracts covering the period from Antoninus Pius to Severus Alexander; cf. 1648. int. Col. i: after remains of 2 lines, ³[. . .]ματος αὐτῆς [17 l.]. καὶ ἡ παρέθ[ε]το ⁴διακατοχῇ ἀπὸ τῶν διὰ τοῦ χρ[η]ματισμοῦ ὑπαρχόντ(ων) ⁵τὰς π(ερὶ) Παεῖμιν (ἀρούρας) ἰβ[ε]λ[ι]ξ' ὡς ἡ ἀπογρα(φή) περιέχ(ει). ⁶τῷ ἐξ(ῆς) κς (ἔτει) θεοῦ Κομμ(ό)δου Φαμειῶθ ς διὰ γρα(φείου) μητροπ(ύλεως) ⁷(in the margin αὐτ() εξ() ἡγορά[α] (σθη) παρὰ Ἀμμωνίου τοῦ κ(αὶ) Σαραπίωνος Σαραπίωνος) ⁸τοῦ Σαραπίωνος) μητρὸς)

Κρονοῦτ(ος) τῆς κ(αί) Σαραποῦτος ἐπ' ἀμφ(όδου) ⁹ Μυροβαλάνου οἰκ(ία) καὶ χρη(στή-
ρια), ὡς τὸ κατὰ γ'ότου ἐξῆς δη(λοῖ). ¹⁰ λ (ἔτει) μηνὶ Καισαρείῳ θ διὰ γ[ραφ(είου)
μη]τροπόλεως παρεχωρήθη(σαν) παρὰ ¹¹ Δημητρίας Ἀπολλωνίου τοῦ Παπουτῶτος
π(ερί) Πέλα ¹² ἀπ[ὸ] (ἀρουρῶν) ιε (ἀρουραι) ζζ μ[ετὰ τὰ]ς παρ[α]χωρητίσας (I. -ηθείσας)
ἐτέροις ¹³ (ἀρούρας) γ τὰ λ[ο]ι(πά). ¹⁴ [. (ἔτει) Ἀρρηλίῳ? καὶ Οὐή[ρου]? Καισαρείου
ἐπαγομ]έγων α Σα[ρ]απου- [—. Col. ii: after remains of 2 lines, ¹⁷ καὶ κατὰ γ'ότου
τοῦ ὄλου ἀνόματος ἢ ἀ(ὐτῆ) διέστρωται (cf. 237. viii. 26, n.). ¹⁸ ἐν τῷ ἐξῆς τόμῳ
ἐπιπροσγινομένη (ιν corr.) ¹⁹ ι (ἔτει) θεοῦ Αἰλίου Ἀντωνίου Θῶθ κ < > ²⁰ τοῦ
Ἀρθώνιος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως μεθ' ὑπομνή(ματος) ²¹ παρέθ(ετο) διαθήκ(η)
(cf. 1649. 6) ἀνίκουσαν καὶ τῆ Τετεύρι (-εῦρι). ²² β (ἔτει) Σεουήρου Ἀθῦρ λ
[. . .]. [. . .] () [μη]τ(ρός) Τυσοράπιος and parts of 4 more lines. Col. iii,
which is still less complete, mentions the 19th and 27th years (i. e. of Com-
modus) and η (ἔτει) Ἀλεξάνδρου Παῦνι (παῦ.) λ.

(7) *Private Accounts.*

1726. 12 × 11.5 cm. Early third century. On the verso of 1706 (a sale drawn up at the ἀγοραγομῆιον of Oxyrhynchus in 207). A list of contracts drawn up on various days in Hathur, having at the end of each entry a sum and after this generally (but not in ll. 5-7) η with a stroke (omitted in l. 11) against it. The sums seem too large to be charges for drawing up the contract in question, being 84 drachmae in the case of a loan of 2,000 dr. (l. 7) and 16 dr. in that of a loan of 300 dr. (l. 10), and what η' means is obscure: $\frac{1}{8}$ is unlikely, and if it means 8 dr. (cf. the 16 dr. in ll. 5-6) as a charge for drawing up the contract, the sums preceding it (which are generally multiples of 8) are not accounted for. ¹ [Ἀ]θῦρ. ² . . παραχω(ρήσεως) Ἰρακλείδ[ο]υ ³ γιμ(νασιάρχου) Ὀάσεως (δραχμαὶ) ξδ η'. ⁴ κα, [σ]ωμα(τισμοῦ) Διοιν-
σίου τοῦ κ(αί) ⁵ Ἰρακλείδου διὰ λινοῦφω(ν) (δρ.) ις'. ⁶ κβ, σωμα(τισμοῦ) Θέωνο(ς) Ἰερακίω(νος) (ιερ.) (δρ.) ις. ⁷ [κ]γ, δανε(ίου) (δραχμῶν) Β Ἀρρηλ(ίου) Θέωνο(ς) (δρ.) πδ. ⁸ διαθ(ήκης) Πενήσιος Πλουτίω(νος) ⁹ Σενοπώθ(εως) (Σεναπόθεως is a village; cf. 1285. 103) δι(ὰ) Ἀμμω(ρίου) Σουδᾶ(τος?) (δρ.) ις η'. ¹⁰ [δα]γ(είου) (δρ.) τ Ἀρρηλ(ίου) Σαραπ(ίωνος) ¹¹ [δι(ὰ) (or [τοῦ κ(αί)]) Χ]αυρή(μονος) Χύσε(ως) (cf. 1637. 20, n.) (δρ.) ις η. ¹² κθ, [. . .] Φίλωνο(ς) δι(ὰ) Μελά ¹³ [. . .]. () Κολόβ(ης) (a village in the Hermopolite nome; cf. P. Stud. Pal. x. 25 b. 11) (δρ.) μ η'. Traces of 2 more lines. The meaning of σωμα(τισμός) in this context is not clear; cf. Preisigke, *Fachwörter*, s. v.

1727. Fr. 1 18.2 × 34 cm. Late second or early third century. Fragment containing the middle parts of 4 columns of a list of receipts (?) from various persons for drugs, pitch, sauce, purple, papyrus, cedar oil, boxes, a pole, &c., apparently a shopkeeper's account. The writing is of a very cursive

character. Col. ii: ¹ Οὐβιανὸς[ὸ] πίσ[σης] ., ² Εὐδαίμωνος σω . ικ() (δραχμή) α, ³ [Β]ασιλέως γάρου (τριώβολον), ⁴ [Π]αυσανίου πορφύρας (δρ.) δ (πεντώβ.), ⁵ Νικάνορος σω . ικ() (τετρώβ.), ⁶ Ἀλ[εξάνδρου] πλ . . () (δυόβ.), ⁷ [.] . φαρμάκ(ου) (δρ.) β (ὀβ.), ⁸ [.] . ψωκ(τοῦ?) [. . .], ⁹ [.] . τελ() [. . .], ¹⁰ [.] . γάρου [. . .], ¹¹ [.] . κιβωτ(οῦ) [. . .]. Col. iii: after parts of 2 lines, ¹⁴ Θεοδώρου [. . .] . [. . .] (δρ.) α, ¹⁵ Μάρου σφαιρίου (δρ.) α (τριώβ.), ¹⁶ Σαραπάμμωνος κελλαρίου (πεντώβ.), ¹⁷ Ἰέρακος κελλαρίου (τριώβ.), ¹⁸ Πτολεμαίου σω . ικ() (ὀβ.), ¹⁹ Ἡρακλᾶ καινῆς (δρ.) α (ὀβ.), ²⁰ Σαραπάμμωνος χαρτῶν (δρ.) ε (πεντώβ.), with parts of 5 more lines. Col. iv: after remains of 2 lines, ²⁸ Ἀνθест[ί]ας πίσσης [. . .], ²⁹ Ἀλεξάνδρου κουτ(οῦ) [. . .], ³⁰ Ὠρίωνος κεδρίας [. . .], ³¹ Ἀμμωνίου κεδρίας [. . .], ³² Διοσκόρου φαρμάκ(ου) [. . .], ³³ Ἡρακλείδου πορφύρας [. . .], with remains of 5 more lines. In σω . ικ(), which occurs in ll. 2, 5, and 18 the doubtful ι may be η, but σμηκ() is unsuitable. For ψωκ(τοῦ?) in l. 8 cf. Hesychius ψωκτόν· τράπεζαν. καινῆς in l. 19 is obscure. On the verso is 1725, written after A. D. 229.

1728. 13.2 × 11.8 cm. Third century. On the recto is the upper part of an account of receipts and expenditure. On the verso is part of a similar account in the same hand. ¹ Λήμμα τ(ος)· ² ἀλλαξίμων [(δραχμαλ) χκη, ³ ἀρ(ρ)αβώνων [(δρ.) ψδ, ⁴ ἄλλαι ἐν Ἡρακλέους [(δρ.) ρ, ⁵ α' (= πρώτου) λόγου Χαρίτωνος [(δρ.) πε, ⁶ τιμῆ ταπητίου (δρ.) σκ (κ corr. from μ), ⁷ γ(ίν.) (δρ.) Ἀψλζ. ⁸ ∠ (= ὦν) θεμάτων (θ corr.?) (δρ.) πδ, ⁹ δαπάνης (δρ.) η, ¹⁰ Βόκκου (δρ.) ν, ¹¹ δ[—]. Verso ¹² λόγ[ο]ς Σωπάτρου· ¹³ γενή[μ]ατος (τάλ.) β (δρ.)· ¹⁴ Γ· ¹⁵ Β· ¹⁶ ∠ ἐχι ἐ[ν] αὐτῷ (δρ.)· ¹⁷ Β· ¹⁸ καὶ ὁμοίως ἄλλας (δρ.) φ, ¹⁹ καὶ [τ]ι(μῆς) οἴνου παλαιοῦ (δρ.) ρ, ²⁰ καὶ ἰς λόγον δαπά(νης) (δρ.) ργ, ²¹ γ(ίν.) (δρ.)· ²² Γ· ²³ ∠ λήμματος[. . .]ων (δρ.?) ω, ²⁴ ρ . [.] β (δρ.?) . [.] γ | —. For ἀλλαξίμων in l. 2 cf. the citation in Crönert's *Passow* from the *Corpus Gl. Lat.* ἀλλάξιμα (sc. ἱμάτια) *mutatoria*. Βόκκου or Βοκκα() in l. 10 seems to be a proper name.

1729. 13.3 × 10.2 cm. Fourth century. The recto contains an account of various disbursements, which are sometimes entered merely as 'expenses', sometimes more precisely described. ¹ Ἀρχὴ λόγου· ² Χοίακ κβ δέδωκα ³ χρυσοῦ νόμισμα ἐν πα(ρὰ) τέταρτον. ⁴ ἀναλώμ(ατος) μυ(ριάδας) διακοσίας μόν(ας), ⁵ ὀρνιθίων μυ(ρ.) πεντακοσ[ί]α(ς) δεκάπεντε μόν(ας), ⁶ ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) διακοσία(ς) εἴκοσι πέντε μόν(ας), ⁷ καταλέπτου μυ(ρ.) διακοσία(ς) εἴκοσι μόν(ας), ⁸ σαβαρίου κ(αὶ) ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) ὀκτακοσία(ς) εἴκοσι μόν(ας), ⁹ ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) διακοσία(ς) πέντε μόν(ας), ¹⁰ ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) τετρακοσία(ς) μόν(ας) η ἔρμυ(), ¹¹ ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) τεκακοσία(ς) (l. τετρακ.) ἐνενηκοντα, ¹² διαρίου (= *diarii*) μυ(ρ.) ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι μόν(ας), ¹³ ἀναλώματος μυ(ρ.) ἑκατὸν μόν(ας), ¹⁴ κατάλεπτα (l. -ων?) καὶ ἀναλώματος διακοσίας τεσσαράκοντα. For l. 7 σαβαρίου ('napkin') cf. P. Gen. 80. 4, and 921. 11 σαβανοφακίριον. κατάλεπτον (ll. 6 and 13) seems

to be new, and the meaning is uncertain (? = a fine fabric; cf. l. 7 *σαβάνιον*); η *έρμυ*() in l. 9 is also obscure. On the verso is another short account in 10 lines, which have been crossed out, and a second column of figures, the upper part of which has been similarly crossed through.

1730. 14·8 × 12 cm. Fourth century. A short account of expenses. ¹ Λόγος ἀναλώματος, οὕτως· ² κρέως λίτρας {λί(τρ.)} κ, ³ σουμοβαλλον ἔν, ⁴ ὀνηλάταις προ[τ]ο-δημότ(ου) (δ corr. from τ) μ(υριάδας ?) ω, ⁵ τῷ νομικῷ μυρ(ιάδας) χ, ⁶ ὀπώρας (l. ὀπ.) μυρ(ι.) σ (corr. from τ τ?), ⁷ ἰσικίων (ἰσ.) ('mincemeat') μυρ(ι.) τ. σουμοβαλλον is difficult; to suppose that this is a misspelling of σουβρικοπάλλιον would be too far-fetched, even if that word were likely in the present context. With προ[τ]οδημότ(ου), which appears not to have occurred previously, cf. πρωτοκωμήτης (e. g. 133. 12), and δημόται (P. Brit. Mus. 1678. 7, n.).

1731. 18·6 × 6·6 cm. Third century. On the verso of 1538. A baker's account of receipts and expenditure for two days; cf. 1655. ¹ Ὀννώφ(ριος) κα ἰς (ἰς) κβ. ² ἦσαν προβ(ληθείσαι ?) (ἀρτάβαι) ε καὶ ³ ἠνέχ(θησαν) (ἀρτ.) κβ, / (ἀρτ.) κζ, ἐξ ⁴ ὦν ἦρτοπ(οιήθησαν) (ἀρτ. ?) κβ, λο(ιπαί) ⁵ προβ(ληθείσαι) (ἀρτ.) ε. ἐγένετ(ο) ⁶ κοπ(ῆς) (ἀρταβῶν) δ (δραχμαὶ) λβ, ⁷ καὶ ἐπράθ(η) λεπ(τὰ ?) (δραχμῶν) β, ⁸ κολλούρ(ια) καὶ σ() (δρ.) δ, ⁹ Μινίφ(ει ?) ἄρτ(ων) (δρ.) β, ¹⁰ ἀφαιρέμ(ατος) (δρ.) κ, ¹¹ γ(ίνονται) λημ(άτων) (δρ.) ξ. ¹² ∟ ἀνηλ(ωμάτων) τειμ(ῆς) χόρτ(ου) (δρ.) η, ¹³ θρύων ὀμ(οίως) (δρ.) η, ¹⁴ ἀχύρου (δρ.) α (πεντώβολον), ¹⁵ ἐλαίου (δρ.) α (ὀβολ.), ¹⁶ ἄλδς εἰς ἀρτυμ(ατο)ποι(ίαν) (δρ.) α (ὀβολ.), ¹⁷ ἐνοικίου (πεντώβ.), σκε(υῶν) ὀμ(οίως) (ὀβολ.), / (?) ὀβ(ολοὶ) ς, ¹⁸ φορέτρον (ἀρταβῶν) κβ (δρ.) ς, ¹⁹ παρεργείτ(αις ?) (δρ.) . [. . . , ²⁰ ὑπ(έρ) μισθ(ῶν) τῶν προκει- ²¹ μένων . . . , ²² ἐρίου α (ὀβολ.), ²³ γ(ίνονται) ἀνηλ(ωμάτων) (δρ. ?) ρλβ ὀβ(ολ.) ς. ²⁴ ἀνθ' (ῶν) ἐπ(άνω ?) λημ(άτων) (δρ.) ξ, ²⁵ ὑπ(ο)λεξιπ(ονται) (δρ.) οβ ὀβ(ολοὶ) ς. For προβ(ληθείσαι ?) in ll. 2 and 5 cf. e. g. P. RyI. 200. 1-5 προσβ(έβληκεν) . . . (πυροῦ) κτλ., 217. 1 προσβ(ληθείσαι), sc. δραχμαί: but that προ(σ)β(ληθείσαι) should be read is unlikely, for there is no indication of abbreviation before the β. σ() in l. 8 is perhaps σ(ελίγνια) or σ(εμιδάλεις); cf. 1655. παρεργείτ(αις) in l. 19 is an unknown form; probably παρεργάτ(αις) was meant.

1732. 10·2 × 7·7 cm. Late second century. On the recto of 1441 (A. D. 197-200). Fragment, incomplete on all four sides, of an account of payments to workmen in (apparently) a vineyard; cf. 1733, P. Fay. 102, Brit. Mus. 131 recto (i. p. 166). At the beginnings of lines probably nothing more than the day of the month is lost. ¹ — ἐργ[άτ(αι) ε] ὀμ(οίως) — ² — ν[αυθίω]ν [— ³ — ὑπ(έρ) μισθοῦ [.]μερι . . ω . [— ⁴ —]α (figure) ὄνοι β ἐργάται ε αἶρο(ντες) χ[ο(ῦν) εἰς — ⁵ —] ἐργάται γ σκάπτο(ντες) ἐν τῷ [— ⁶ —] ἄλλοι ἐργάται β ἐκ(ὸς) τοῦ κτ[ήματος ? — ⁷ (figure)] ἐργάται η κατατιθο(ῦντες) τ[— ⁸ Φα]ῶφι ιγ ἐργάτ(αι) β αἶρο(ντες) χο(ῦν) εἰς . [— ⁹ —]τωλεως (? Τώλεως, an Aphrodito-

polite village; cf. 1746. 8) [.] ὑπὲρ μισθ(οῦ) ακ[—¹⁰—] Πλουτίωνι ἀμπελ(ουργῶ)
[—¹¹—] τῶ α(ὐτῶ) ὑπὲρ σπονδῆς [—¹²— ὑπὲρ] μισθοῦ ἐργατ(ῶν) β ἀντλο(ύντων)
[—, with traces of 1 more line.

- 1733.** 12.9 × 7.5 cm. Late third century. Conclusion of an account of expenditure on workmen, barley, sacks, &c., in connexion with an estate; cf. 1732. ¹ τ[ι(μῆ)] κρι(θῆς) (ἀρταβῶν) β ὡς τῆς α (δραχμῶν) ρξ, γ(ίνονται) (δρ.) τκ, ² τι(μῆ) σάκκων σιππίων (cf. 1130. 12, 1430. 14, nn.) (δρ.) σ, ³ Φιλοξένω εἰς δαπάνης (1.-ην, and so in ll. 10–11) (δρ.) φ, ⁴ εἰς καθήλιω (δρ.) κ, ⁵ ἐργάται β εἰς ἐκτίνα-
⁶ κτρα (δρ.) υ, ⁷ τῶ ὄνω κριθῆς (ἀρτ.) α (δρ.) ρξ, ⁸ τοῖς ἐργάταις οἶνον ⁹ κεράμιον α (δρ.) ρξ, ¹⁰ Τηπόλω εἰς δαπάνης (δρ.) ρπ, ¹¹ εἰ[ς] δαπάνης (δρ.) ρ, ¹² τι(μῆ) ἀλ(λων) κριθῆς (ἀρτ.) δ ¹³ ὡς τῆς α (δρ.) ρμ, γ(ίν.) (δρ.) φξ, ¹⁴ ὑπ(ερ) κεδρίας (δρ.) σ. ¹⁵ γ(ίν.) ἐπ(ὶ τὸ αὐτὸ) (δρ.) Ἐτξς.

- 1734.** Fr. 1 16.1 × 17 cm. Late second or third century. Two fragments, each containing parts of two columns, of an account of provender for horses and cattle. Fr. 1, Col. i: ¹ βοῶν τ[.] καὶ π[ῶ]λοι?, ² καὶ ἐπὶ Δαμαρίωνος δαμάλ(αι) ζ[.], ³ ἐπὶ τὸ α(ὐτὸ) ἀριθ(μῶ) σύνπαντι ζε(ύγη) ιδ, ⁴ οὐ καὶ ἐσ[θ]ίουσι χορτοπάτητον μικτὸν ⁵ ἀχύρω ἐπὶ τῆς ἄλω. ⁶ καὶ ἔστιν ἐν ἐ(γ)κλεισμῶ, ὦν λόγος ἐπάνω ⁷ ἐν ἀργυρικῶ λόγῳ δεδήλ(ωται), μοῦια (cf. 146. 3, P. Hibeh 50. 8, n.) Ἦ, ⁸ [.] ιακοὶ σὺν τῶ ἀγορασθ(έντι) (-γορ- over an expunction) ὡς πρό-
κ(εῖται) ⁹ ἀριθ(μῶ) ς, πῶλ(ος) α, ¹⁰ [οὐ καὶ] ἐσθίουσι ἀπὸ τῆς ἄλω. ¹¹ [ὄνος? θή] λξια καὶ πῶλος αὐτῆς, οὐ διὰ Πρώτου ¹² ἀπεδόθησαν. ¹³ [.] συνκομισθ(εῖσαι) ἀπὸ αὐτουργίας λιβὸς ¹⁴ [χῶ]ματος ὡς εἰς χορτόσπ(ερμον) ἀγω(γαί) ιε ¹⁵ . . . εἰς χορτο-
π(άτητον) καὶ ἐμίγη ἐπὶ τῆς ἄλω. χορτοπάτητος is apparently a new compound. There are short blank spaces above l. 1 and below l. 15, but that the column is complete is not certain. Col. i of Fr. 2, which perhaps is part of Col. ii of Fr. 1, mentions εἰς φάτνας and χορ[το]θήκης.

- 1735.** 9.9 × 13.5 cm. Fourth century. On the verso, the recto being blank. Beginning of an account of a vintage. ¹ Ῥύσεως ιε (ἔτους) εἰς ἰνδικ(τίονος). ² Κόσμου χωρ(ίου) (cf. 1747. 53) κεραμίου γεουχικ(ὰ) ³ κ(εράμια) ροβ, σμηκ(τὰ) κ(εράμ.) ις. Ἀμμωνος ὑπ(ερ) ⁴ ὦν ὀφίλει κ(εράμ.) κ, / κ(εράμ.) σθ. ⁵ ὑπολήνια δι(πλο)κ(έραμον) (cf. 1751. 3) α. ⁶ χωρ(ίου) Δειδς (previously unknown) μερίδ(ος) Ἰωάννου δι(ὰ) Αἰῶνος ⁷ καὶ Χωούτος ἀμπ(ελο)ργῶν γεουχικ(ὰ) κ(εράμ.) ρξθ, ⁸ β ληνου μερίδ(ος) Ξερῆνου κ[. . .] του |—. ὑπολήμιον is ordinarily the receptacle under the press, but the meaning in l. 5 is uncertain.

- 1736.** 18.5 × 19 cm. Third century. On the verso of 1578. An account of various quantities, received or delivered during the months Choiak-Mecheir, of some commodity characterized as 'old' or 'new'. The unit of measurement is abbreviated to μ surmounted by a rectangular sign which is generally similar to that often standing for α, but once or twice

approximates towards an ϵ ; and the unit is subdivided into fractions corresponding to those of the artaba. If, as we have supposed, the abbreviation represents $\mu\epsilon(\tau\rho\eta\tau\eta\varsigma)$, the commodity was perhaps oil, with which that measure is often associated, rather than wine; similar fractions of the $\mu\epsilon\tau\rho\eta\tau\eta\varsigma$ occur in P. Rev. Laws. Col. i: ¹ [[ϵ Αθὺρ κθ $\mu\epsilon(\tau\rho\eta\tau\alpha\iota?)$ βλ, ² παλ(αιου) $\mu. a.$]] ³ Μεχ(εἶρ) κε $\mu. \beta$, ⁴ πα(λαι.) $\mu. \zeta\delta'$, ⁵ χω(ρίου) Χρόνου (previously unknown) $\mu. \beta$, ⁶ ὁμοί(ως) $\mu. \iota\gamma\gamma'$, ⁷ Τῦβι ιη $\mu. \delta$, ⁸ χω(ρ.) Χρόνου $\mu. \beta$, ⁹ Μεχ(εἶρ) λ $\mu. \beta\delta'$, ¹⁰ παλ(αι.) $\mu. a\zeta$, ¹¹ Μεχ(εἶρ) λ $\mu. a\delta'$, ¹² Μεχ(εἶρ) λ $\mu. \beta\zeta$, ¹³ Μεχ(εἶρ) κθ $\mu. \delta[\zeta\eta']$, ¹⁴ παλ(αι.) $\mu. \beta\zeta$, Col. ii: ¹⁵ Χοῖακ ια $\mu. \delta\delta'$, ¹⁶ Μεχ(εἶρ) $\mu. \gamma\delta'$, ¹⁷ παλ(αι.) $\mu. a$, ¹⁸ ἄλ(λος) $\mu. a\delta'$, ¹⁹ χω(ρ.) Χρόνου $\mu. \epsilon\delta'$, ²⁰ παλ(αι.) $\mu. \epsilon\zeta\delta'$, ²¹ ἄλ(λοι) $\mu. \iota\beta\zeta\delta'$, ²² / καιου $\mu. \nu\eta\beta'$ ἡ κ' δ', ²³ παλ(αι.) $\mu. \iota a\zeta$.

1737. 15.6 × 8.1 cm. Second or third century. Written across the fibres. A weaver's account of work on different days from Mesore 3 to Thoth 6, with amounts in drachmae (sometimes inserted in the margin) and occasional entries concerning rent of his loom. Col. i: ¹ Μεσορή γ γερδ(ιακά?) ϵ , ² ὁμοίως ϵ , ³ ϵ ὁμο(ί.) ϵ , ⁴ ς ὁμο(ί.) ϵ , ⁵ ζ ὁμο(ί.) ϵ , ⁶ η δ πά(ντα?) (πλ) ὀρθ(οῦφικὰ?) γερδ(ιακά?), ⁷ θ δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.) γερδ(ι.), ⁸ (margin) (δραχμαί) νβ) ι γ, ἐνοικ(ίου) ἴστ(οῦ) (πεντώβολον), ⁹ ιβ φαινόλ(αι) ς καὶ ὀρθ(οῦφικόν?), ¹⁰ ι γ ς καὶ ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ¹¹ ιδ ς καὶ ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ¹² ιε ϵ , ¹³ ις ϵ , ¹⁴ (margin) (δρ.) μδ) ις aζ, ¹⁵ ἄλ(λοι) φαινόλ(αι) διλ() βλ, ¹⁶ ιη ς καὶ ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ¹⁷ ιθ ς καὶ ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ¹⁸ κ ϵ , ¹⁹ κα ϵ , ²⁰ (margin) (δρ.) μ ὀβ(ολοὶ) κβ) κβ ϵ , ²¹ καὶ ὕφ(άσματα?) δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ²² (δρ.) ((δρ.) over an expunction) δ ὀβ(ολ.) ι, ἐνοικ(ίου) ἴστ(οῦ) ὀβ(ολ.) ια, Col. ii: ²³ σύνδεσις (' continuation ') ²⁴ κγ ϵ , ²⁵ κδ ϵ , ²⁶ κε δζ (corr. from ϵ , or *vice versa*), ²⁷ κς ϵ , ²⁸ κς ϵ , ²⁹ κη ϵ , ³⁰ κθ ϵ , ³¹ λ ϵ , ³² ἐπαγο(μένων) α ϵ , ³³ β ϵ , ³⁴ γ γζ (corr. from δ), ³⁵ Θῶθ β ³⁶ δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ³⁷ γ δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ³⁸ δ δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ³⁹ ϵ δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ⁴⁰ ς δ πά(ντ.) ὀρθ(οῦφ.), ⁴¹ (δρ.) ρ ὀβ(ολ.) ια, ἐνοικ(ίου) ⁴² ἴστ(οῦ) (τριώβολον). ⁴³ / (δρ.) σμη. The resolution of some of these abbreviations is doubtful. γερδ() in l. 1 would naturally be expanded γέρδ(ιοι), and l. 6 might then well be πά(ντες) ὀρθ(οῦφοι) (cf. P. Grenf. ii. 79. i. 3, Wilcken, *Ost.* i. 173, n.), with ὕφ(ανταί) in l. 21. On the other hand in l. 9 (cf. 15) φαινόλ(αι) or φαινόλ(ια) are coupled with ὀρθ(), and the occurrence of fractions suits things, not persons. Hence πά(ντα), ὀρθ(οῦφικὰ), and γερδ(ιακά), agreeing with a word like ἱμάτια understood, and ὕφ(άσματα) are preferable. πά(λλια) is unsatisfactory because δ πά(λλια) is contrary to the writer's usage in regard to the position of numbers. ὀρθ() might also be ὀρθ(οστάδια). διλ() in l. 15 may be connected with δίλασον or δίλασσον, a kind of garment occurring in B. G. U. 814. 25, 816. 17, 22. The money entries add up to 240 dr. 62 ob., approximately corresponding to the total (248 dr.) in l. 43.

1738. 21.7 × 9.3 cm. Third century. An account of timber, classified as logs (ξύλα σώματα) and branches, on 6 boats. The papyrus is damaged at the top, but l. 1 may have been the first of the document, and if so ξ[ύλ]ων κα[ὶ κλάδων might well be restored; but the preceding word was not λόγος¹ [. . .] ξ[ύλ]ων κα[ὶ κλάδων] . γ κα[ὶ]² εἰς τὴν θαλαμηγὸν Σιλβ[ε]νοῦ³ ξύλα σώματ[α] ἀριθμῶ⁴ ιβ⁴ κ[α] κλάδοι δ. ⁵ δεύτερον πλοῖον Ῥωμανοῦ⁶ ναύτου ξύλα σώματα ἀριθμῶ⁷ ια. ⁸ τρίτον πλοῖον Ὠρίωνος ναύτου⁸ ξύλα σώματα (ἀ)ριθμῶ⁹ ι⁹ καὶ κλάδος α. ¹⁰ τέταρτον πλοῖον Πασιών[υ]ος¹¹ ξύλα σώματα ἀριθμῶ¹² ια¹² καὶ κλάδοι γ. ¹³ πέμ(π)τον πλοῖον Ζφείλου ναύτου¹⁴ ξύλα σώματα ἀριθμῶ¹⁵ ι. ¹⁵ ἕκ[κ]τον πλοῖον [. . .]¹⁶ ξύλα σώματα ἀριθμῶ¹⁷ ι¹⁷ καὶ κλάδοι β. The figures, besides having a dash above them, are preceded and followed by the sign / or /., which apparently has no special significance.

1739. 23.3 × 6.2 cm. On the verso of 1518. Second or early third century. A short list of colours with weights, and then of values; cf. an Oxyrhynchus ostrakon in SB. 2251. ¹ σαππίριον (cf. SB. 2251, P. Tebt. 405. 10) μῶν ὀλκήν, ² μαρίνον (from μαρίνος, or = *marinum*?) μν. ὀλκ., ³ καλλάεινον (cf. e. g. 1449. 13, P. Tebt. 421. 8) μν. ὀλκ., ⁴ τυρινὸν (perhaps a variant of Τύριος rather than from τυρός) μν. ὀλκ., ⁵ φλόγεινον μν. ὀλκ., ⁶ σμυρινηαν (-νήαν: = *σμυρναίαν*, i. e. *σμύρναν*?) τάλαντον ὀλκ., ⁷ (after a short space) τιμῆς σαππίριον (δραχμαὶ) ις, ⁸ τιμῆς μαρίνον (δρ.) δ, ⁹ τιμῆς καλλάεινο(ν) (δρ.) β (τετρώβολον). In ll. 1-3 and 6 ὀλκήν is written above the line owing to want of space, as is (δρ.) ις in l. 7. In the upper margin there is a group of curved and straight strokes, and part of a line][[. . . .]]ομενος in a different hand. Below l. 9 two small ovals have been drawn.

1740. 15.3 × 14.1 cm. Late third or fourth century. Conclusion of an account of various articles, several being weaving implements. In each item there are two amounts of drachmae in juxtaposition, the second being nearly double the first; perhaps the lower figures represent part payments. ¹ κερκίσα (l. κερκίδια) [(δραχμαὶ) . . (δρ.) . . , ² ἀτράκτεια [.] (δρ.) Ἄ . . (δρ.) . . , ³ κτενεῖα (δρ.) Ἀρ[.] (δρ.) . . , ⁴ [. . .] α . . γ [(δρ.) . . (δρ.) . . , ⁵ στήμεια (cf. 1142. 7, P. Tebt. 413. 12) ε (δρ.) Ἀ (δρ.) Β, ⁶ πη(λ)α ε (corr.) (δρ.) τμ (δρ.) φ, ⁷ κτενεῖα ε (δρ.) τ (δρ.) χ, ⁸ ἀλακάτια θ (δρ.) Ἀσ (δρ.) Δ, ⁹ νυμφικὰ (meaning?) φ (δρ.) Ἀ (δρ.) Βν, ¹⁰ παιλύκιων (l. πελύκιον) (δρ.) τ (δρ.) χ, ¹¹ καρύσα (l. καρύδια 'pulleys' ?; cf. l. 1) (δρ.) Γ {(δρ.)} (τάλαντον?) α [, ¹² λειτνεῖα (unknown) κς (δρ.) Ἀ (δρ.) Βχπ, ¹³ ὑαλίμων [. . .]. In the right-hand margin opposite l. 10 are the letters υκ[], which apparently belong to a second column.

(8) Lists.

- 1741.** 22.5 × 17.3 cm. Early fourth century. Two incomplete columns of a list of clothes, classified as *ιμάτια* and *ὀθόνια*; cf. 109, 921, 1026, 1051, P. Tebt. 405, Gen. 80, C. P. R. p. 125. Col. i: ¹[Γρα]φή *εἰματίων* ²[στιχ]άρια λευκὰ β, ³[. . .]τικὸν α, ⁴[μαφ]όρτια λευκὰ β, ⁵[δελ]ματι[κὰ] Ξοῖτικά (ξοῖτ.) (cf. 1026. 11) β, ⁶[. . .]α λευκ[ή] σὺν μαφορ(τίψ) α, ⁷[ζῶ]ναι β, ⁸[. . .] α α, ⁹[πάλ]λιν α, ¹⁰[. . .]τίκια λευκὰ β, ¹¹[. . .]τίκιον λάειων α, ¹²[. . .]τίκιον μωθωνη() (unknown, perhaps an adjective of place; cf. 1206. 19 *μουθονάλιον μαφόριον*, where the same word was probably meant) α, ¹³[. . .]ειρρο[ι ?] δ. Col. ii: ¹⁴ὀθονίων ὀμοί[ως] ¹⁵δελματικὸν μαλλω[τὸν] α, ¹⁶στιχάριο[ν] πλουμᾶ[τον] (= *plumatum*) α, ¹⁷μαμπίων (μαμ'π.: cf. 1051. 17 *μάπιν*, P. Grenf. ii. 111. 12 *μαμπ(άρια)*) κενῶ[ν] (l. *καυνῶν*, and so in ll. 18, 25, 27) . . ., ¹⁸φακιάλιον κενὸν [α, ¹⁹ἄλλ[α] . . .]αφορε[. . .], ²⁰ἀναβολάδια [., ²¹στιχάρι[ο]ν ἀπόρφ[υρον] α, ²²λινούδια ἐν περ[ι-στρώματι]?, ²³[? ἀ]πόρφυρα [., ²⁴[ἄλλα?] περιστρώματα ., ²⁵[φ]ακ[ι]άριον κενὸν α, ²⁶[περ]ι[στρώματ]α ., ²⁷[ἀ]πόρφυρα κενὰ [., ²⁸βαλανάρια ἀποφο[. . .], ²⁹ἄλλα περι[στ]ρώματα ., ³⁰ἄλλ[ο] φ[ακ]ιάλιον? α. In l. 19 ἄλλα [μ]αφόρ(τια) might perhaps be read on the analogy of l. 6, but is not very satisfactory.
- 1742.** 23.8 × 13.8 cm. Fourth century. A list of various articles ordered by one Isidorus, as is stated in the endorsement on the verso, where the document is termed an *ἐντολικόν* (cf. 1142. 1, n., 1677. 5). The writing is a large cursive. ¹Κυλλάστ[ιος ? . . .] . () λί(τραί) ε, ²βαθι[. ()] λί(τρ.) ε, ³ἐλαίου ξ(έσται) ε, ⁴καλάμια μεγάλ(α) μερ() ε, ⁵κερκίδια γερδιακὰ ν, ⁶σόλια (cf. 1288. 16) γυναικία παπύρ(ινα) δ, ⁷κούκινα δ, ⁸ἀνδρικά β, ⁹ὄρναϊον πηχ(ῶν) β α. On the verso ¹⁰ἐντο[λι]κὸν ἐμοῦ Ἰσιδώρου. In l. 9 ὄρναϊον is perhaps derived from ὄρνα, which occurs in Epicharmus and is explained by Hesychius as *χορδὴ ἐφθή*. The reading is fairly clear.

(9) Taxation and Official Accounts.

- 1743.** 16.1 × 10 cm. A. D. 221–2. Fragment from the bottom of a column of a survey-list concerning State land, the items being apparently arranged according to *κληροί*, as is indicated by the new section beginning in l. 5. Here the general terms of the lease, covering a period of 6 years, are first given (ll. 6–9; cf. ll. 1–2); then in a second hand comes a note (l. 10; cf. l. 3) giving (1) the total of the plot (*κοίτη*) in arourae on the authority of a revision (*ἐπίσκεψις*) of leases of State lands, (2) the name of the lessee; lastly (in the first hand) comes the rent of the current year, which was the 5th of Elagabalus and 1st of Severus Alexander (l. 11; cf. l. 4). P. Stud.

Pal. xvii. 10 sqq. (Mendes) is approximately contemporary and somewhat similar, but concerns unwatered land; cf. also 1744 and P. Hamb. 12. The lines are incomplete at the ends, but not very much is lost. A new kind of artaba μέτρῳ ἐλ(αικῶ?) for vegetables is found in l. 1, and the μέτρον πρὸς ἑκατοστὰς δέκα (cf. 1640. 4-5, n.) recurs in l. 8. The imperfectly preserved phrase found in ll. 2 and 9 is novel and the explanation of it uncertain; we suppose it to mean that the rent was 'paid from hand to hand annually within the year at one of the storehouses', ἀνὰ χεῖρα apparently corresponding to διὰ χειρός (e. g. 1636. 39). On the verso is a letter (1763). ¹/τὸ π(ᾶν?) ἐν λαχά(νοῖς) (ἀρούρας) δ' λαχά(νων) μέτρῳ ἐλ(αικῶ?) (ἀρτάβης) δ' καταβληθὲν? ² ἀνὰ χεῖρα κατ' ἔτος ἐνιαυτῶ π[αρ' ἕνα τῶν ἀλώνων? ³ ἐπίσκ(εψις) κατὰ φύλ(ον) κολ(λήματος) νβ· κοίτ(η) (ἀρουρῶν) θ διὰ Πνεφε[ρῶτος (father's name?) ⁴ φόρου τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ε (ἔτους) τοῦ καὶ α (ἔτ.) ὡς τῆς (ἀρού.) ἀνὰ —. ⁵ (after a space) [κ]αὶ ἀπὸ κλήρου Ἀμμωνᾶ· ⁶ (in the margin] .) ὥστε γ (ἔτει) ε (ἔτ.) ζ (ἔτ.) ξυλαμήσαι χλωροῖς φόρου κα[τ' ἔτος —, β (ἔτ.) ς (ἔτ.) πν- ⁷ ρῶ ἐκφορίου κατ' ἔτος κατὰ (ἀρουραν) ἀνὰ πυροῦ [(ἀρτ.) —, ⁸ δ (ἔτει) πυρῶ ἀνὰ πυροῦ μέτρῳ πρὸς ρ⁺ (= ἑκατοστὰς) ι (ἀρτ.) θ [καταβληθείσας? ἀνὰ χεῖρα ⁹ κατ' ἔτος ἐνιαυτῶ παρ' ἕνα τῶν ἀλώνων? ¹⁰ ἐπίσκ(εψις) κατὰ φύλ(ον) κολ(λήματος) νβ· κοίτ(η) (ἀρουρῶν) γ διὰ Πνεφε[ρῶτος (father's name?) ¹¹ φόρου τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος ε (ἔτους) τοῦ καὶ α (ἔτ.) ὡς τῆς (ἀρού.) [ἀνὰ —.

1744. 13.3 × 10.2 cm. A. D. 287-8? Fragment from the middle of a column of a survey-list concerning palm and garden-land belonging to the State, the rents being paid in loaves (which are measured in unusual fashion by the artaba, 30 loaves being the customary equivalent of an artaba of corn; cf. 1454. 6, n.), young pigs (unusual in this context), olives, dates of two kinds (ll. 3 and 8; in both cases the adjectives are abbreviated and obscure), and money. Deficiencies in the payments of the full rents are noted. The papyrus was probably written in the 4th year of Diocletian and 3rd of Maximian (ll. 3, 9, 11), and the references backwards to the 1st year of Carus (ll. 9 and 11) seem to indicate a quinquennial revision of rents of State lands; cf. 1279. 6, n. and 1743. The lines are incomplete at both the beginnings and ends, and how much is lost is uncertain. New sections begin in ll. 3, 8, and 10. The land in question seems to have been out of cultivation, like that in P. Stud. Pal. xvii. 10 sqq. For σπονδή (l. 3) as a tax (generally on ἀμπελῶνες, but here apparently on παράδεισοι) cf. 1436. 11, n. On the verso are the beginnings of 9 lines from another list of a similar character, εἰρᾶς and κτημάτων with two strokes against them occurring at the beginnings of sections. ¹ —]., ἀρτ(ων) (ἀρτάβαι) λ, ἐλαιῶν [.] .[—, ² ἔλατ(τον) —], δέλφ(ακες) β, ἀρτ(ων) (ἀρτάβ.) αζ. ³ (after a space) — δ (ἔτει) κα[ι] γ (ἔτ.) φοι(νίκων) ἀθ. ι () (or ἀθ. () ι) μετὰ τὰς

προσθε(είσας) σπονδ[ῆς —⁴ —] . . . ἔλατ(τον) . . . [.] () (ἀρτ.) ζδ', ἐλαιῶν (ἀρτ.) α, δέλφ(ακ.) β, ἄρτ(ων) [(ἀρτάβ.) —⁵ —] . . . φοι(νίκων) (ἀρτ.) ., ἐλαιῶ[ν] (ἀρτ.) α, δέλφ(ακ.) β, ἔλατ(τον) ἄρτ(υρίων) (δραχμαὶ) [—⁶ —] . . . [.] . . . [.] . . . [.] β (ἔτει) Κάρου φοι(νίκων) (ἀρτ.) β, ἐλαιῶ[ν] (ἀρτ.) —⁷ —] . [.] . . . φ . . . [.]⁸ —] . . . υ ὁμοίως ἐν χέρσῳ φοι(νίκων) θαλ(λότων?) (ἀρτ.) α, [—⁹ —] . . . δ (ἔτει) καὶ γ (ἔτ.) ἕως α (ἔτους) Κάρου ἐνια[υ]σίως (ἀρτ.) . [.] . [—¹⁰ —] α (ἔτει) α' (= πρότερον more probably than Αὐρηλίου) Ἀμ[ούτ]τος Ποκωούτος ἐν χέρσῳ [—¹¹ —εν?] εχθ() δ [(ἔτει) καὶ] γ (ἔτ.) ἕως α (ἔτους) Κάρου ἐτησίως (ἀρτ.) α [—¹²] / ιβ . [—]

1745. 30 × 11·3 cm. Early third century. Parts of two columns of a list of land-holders at various τόπ(οι) with the amounts of their holdings (probably βασιλικὴ γῆ), rents in wheat and barley, and repayments of seed-corn; cf. 1525–1531. Col. i, which has a few letters from the ends of lines and some interlinear additions in a second hand, mentions τόπ(ου) —]δ() Πηλ() and τόπ(ου) Ἀπηλ(), τοπ(αρχίας) Ἀπηλ(ιώτου) being excluded by the names of the other τόπ(οι), which are all new and may be outside the Oxyrhynchite nome. On the verso is a letter (1668). Col. ii: ¹ (ἄρουραι) ιη (πυροῦ) (ἀρτάβαι) ρ [— . ² Ἀτρῆς Πνεφερω[τ]ος τόπ(ου) — . ³ Ἀσιάρχος Σαραπιεδ[ώ]ρου τόπ(ου) — , ⁴ τόπ(ου) Θελλῶ (ἄρου.) γ, [—⁵ (πυρ.) (ἀρτ.) πλ κριθῆς) (ἀρτ.) . [— . ⁶ Ἀἰς Παλεώπεως τόπ(ου) — . ⁷ Ἀπῆγχις (-πυγ'χ.) Στρά(τωνος?) καὶ . [—⁸ (πυρ.) (ἀρτ.) κγγ' κριθ.) (ἀρτ.) [— . ⁹ Ἀμμώνιος Ἀρποκρα[τί]ωνος τόπ(ου) — , ¹⁰ κριθῆς (ἀρτ.) β [— . ¹¹ Ἀμμώνιος Χαιρήμ[ονος] τόπ(ου) — , ¹² τόπ(ου) Κελαυὸν (ἄρου.) ιγ [— , ¹³ σπερμάτων (πυρ.) (ἀρτ.) [— . ¹⁴ Ἀπ[ό]λλων Ναρμούθ[ε]ως τόπ(ου) — , ¹⁵ τ[ό]π(ου) [.] . () (ἄρου.) γδ' / (ἄρου.) ς [— . ¹⁶ Ἀφροδ[ί]σιος Αὐρηλ[ί] — , ¹⁷ γ(ίνονται) (ἄρου.) ζ (πυρ.) (ἀρτ.) ξεγ' [— . ¹⁸ Ἀμμώνιος Παώσι[ος] τόπ(ου) — , ¹⁹ τόπ(ου) Κορκουλ() (ἄρου.) α, / [—²⁰ Ἀτίων (l. Ἀπίων?) Ὀρσενούφεως [τόπ(ου) — , ²¹ Παψί (ἄρου.) α, / (ἄρου.) ζγ', [— . ²² Διόσκορος μη(τρὸς) Μερῶτ[ι]δος? — , ²³ τόπ(ου) Μάκρου (ἄρου.) ιγ [— . ²⁴ Δημήτριος Ἀμμωνίου [τόπ(ου) — , ²⁵ τόπ(ου) Χρυσ() (ἄρου.) β, τοπ() Στ. [—²⁶ (πυρ.) (ἀρτ.) ναγ' κριθ.) (ἀρτ.) αδ' [— . ²⁷ Δημήτριος Πνεφ[ε]ρ[ω]τος τόπ(ου) — , ²⁸ τόπ(ου) Ποι() (ἄρου.) δ, τόπ(ου) Ὀδ() Στρά(τωνος?) (ἄρου.) [—²⁹ κριθ.) (ἀρτ.) ς, σπ(ερμάτων) (πυροῦ) (ἀρτ.) ι [— .

1746. 21·3 × 23·9 cm. Fourth century. A list of advances of seed-corn to various villages in the Aphroditopolite nome, concerning the geography of which very little is known, and to cultivators of derelict land owned by inhabitants of the metropolis. For ἄπορα ὀνόματα in l. 11 cf. W. Chr. 381. int., de Zulueta, *De patrociniis vicorum* 72, Oertel, *Liturgie* 101. The lower portion of the papyrus is missing, but may well have been blank or contained merely the total. ¹ Ἀφροδιτοπολείτου. ² βρεούιον τοῦ δ' ὀρθέντος σίτου καὶ κριθῆς εἰς ³ κατασποράν. ἔστι δέ ⁴ κόμης τοῦ σίτου (ἀρτάβαι) ρμ, ⁵ κριθῆς (ἀρτ.) ρ. ⁶ Ἰσιίου σίτου (ἀρτ.) σ. ⁷ Ἀραβικοῦ σίτου [(ἀρτ.)] τ. ⁸ Τώλεως σίτου (ἀρτ.) σ.

⁹ Παπ. αρων σίτου [(ἀρτ.)] νβ. ¹⁰ Ἀλλοφύλων σίτου (ἀρτ.) ρ. ¹¹ γεωργοῖς ἀπόρων ὀνομάτων ¹² μητροπολιτικῶν ¹³ σίτου (ἀρτ.) [.]νε.

1747. 27 × 25.3 cm. Late third or early fourth century. On the verso, the recto being blank. A list of persons arranged according to (a) villages in the toparchies of the Oxyrhynchite nome (ll. 14–57), (b) γεουχοῦντες, i. e. possessores or large land-owners (ll. 58–72). Owing to the loss of some lines at the beginning, which are likely to have included a heading as well as the details concerning the Upper toparchy, the precise object of the list is obscure; but evidently the persons mentioned were required by the government for work of some kind, e.g. as recruits for the army or labourers on public works. Generally one individual was assigned to a village or land-owner, but to the larger villages and estates two. The toparchies follow the regular order; cf. 1659. int. Of the villages which occur Κόσμου (l. 53; cf. 1735. 2) can now be recognized in 1285. 135, where l. Κό[σ]μου, not Κόβα, as suggested in connexion with 1529. 7: for Τααμπιτέι (l. 40) cf. 1659. 70, n. Μουχιτάλη (l. 55) is clearly written, and is to be read in 1529. 10 in preference to Μουχιγάλη. Θεσσαλῶ(ν?) (l. 60) is new. In many instances the spaces left for filling in the names of persons are blank; where the personal names are given, there is usually a stroke in the margin against the village-names (in the list of γεουχοῦντες no strokes are employed). The figures in most cases have a dot after them. Col. i: after 13 lines lost, ¹⁴ Λιβό[ς] τοπ(αρχίας). ¹⁵ [Σερύ]φειως (cf. 1285. 71) β. ¹⁶ [.]ς Ψεναμούσιος, ¹⁷ Σερῆνος Διοδώρου. ¹⁸ Πανενεί α. ¹⁹ Χεοῦς Ὀν[ο]ύθειως. ²⁰ Σενοκώμειως α. ²¹ Ὄρος Κομοάπιος. ²² Πέλα α. ²³ Ἀφῦγχις Κάστορος. ²⁴ Σύρων α. ²⁵ Χεῶς Ἀρπαήσιος. ²⁶ Ἡρακλείδου α. < >. Col. ii: ²⁷ Ἀπηλ(ιώτου). ²⁸ Τερύθειως β. < >. ²⁹ Ἀδαίου α. ³⁰ Πανσείρις Ὄρου. ³¹ Φώθειως α. ³² Κιάλης Πολυδεύκου. ³³ Τααμπέμου α. ³⁴ Ἡρᾶς Πιάπιος. ³⁵ Πακέρκη α. ³⁶ Ὀρπαήσις Πανσείριος. ³⁷ Θμοινεψώθειως (cf. 1659. 55, n.) α. ³⁸ Βησᾶς Πανσείριος. ³⁹ Μέσης τοπ(αρχίας). ⁴⁰ Τααμπιτέι α. ⁴¹ Σωτᾶς Παπνούτιος. ⁴² Κερκεύρων (-κεῦρ.) α. ⁴³ Ὀρκοῦν Παυ(σεί)ριος (ρ corr. from σ). ⁴⁴ Τανάειως α. ⁴⁵ Ἀφφοῦς Κοπρέως. ⁴⁶ Θμοισεφῶ τοπ(αρχίας). ⁴⁷ Τήειως β. < >. ⁴⁸ Παώμ[ε]ιως α. ⁴⁹ Ὄριον Πανῆτος. Col. iii: ⁵⁰ Κάτω τοπ(αρχίας). ⁵¹ Σέσφθα α. Ἰσᾶκ (ἰσ.) Μιῦσιος (μιῦσ.). ⁵² Τακόνα α. < >. ⁵³ Δωσιθέου α. < >. ⁵⁴ Κόσμου α. < >. ⁵⁵ Μουχιτάλη α. ⁵⁶ Παγάθης Κιμούλιος. ⁵⁷ [[Τρύφωνος (sc. Ἰσείου: cf. 1659. 100) α.]] ⁵⁸ γεουχού(ντων). ⁵⁹ Θεωνίλλης β. ⁶⁰ Χωοῦς Σαρμάτου ἀπὸ Θεσσαλῶ(ν?), < >. ⁶¹ Φ[λ]αυιανου (-ἰανου) α. < >. ⁶² Ἀπολλωνίου Σαρμάτ(ου) α. < >. ⁶³ Κορνηλιανου α. < >. ⁶⁴ Διοσκουρίδου Ἰουλιανου (ἰουλ.) α. < >. ⁶⁵ Εὐδαίμονος Ἑλλαδίου α. ⁶⁶ Κάστωρ Ὄρου πο(). ⁶⁷ Διογυσσάρῆς ἀπ(ελευθέρας?) Ὄριονος α. ⁶⁸ Διόσκορος Κορνηλίου πο(). ⁶⁹ Ἀπολλωνίου Πατᾶ(τος?) α. ⁷⁰ Σαραπίων Πετερρ[ου]θίου ἀπὸ ἐποικ(ίου) Νομογρά(φου). ⁷¹ Σεύθου α. < >. ⁷² Πτολεμαίου τοῦ κ(αί) Θέωνος α. < >.

1748. 15.1 × 15 cm. Third century. An account of payments to *ὀνηλάται* for transport from villages situated in different toparchies. In the case of the asses from Pakerke (ll. 1–6) a deduction from the whole sum due (2 dr. 4 obols per ass) is made on account of a previous payment for bundles of produce (*μανδάκ(ια)* in l. 4 suggests hay or flax; cf. P. Hamb. 21. 5, n., Ryl. 236. 11) transported ‘from the river to the threshing-floor’, while the main account apparently refers to transport in the opposite direction. In the case of the asses from Syron (ll. 10–12) the sum due to the *ὀνηλάται* was deducted from a debt of a *γεωργός* for rent. Whether the account is official or refers to a large private estate is not clear. The lower part of the papyrus is lost, but l. 12 ends a section and there is a blank space below, so that the account may be complete. On the verso is a letter (1669). ¹ Λόγος ὀνηλ(ατῶν) ἀπὸ Πακέρκη ὡς διὰ ² (interlinear) δηλοῦται. ³ ἀπὸ Πακέρκη ὄνοι ρπα ὡς τ(οῦ) α (δραχμῶν) β (τετρωβόλου?) (δρ.) υξε (τριώβολου), ⁴ ἐξ ᾠ(ν) ἐκκρούονται ὑπὲρ μανδακ(ίων) λξ ἀπὸ ⁵ ποταμοῦ ἄχρι τῆς ἄλω μετενεχθ(έντων) ὡς τ(οῦ) α ⁶ (τετρωβόλου) (δραχμαὶ) κα (ὀβολός), λοιπ(αὶ) (δρ.) νμδ (δνόβ.). ⁷ ∟ (= ᾠν) ἔσχ(ον) (δρ.) ρ, ἄλ(λας) (δρ.) ρ, ἄλ(λας) (δρ.) σ, / (δρ.) ν, λοιπ(αὶ) (δρ.) μδ (δνόβ.). ⁸ καὶ διὰ ὀνηλ(ατῶν) Πλελὼ ὄνοι νξ, ᾠν ⁹ ὀμισθὸς διὰ λόγων Σεουήρου [ἐ]ξωδιάσθ(η). ¹⁰ καὶ δ[ιὰ ὀνηλ(ατῶν) Σύρων ὄνοι σνε, ¹¹ ᾠν ὀμισθὸς παρεδέχθη. Ἀμοὶ γεωρ(γῶ) ¹² ἀφ’? οῦ ᾠ]φξ[ι]λεν φόρου. The arithmetic shows that seven, not six, obols were reckoned to a drachma.

1749. 16.5 × 9.6 cm. Fourth century. An account for transporting *ἐπιβάται* from Chacreu (near Alexandria) to Niciu (cf. 1380. 7–8, n.), Heracleopolis, and Cynopolis. *ἐπιβάται* are perhaps equivalent to the earlier *ἐπίπλοοι*, i. e. soldiers or others responsible for guarding freights (cf. Wilcken, *Grundz.* 379). ¹ Λόγο(ς) ναύλων ἐπιβατῶν. ² ἔστι δὲ δι’ ἐμοῦ Ἀφνυχίου (-νγ’χ.) ³ ἀπὸ Χεραίου (l. Χαιρέου) εἰς Νικίου (τάλαντον) α (δραχμαὶ) Β. ⁴ ὁμοί(ως) ἔσχεν ὁ προκίμενος Ἀφύγχις (-νγ’χ.) ⁵ ὑπ(ὲρ) ναύλου ἐτέρων ἐπιβατῶν ⁶ ἀπὸ τῆς προκ(ειμένης) Χαιρέου εἰς Ἡρακλέου(ς) (τάλ.) α (δρ.) Γ. ⁷ ὁμοί(ως) ναύλου ἐτέρων ἐπιβατῶν ⁸ ἀπὸ τῆς α(ὐτῆς) Χαιρέου εἰς Κυνῶν (δρ.) Βφ. ⁹ ὁμοῦ ε[ί]ς λόγο(ν) ναύλου (τάλ.) γ (δρ.) Ἀφ.

1750. 15.6 × 8.2 cm. Nov. 30, A. D. 306. A receipt issued by an official for the payment of an unspecified amount (*διασταλέντα* in l. 8 indicates a credit payment of corn; cf. e. g. 1539–40) for a share in providing an ass and *ῥαβδοῦχος* (cf. 1626. 9, n.) required by the government for transport to Memphis. For the date in l. 16 (the 15th year refers to Galerius Augustus, the 3rd to Severus Aug. and Maximinus Caesar, the 1st to Constantine Caesar) cf. 1542, which was written on Pauni 2 (May 27) of A. D. 307 and mentions Taposiris also called Amazonion (cf. 1750. 10); 102. 21, written on

Phaophi 16 (Oct. 13) 306, i. e. 48 days earlier than 1750, is still dated by Constantius Augustus, though he died on July 25, 306. ¹ Ἀυρήλιος (o corr. from a) Ἀππο[ύ]ς (l. Ἀπφοῦς) ² Ἀπολλοθέωνος ³ Ἀυρηλ[ί]φ Παύλω χαί- ⁴ ρειν. [ἐ]σχον παρὰ ⁵ σοῦ ὑπ(ἐρ) [ὀ]ρ[ό]ματος) Δημητρίας ⁶ τῆς καὶ Κυριλλοῦτος καὶ ⁷ ὑπ(ἐρ) Πλουτίωνος ⁸ ἀδελφοῦ σου τὰ διασ- ⁹ ταλέντα (ε corr. from a) ὑπ(ἐρ) ὀνόμ[α]τος ¹⁰ Ταποσίριος τῆς καὶ Ἀμα- ¹¹ ζονίου τὸ κατ' αὐτῶν ¹² μέρος ὄνου καὶ ῥαβδο[ύ]- ¹³ χου ἀποσταλέντος ¹⁴ ἐπὶ τὴν Μεμφιτῶν ¹⁵ πόλειν πλήρης. ¹⁶ (ἔτους) ιε (ἔτ.) γ (ἔτ.) α (ἔτ.) Χοίακ δ. ¹⁷ Ἀ(π)φοῦς σεσημ(είωμαι).

(10) Orders for Payment.

- 1751.** 9 × 25.8 cm. A. D. 347. Written along the fibres on the verso of part of an early fourth century taxing-account of land, mentioning Ξένωνος κλήρος. An order to a woman to pay a double jar of wine to a physician as the price of some (3?) σπάθια, which are in this context more probably *spatulae* (instruments for mixing) than measures of wine (as e. g. in 1771. 4). The neuter form διπλοκέραμον occurs in l. 3, and is probably implied by all those instances which Wilcken, *Ost.* i. 759-60, refers to διπλοκέραμος. The date (l. 4) is by the era of Constantine I and the regnal years of Constantius and Constans; cf. 1632. 9, n. ¹ Σαρμάτης Σερηνίλ(λ)α [χαίρειν.] ² παρασχοῦ Πεκύλω ιατρῶ (ιατ.) ὑπὲρ τιμῆς σπαθίων? . . .]ρ[. .]ν (possibly τ]ρ[ι]ῶν) ³ οἴνου διπλοκέραμον ἔν. σεσημ(είωμαι) οἴνου (ιν corr.) διπ(λοκ.) ἐν. μόνον. ⁴ (ἔτους) μα κγ ιδ Μεχέιρ κγ.
- 1752.** 4.8 × 27.7 cm. A. D. 378. Written across the fibres. An order for payment of wine (κνίδιον διπλοῦν) to two sawyers for repairs to a boat. The οἰνοχειριστής, to whom the document is addressed, was probably in the service of a private land-owner (the Clemens of l. 1) rather than of the State. The dating in l. 4 is by the regnal years of Valens, Gratian, and Valentinian II; cf. 1041. 16, written 3 years later, after the death of Valens, and 1632. 9, n. ¹ Π(αρά) Κλήμ(εντος) Λευκαδίου διὰ τῆς μητρὸς Νείλω οἰνοχειριστῆ) χαίρειν. ² παρασχοῦ Πτολεμαίω καὶ τῶ κοινωνῶ πρίσταις εἰς λόγον δαπάνης ἀνανεώσεως τοῦ πλοίου ³ τὸ πρὶν ὑπὸ (ὑπ.) Ἀπφοῦν οἴνου κνίδιον διπλοῦν ἔν, / οἴ(ν.) κνίδ(ι.) δι(πλ.) α. (2nd h.) σεσημ(είωμαι) οἴνου κνίδιον διπλοῦ(ν) ἔν. (1st h.) ⁴ (ἔτους) ις (ἔτ.) ιβ (ἔτ.) δ (ἔτ.) Παχῶν α.
- 1753.** 8.9 × 19 cm. A. D. 390. On the verso of two incomplete documents in shorthand, of 9 and 5 lines respectively. An order to a βοηθός to make various money-payments (partly in solidi, partly in denarii) to a πραγματευτής as the price of oil, pitch, honey, and a commodity sold by the λίτρα (probably meat). The ends of lines are missing, but not much seems to be lost. The dating is by the eras of Constantius and Julian; cf. 1632. 9, n.

¹ Διμένιος Ἀθανασίῳ βοηθ(ῶ) χα(ίρειν). ² παρασχοῦ Βάσσω πραγματευτη ὑπὲρ (υπ.) τιμ(ῆς) ἐλέου (l. ἐλαίου) χρηστοῦ ξεστῶν ὄγδο[ή]κοντα χρυσοῦ ³ νομισμάτια δύο, καὶ ὑπὲρ (ὑπ.) πίσεως ὑγῆς (ὑγ.) ἀγγίων ἕξ (εξ over an expunction) ἐκάστου ἐκ (δηναρίων) [μ(υριάδων) τ (δην.) μ(υριάδας) ἄω, καὶ ⁴ ὑπὲρ τιμῆς μέλιτος ξεστῶν εἴκοσι πέντε χρυσοῦ νομισμάτιον ἔν, [καὶ ὑπὲρ κρέως? ⁵ λι(τρῶν) γλ (δην.) μ(υριάδας) ρε, γ(ίνονται) ὁμοῦ νομ(ισμ.) γ καὶ (δην.) μ(υρ.) ἈΤε μόνα. (2nd h.) σεσ[η-μ(είωμαι) — ⁶ τ . [— ⁷ (1st h.) (ἔτους) ξς λε Ἐπεὶ φ ζ.

1754. 16.6 × 8.4 cm. Late fourth or fifth century. A short letter ordering a payment of 10 *centenaria* (cf. 1430. 14, n.) of pitch to a potter attached (*διαφέρων*) to an agent (*ῥητοδός*) of the heirs of Protidius, who was probably a rich land-owner. The bottom of the document is missing, but perhaps nothing or no more than a date is lost. On the verso is a somewhat obliterated list of names in a different hand. ¹ Κυρίῳ μου ἀδελφῶ Παμουθίῳ ² Μακάριος. ³ δέκα κεντηνάρια ⁴ πίσεως παρασχοῦ ⁵ Ἀμμωνίῳ τῷ κεραμί ⁶ τῷ διαφέροντι τῷ ⁷ κυρίῳ μου ἀδελφῶ ⁸ Ἀβρααμίῳ τῷ βοηθῶ ⁹ τῶν κληρονό- ¹⁰ μων Πρωτιδίου. ¹¹ ἔρρωσθαί σε εὐ[χομ(αι)] ¹² [] πολλοῖς [χρόνοις?]

(II) *Private Correspondence.*

1755. 4.8 × 5.6 cm. Second or early third century. An invitation to dinner 'at the table of the lord Sarapis', similar to 110, 523, and 1484; cf. 1484-7. int. ¹ Ἐρωτᾶ σε Ἀπίων δει- ² πνήσαι ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ ³ τοῦ Σαραπίου εἰς κλεί- ⁴ νην τοῦ κυρίου Σαράπιδος τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ἀπὸ ⁵ ὥρας θ. It is not clear whether the οἶκος was Apion's own house, in which case ἐπί may be supplied before τοῦ Σαραπίου, or was a part of the temple itself; cf. ἐν τῷ Σαραπίῳ in 110. 3. For κλίνη now cf. *Gnomon des Idios Logos* 88.

1756. 21.8 × 9.4 cm. First century. A short letter from Sarapion to his father Dionysius, saying that he was sending his (Sarapion's) poll-tax, and promising a present of olives. ¹ Σαραπίων Διονυσίῳ τῷ ² πατρὶ χαίρειν. ³ ἀναγκαῖον ἔγνω διὰ γρα- ⁴ ποῦ σε ἀσπάσασθαι. κόμισαι ⁵ διὰ Κεφαλᾶτος Πετε- ⁶ χῶ(ντος) ⁷ Σαλβίου τὴν λαογραφίαν ⁸ μου (δραχμᾶς) ἑβ. ἐὰν Ἀμοῖς ⁹ παραγένηται, δώσω ¹⁰ αὐτῷ τὰς ἄλλας (δρ.) δ. ¹¹ ἐὰν τὰ κτήνη ἐξέρχεται ¹² ἐπὶ γράστιν, πέμψω σοι ¹³ ἐλαίαν. ἔρρωσο. Verso ¹⁴ παρὰ Σαραπίωνος Διονυσίῳ τῷ πατρὶ. Other Oxyrhynchite instances of poll-tax at the rate of 16 drachmae are 313, 389, 1438. 18; cf. 1436. int.

1757. 28.9 × 8.8 cm. Second century (after Hadrian). Letter from Horeis to his brother Horion, complaining that the latter had not written, and announcing the dispatch of various articles, &c. ¹ Ὠρεῖς Ὠρίωνι τῷ ² ἀδελφῷ πλείστα χαίρειν. ³ πρὸ τῶν [ὄ]λων εὐχομαί σε ⁴ ὑγιαίνειν. δευτέραν σοι ⁵ ἐπιστολὴν γράφω σοι καὶ ⁶ οὐδέμιαν μοι ἀντέγρα- ⁷ ψας. ἐγώ [σ]ε πάντ[ο]τε φι- ⁸ λῶ,

σὺ δ[ε] π[α]ρεξουδεξεῖς⁹ με. ἀνερχόμενος ἀνανεγ-¹⁰ κῶ (l. ἀνεεγ.) σοι τὰ καλ(λ)άινα, καὶ εἴ τει¹¹ ἐὰν δηλώσεις μοι διὰ Εὐρύτ-¹² τᾶτος τοῦ ἀναδιδόντει (l. -τος) σοι¹³ τὸ ἐπιστόλιον (ε corr.). ἐὰν μὴ¹⁴ ἦν σοι ἀβαρός (l. -ρές: cf. 1670. 13, n.), μεταβαλοῦ¹⁵ Σαραπάτι χαλκὸν ἕως ἀνα-¹⁶ βῶ. εἰ[ς] τὴν ἑορτὴν ἔπεμ-¹⁷ ψά σοι ρούδια (= ροῖδια) πέντε. ἐὰν¹⁸ μὴ ἦν σοι ἀβαρός, [[καὶ παρ]]¹⁹ γράψον μοι ἐπιστολὴν²⁰ διὰ τοῦ ἀναδιδόντος σοι²¹ τὸ ἐπιστόλιον περὶ τῆς ὑγί-²² as σου. κόμισαι παρὰ Θέωνος²³ μάγια δύο καὶ τήρησόν μοι²⁴ αὐτὰ ἕως ἀναβῶ, [καὶ] δῆλω-²⁵ σόν μοι. ἄσπασαι Κλα[υ]δίαν²⁶ τὴν ἀγαθοτάτην καὶ τοὺς²⁷ φιλοῦντάς σε πάντας. ²⁸ ἔρρωσθαί σε εὐχομ[α]ι. μὴνός²⁹ Ἀδριανοῦ ε. Verso³⁰ ἀπόδος Ὀρίωνι ἀπὸ Ὀρ[ε]ῖτος ἀδελφοῦ. For μάγια (l. 23) meaning vessels of some kind cf. a Delian inscription in *B. C. H.* vi. 108, and P. Hibeh 121. 50 μάνητες.

1758. 17.5 × 8.4 cm. Second century. A letter from a woman, asking that an embargo should be placed on a mound which a tenant was digging on her land, and that no more work should be allowed until her arrival. The writing is across the fibres of the verso, the recto being blank except for the address. ¹ Διογενὶς Διδυμῆ τῶι ² τιμιωτάτῳ πλείστα χαίρειν. ³ πρὸ παντὸς εὐχομαί σε ὑγιαί-⁴ νειν μετὰ τῶν ἀβασκάντων ⁵ σου παιδίων, καὶ τὸ προσκύ-⁶ νημα ὑμῶν ποιῶ παρὰ τῷ ⁷ μεγάλῳ Σαράπιδι εὐχομέ-⁸ νη σοι τὰ κάλ(λ)ιστα πανοικεί. κα-⁹ λῶς ποιήσεις κατενγνήσας ¹⁰ τὸν χοῦν ὃν ἐξέσκαψεν Ἀ-¹¹ τῆρῆς ὁ γεωργός μου ἀπὸ τῶν ¹² ἔδαφῶν μου, καὶ μὴ ἄφιε ¹³ ἐποικοδομήσαι (third o corr. from η) ἕως ἀν ¹⁴ παραγένωμαι. μελέτω σοι ¹⁵ δὲ καὶ περὶ ὧν ἄλλων ἔχω ¹⁶ παρὰ σοὶ μετεώρω[ν] (second ε corr. from αι) ἐπι-¹⁷ σχεῖν, ἵνα (ἵνα) μὴ εὐκατ[α]φ[ρ]ῶν[η]-¹⁸ τος γένωμαι διὰ τὴν ἀμέλι-¹⁹ ἄν μου. ἀσπάζομ[α]ι πάντας ²⁰ οὓς ἡδέως ἔχεις. [Verso ²¹ ἀπόδο(s) Διδυμ[ῆ]. In l. 12 the ε of ἄφιε is clear, and ἀφίς cannot be read; similar forms occur in the LXX and N.T., as Eccles. ii. 18 ἀφίω, Mark i. 34 ἤφιε. For μετεώρω[ν] (l. 16) cf. e. g. 1219. 5.

1759. 7.9 × 10.4 cm. Second century. A short letter from Demetrius to Theon, an athlete, reminding him of some articles which the writer wished to be bought. ¹ Δημήτρι[ο]ς Θεῶνι τῷ φιλά-² τῳ χαίρειν. ³ πρὸ [τ]ῶν ὄλων εὐχομαί σε ὑγιαί-⁴ νειν [κ]αὶ νικᾶν πάντοτε. περὶ ⁵ τῶν ἐντολικῶν μελησάτω σοι, ⁶ περὶ τοῦ μικροῦ ἐλαδίου καὶ πε-⁷ ρ[ι] τῶν] τραγημάτων καὶ πε-⁸ ρ[ιστερ]εῖδιών δ καὶ τυμω-⁹ λ[ιτικῆς] γαρίου χρηστοῦ. ¹⁰ [ἔρρωσό μοι, παράδοξε. Verso ¹¹ Θεῶνι Εὐδα[ρ]ίμορος. For τυμωλ[ιτικῆς] γαρίου cf. 1760. 14. The diminutive τυμωλει-πίκιον is found in P. Fay. 104. 23, where a derivation from Τύμωλος (= Τμῶλος) was suggested. Whatever the origin of the word may be, its meaning is clearly some kind of jar or vessel. The athletic title παράδοξος, originally applied to victors in both πάλη and πένταθλον, is fairly frequent in papyri, e. g. P. Brit. Mus. 1178. 54-7 (iii, p. 217); its occurrence here explains the wish in l. 4 for 'perpetual victory'.

1760. 28.3 × 9 cm. Second century. The latter part of a letter referring to arrangements for the delivery of some *χόρτος*, and asking for a jar of pickled fish. ¹ [. καλ]ῶ[ς ποι]ήσεις λαβῶν ² γράμμα[τα] παρ' αὐτοῦ πρὸς ³ Διονύσιον περὶ τοῦ παραδο- ⁴ θῆναι ἡμεῖν αὐτά. ἦν μὲν ⁵ οὖν διὰ θέρου εὐωνότατον ⁶ ἐν δὲ τῷ παρόντι ἢ λυσιτε- ⁷ λούσα καὶ δικαία τιμὴ πρὸς ⁸ τέσσαρας μ[νᾶ]ς ἐστὶν πεντ- ⁹ αρταβιαίῳ (πεντ') . . [.]ῖφ (ἰῶ) σακτῶ. ¹⁰ π[έ]ψεις οὖν ἡμεῖν ἐπιστό- ¹¹ λιον πρὸς αὐτόν, ἵνα (ἰν.) τὴν τι- ¹² μὴν ἀπολαβῶν τὸν χόρ- ¹³ του ἡμεῖν παραδῶ. διπλήν ¹⁴ τυμωλιτικὴν (cf. **1759.** 8, n.) γάρου σὺν ¹⁵ θεοῖς ἐρχόμενος ἐνεγκείς ¹⁶ μοι, ἐὰν δυνατὸν ἦν· ἐὰν δὲ ¹⁷ σοὶ ὀχληρὸν ἦν τοῦτο, τάχα ¹⁸ δύναται Σῶσος προτραπεῖς ¹⁹ ὑπὸ σοῦ κ[ε]ρ[α]μ[ι]όν μοι ἐνέγκαι. ²⁰ [τ]ὰ παιδία [σ]ε ἀσπάζεται. ²¹ ἐρρωσθ[α]ί σε εὐχομ(αι). In l. 9 . . [.]ῖφ is clear and μέ[τ]ρφ, which is the word expected, cannot be read. σακτῶ means 'pressed', 'crammed full'.

1761. 9.5 × 7.9 cm. Late second or third century. A short and badly spelled letter of greeting from one woman to another. A very singular symptom of regret for an absent friend is specified in ll. 6-7. ¹ Κα[λ]λιρῶη (l. -ρῶη, and so l. 20) Σαραπ(ι)άδι ² τῇ γυρίᾳ (l. κυρ.) χαίρε(ιν). τὸ προσ- ³ κύνῃ σου ποιῶ κατ' ἐ- ⁴ κάστην ἡμέραν παρὰ ⁵ τῷ κυρίῳ Σαράπιδι. [[καί]] ⁶ ἀφ' ἧς ἀπηλθες ἐπιζη- ⁷ ἠ]τοῦμέν σου τὰ κόπρια ⁸ θέλουτές σε εἰδῖν. ἀσπά- ⁹ ζου Θερμοῦθιν καὶ Ἡλιά- ¹⁰ ῶα καὶ Πλουτίονα κα[ί] ¹¹ Ἀφροδίτην καὶ Νεμε- ¹² σ(ι)ανόν. ἀσπάσετε (-εται) ὑμᾶ[ς] ¹³ Κάραβος καὶ Ἄρποκρα- ¹⁴ τίων καὶ τοὺς ἐν ἕκῃ (l. οἴκ.) ¹⁵ πάντες. ἐροστε (l. ἐρρωσθαί) σαι (a corr. from ε: l. σε) εὐ- ¹⁶ χομαι. Verso ¹⁷ ἀπό[σ]δος ¹⁸ Σεραπιάδι ¹⁹ ἀπὸ Καλλι- ²⁰ ρῶης.

1762. P. Cairo 10013. 17.7 × 16.3 cm. Second or third century. Letter of Chaereas (? identical with Chaereas in **117**) to his 'father' Dionysius concerning some negotiation with Serenus in which the influence of Dionysius was desirable. ¹ Χαίρεας Διονυσίῳ τῷ ² κυρίῳ πατρὶ χαίρειν. ³ ἀ[ν]αγκαῖον ἡγησάμην εἶναι [[σοι]] δηλο[ῦ]ν ⁴ σοι τὰ περὶ Σερήνου πεπραγμένα. τὸ μὲν οὖν ⁵ ἀκρειβές 'Ροδόπη σοι δηλώσει. δεδεήμεθα ⁶ ταῦτα πρὸς αὐτῶν (l. -τὸν) καὶ τέλος ἐπένευσεν ⁷ καὶ ἀπέλυσεν ἡμᾶς εἰδὼς τὰ μετ' αὐτ[ά], ⁸ οὐπω μέντοι εἰς διαλλαγὰς ἐλθεῖν ἠθέ- ⁹ λησεν, οὐδὲ περὶ συν[γ]ραφῆς λόγον ¹⁰ [π]εποιήται, 'σε περιμένων'. διὰ τοῦτο οὖν σοῦ δεόμεθα ¹¹ [ἵ]να αὐτῷ περὶ τούτων συμβου- ¹² [λ]έβης· σοῦ γὰρ μᾶλλον ἢ ἡμῶν ¹³ [ἀκο]ύσεται. ¹⁴ ἐρρωσθαί σε εὐχομ[αι]. Verso ¹⁵ Διονυσίῳ πατ(ρι) γυμνασιάρχ(ω or -ήσαντι).

1763. 16.1 × 10 cm. On the verso of **1743**. Third century, after A. D. 222. A note from Sopatrus to his sister, explaining that his departure had been delayed, but that he hoped to start on the 15th. ¹ Σωπάτρος τῇ ἀδελ- ² φῇ πλίστα χαίρειν. ³ οὐπω μέχρι σήμε- ⁴ ρον τὰ πλοῖα τῆς ἀν- ⁵ νόνας ἐξῆλθεν ⁶ ἵνα δυνηθῶμεν ἐξελ- ⁷ θεῖν, καίτοι ἐμοῦ μη- ⁸ δὲν ἔχοντος πρᾶξαι ⁹ ἐνθάδε. λέγουσι δὲ ὅτι ¹⁰ μέχρι ἰε θέλομεν ¹¹ ἐξελθεῖν σὺν θεῷ. ¹² ἐρρωσθαί σε εὐχομ(αι) ¹³ καὶ τὰ παιδία. Verso ¹⁴ ἀπό(δος) παρὰ Σωπάτρον.

- 1764.** 17·2 × 7·2 cm. Third century. On the verso of the ends of 16 lines of an early third century list of persons with their ages, most of the entries concluding κ() ὑπ(ἐρ?) μέρ(ους) οἰκ(ίας) (δραχμὰς) σ (or τ). An incomplete letter to Pindarus, stating that a calf-butcher, who was wanted for the purpose of a valuation, had refused to go before the arrival of 'the most notable Calpurnius', and referring to some young peach and citron trees, &c. ¹[. . . . δ]ωρος καὶ Σαρα- ²[πάμμω]ν Πινδάρωι ³[χ]αίρειν. ⁴ἐπεὶ πολ[λ]αὶ ἡμέραι (1. πολ[λ]ᾶς ἡμέρας) προσ- ⁵καρτεροῦμεν Φιλέα τῷ ⁶μοσχομαγ[ε]ίρω ὅπως συν- ⁷εξέλθῃ ἡμεῖν τῆς συντει- ⁸μήσεως ἔνεκεν, ἢν ὑπερ- ⁹έθετο σήμερον εἰς τὴν πα- ¹⁰ρουσίαν τοῦ ἀξιολογοτάτου (cf. P. Strassb. 20. 5, n.) ¹¹Καλπου[ρ]νίου, ὑπ' (ὑπ.) ὄψιν σοι αὐτὸ ¹²τοῦτο φανερόν ποι[ο]ῦμεν, ¹³ὅπως τοῖς γεωργοῖς διέλῃ ¹⁴τὰ κτήνη καὶ μὴ ἐμπόδιον ¹⁵γένηται τῇ γεωργίᾳ. τὸν δὲ ¹⁶ὄνον σου δι[ε]πεμψάμεθά σοι, ¹⁷ἀλλὰ καὶ Σαρᾶν, [ἴ]να (iv.) τὰ μικρὰ ¹⁸φυτὰ τῶν τε περσικῶν ¹⁹κα[ί] κιτρι[ν] κ[αί] τῆν ἄμπε- ²⁰[λον —. μοσχομαγ[ε]ίρω in l. 6 is an early instance of specializa- tion in the butcher's trade; cf. B. G. U. 3. 11 χοιρομαγεῖρω, and ἰσικιομάγειρος in a Rainer papyrus *sp.* Wessely, *Wien. Stud.* 1902. 129 (A. D. 596).
- 1765.** 11·4 × 7·9 cm. Third century. A letter to a ταρσικάριος (Tarsian-cloth- weaver; cf. 1705) complaining that he had not answered a number of letters, which was causing delay, and asking for some money (?) to be sent. ¹Κου- σέννα (cf. l. 29 Κουτσένης) Ἀπάμμω- ²νι θ[ρ]αρσικαρίω χαίρειν. ³ὄκτω σοι ἐπιστολάς, ⁴καὶ οὐδὲ ἅπαξ ἠξίω- ⁵σάς μοι γράφειν περὶ ὧν (ὧν) ⁶ἔλαβες. διὰ τοῦτο οὐκ ⁷ἐπεμψά σοι τὰ δεύτερα. ⁸κὰν νῦν σπούδασον ⁹γράψαι μοι ἴνα (iv.) σοι καὶ ¹⁰τὰ ἄλλα πέμψω. τοὺς (= οὓς) ¹¹γὰρ ἐπεμψάς μοι ¹²τρεις στατήρας πάλιν ¹³σοι διε- πεμψάμην. ¹⁴ξὰν γὰρ τὰ πλήρη μὴ (η corr. from ε?) ¹⁵πέμψῃς, πέμψον μοι ¹⁶τὰ ἐπιλύματα (unknown; ? = ἐπιλείματα 'remnants'). ἀσ- ¹⁷πάζομαι τὴν Σύραν ¹⁸καὶ Σιλβανὸν τὸν ¹⁹υἶόν καὶ (κ corr.) τὴν ἰέρειαν (ἰερ.: ι rewritten) ²⁰σὺν τέκνοις. ὡς ἄρα ²¹σοὶ τῷ θαρσικαρίω εἰς ²²χεῖρας, εἰς εὔρης τινὰ, ²³πέμψον μοι τὸν Σιλβα- ²⁴νόν. Verso ²⁵κόμεισον μετὰ τῆς ἐπιστολῆς κυ- ²⁶άμους ἐξήκοντα καὶ χαρτάρια δ ²⁷εἰς Κεφαλὴν καὶ ἐπιμερίζεσθαι (1. -σθε) ²⁸σὺ καὶ ἡ ἰέρεια (ιερ.). ²⁹π(αρὰ) Κουτσένης ³⁰(in the reverse direction) Ἀπάμμωνι θαρσικαρίω.
- 1766.** 17·1 × 14·4 cm. Third century. A well-written and nearly complete letter to Horion, complaining of his silence and asking for news. The writer's name was possibly Aeschylus; if the first line may be supposed to have been a little indented. ¹[A]υλος Ὁρείωνι τῷ τιμιωτάτῳ ²χαίρειν. ³ἐχλὼ μὲν ἐχόμενος τῆς εἰς σὲ ἀεὶ στορογῆς ⁴πολλάκις σοι ἐπέστειλα, σὺ δὲ οὐδ' ἅπαξ (-αξ²) κατ- ⁵ἠξιώσας (κατ') με γραμμάτων· οὐ μόνον, ἀλλὰ ⁶καὶ τὰ διὰ Ἡρακλείδου καὶ Σακανιάρου πεμ- ⁷φθέντα ὡς μετέδωκά μοι, οὐδὲ καὶ ὡς ⁸ἔσχον. εὔ οὖν ποιήσεις, ἀδελφέ, ἐπιστείλας (first ε corr. from τ) ⁹μοι περὶ τε τῆς σωτηρίας σου καὶ τῶν σῶν ¹⁰[πάντων?] καὶ ὧν ἐν[ε]κα ἐνχαρίζεις, καὶ τίμα ¹¹τρό-

πον διάγεις, καὶ περὶ τῆς πράξεως, ἕν' (ἰν) ἡσθῶ· ¹² ἡ γὰρ εὐπραγία σου κοινή ἐστὶν εὐτυχία. ¹³ ἀσπάζομαι τὸν πατέρα Ἰσχυρίωνα (ἰσχυ.) ¹⁴ καὶ τὰ ἀβάσκαντα τεκνία καὶ τὴν ἀγαθὴν ¹⁵ σου ἀδελφὴν καὶ Θέωνα καὶ Πατερμούθ(ι)ον ¹⁶ [καὶ τοὺς φίλους] ἡμῶν κατ' ὄνομα. ἐρρώσθαι ¹⁷ [καὶ ὀλοκληρεῖν ?] σε εὐδοξοῦντα καὶ εὐτυ- ¹⁸ [χοῦντα καὶ εὐπραγῶντα θεοῖς πᾶσι εὐχομαι. Verso ¹⁹ Ὁρεῖ]ωνι φίλω π(αρὰ) Α[. . . . ὕλου.

1767. 17·5 × 9·3 cm. Third century. Letter, of which the beginning is lost, addressed to Hermione, and written in a medium-sized sloping hand of a literary type. In ll. 8–16 the writer recommends some one to the care of the addressee; cf. **1663**. ¹ ἐντελει[. ² ἐριδίω[. ³ γραμμα[. ⁴ καὶ ἐρωτ[. ⁵ μαι σε ἀη[. ⁶ τοῦτο δ[. ⁷ αν με ὑπ[. ⁸ ἡσεις' καὶ προλ[. . . .]. ολον ⁹ ὅτι καὶ ὡς ἴδιον (ἰδ.) νίδν (νύ.) ¹⁰ σεαστήης (l. σεαυτ.) ἔχεις καὶ ὡς ἀ- ¹¹ δε[[μ]]λ' φόν. ταῦτα γὰρ κατα- ¹² σκευασθέντα καὶ τελε- ¹³ σθέντα πάλιν χρήσι- ¹⁴ μα ἡμέι[ν] ἔστε (l. -ται) εἰς ὃ χρή- ¹⁵ ζομεν. ἐ[γρ]αψα δὲ τῷ ¹⁶ πατρὶ πε[ρ]ὶ αὐτῶν τού- ¹⁷ των. περὶ τοῦ ἐντολιδί- ¹⁸ ου τ[ῆς] ἀδ[ε]λφ[ῆς] σου τί ¹⁹ βούλει ἀγο[ρ]ασθῆναι ἢ πα- ²⁰ ραπέμψα[σ]θαι δηλώ- ²¹ σεις μοι ἐν τάχε[ι]. ἀσπά- ²² ζομαι τὴν μητέρα μου ²³ καὶ Ἀπολλῶν καὶ το[ὺς] ²⁴ παρ' [ἡ]μῶν [π]άντας [κα-] ²⁵ τ' ὄνομα. ἐρ[ρ]ώσθαι σε ²⁶ εὐχομα[ι] γλυκντά- ²⁷ τη[ι]. Verso ²⁸ ἀπ[ὸ]δ(ος) Ἑρμιώνη (l. -όνη).

1768. Breadth 10·3 cm. Third century. Letter from Heraclius to his children Theon and Sarapias, announcing his safe arrival at Schedia (near Alexandria; cf. e. g. P. Hibeh 110. 25, n.). There is a lacuna in the middle of the letter, which is written in a sloping hand approximating to the literary type, though less formal than that of **1767**. ¹ Ἡράκλειος Θέωνι καὶ Σαραπιάδι ² τοῖς γλυκντάτοις τέκνοις χαίρειν. ³ πρώτην καὶ δευτέραν καὶ τρί- ⁴ τὴν ταύτην ἐπιστολὴν ἡμῖν (ἡμ.) ⁵ γ[ρ]άφω ἐλθὼν εἰς Σχεδίαν τῇ κα ⁶ κατὰ τὸ μεσα- ⁷ νύκτιον (l. μεσον.), ὅπως ⁷ εὐθυμήτε ὡς οὐδέν ἐστιν ⁸ [φ]αῦλον πε[ρὶ] ἡμ[ῶ]ς. οἱ γὰρ ἀνεμ[ῶ]ι ⁹ [δι]ὰ συστά[σεως] ὀμ[ί]ης? ¹⁰ [. . . .] φν— ¹¹ (after a gap) [.] ἀσπάζονται ἡμᾶς? ¹² Ἄπίων, Λογγεῖνος, Ἀγα[θ]ος, Φιλ- ¹³ [ά]ργυρος. ¹⁴ (2nd h.) ἐρρώσθαι ἡμᾶς εὐχ[ο]μαί ¹⁵ εὐτυχοῦντας. ¹⁶ (1st h.) Θέωνι υἱῷ (ὑῖω) Ἡρά[κ]λειος. For συστά[σεως] in l. 9 cf. Diod. iii. 51 ἀρχὰς καὶ συστάσεις πνευμάτων.

1769. 12·3 × 10·8 cm. Third century. A practically complete letter from Ammonas to his sister, telling her that he had made arrangements for her wants to be supplied. ¹ Ἀμμωνᾶς τ[ῆ] ἀδελφῇ μου ² πολλὰ χαίρειν. ³ πρὸ τῶν ὄλων εὐχομαί σοι (l. σε) ὑγιαίνειν (ὑγ.) ⁴ καὶ τὸ προσκύνημά σου ποιῶ καθ' ἐκά- ⁵ στη(ν) ἡμέραν παρὰ τῷ κυρίῳ Σαραπίδι. ⁶ ἔγραψα τῷ ἀδελφῷ ὅτι περὶ οὗ ἐὰν ⁷ χρίαν σχῆς ἵνα (ἰν.) λάβῃς. μὴ ὀκνήσεις ⁸ οὖν προσελθὶν αὐτῷ περὶ οὗ ἐὰν χρή- ⁹ ζῆς, οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι οὐκ ἀντερεῖ σοι. καὶ ¹⁰ Σερήνω ἔγραψα τῷ ἀδελφῷ τὰ αὐτά, ¹¹ ἵνα (ἰν.) δῶ σοι πέντε ἀρτ[ά]βας κριθῆς. ¹² ἀσπάζου τὴν ἀδελφ[ῆ]ν μου καὶ τὰ ¹³ τέκνα αὐτῆς καὶ] καὶ Ἐπι- ¹⁴ τυχίαν καὶ Μαργ[α]ρίδα? καὶ τὴν θυγατέρα

αὐτῆς ¹⁶ καὶ τοὺς ἡμῶν πάντας ¹⁷ κατ' ὄνομα. ¹⁸ ἔρρωσθαί σε εὐχομαι. ¹⁹ Παχ(ὼν) κς. Verso ²⁰ ἀπόδ(ος) τῇ ἀδελφῇ μου. For Μαργ[αρίδα]ν (l. 14) cf. e. g. *Archiv* ii. 568 No. 136; Μαργ[αρ(ε)ίτι]ν would also be suitable, though that form does not seem to occur elsewhere.

1770. 25.5 × 10 cm. Late third century. A letter to a mother from her son, who uses no names in the opening formula, but was perhaps called Horion (l. 18). The arrival and dispatch of various articles are announced, and the mother is asked to come herself or to send Thonius, possibly another son. ¹ Κυρία μου μητρὶ ² ἄμα τοῖς (ο corr. from η) κυρ[ίους] μου ἀ- ³ δελφοῖς πλείστ[α blank?] ⁴ χαίρειν. προηγού[μένως] ⁵ εὐχομε (l. -μαι) ὑμᾶς ὑγι[αίνειν] ⁶ καὶ εὖ πράττειν (πρατ'τ.). γινώσκεις ⁷ ὑμᾶς θέλω ὅτι μετ[ὰ] πάντων ⁸ ὀλοκληροῦμεν. θέλω γὰρ ὅ- ⁹ πως καθ' ἐκάστην [ἡμέραν] ¹⁰ ὑμῖν γράφω κα[ὶ] οὐδεμί- ¹¹ αν μοι ἐγράψατε (τ corr. from ψ). [ἐκομισά- ¹² μην ὅσα ἀπεστίλατε' . [. . . ¹³ γὰρ οὐ καθαρῶς ὡς γράφι π[. . . ¹⁴ σολυχιδι. κόμισον οὖν [. . . ¹⁵ παρὰ τοῦ (ου corr. from ω) ἀραδιδοῦντι (l. -τος) τ[αῦ- ¹⁶ τά μου τὰ γράμματα ἀγγεῖον (αγγ.) ¹⁷ ἔλεον (l. ἐλαίου) καὶ δὸς αὐτὸ Ἰέρακει (ἱερ.), ¹⁸ ἔχων (l. ἔχον) ἐπιγραφὴν Ὁρίων, ¹⁹ β, καὶ πᾶν ποίησον ἐλθῖν ²⁰ πρὸς ἡμᾶς ἐν τάχι. ἐὰν δὲ εἶ- ²¹ δῆς ὅτι παρὰ σοὶ μένεις, ἀπό- ²² στίλόν μοι Θώνιον' αὐτοῦ ²³ γὰρ χρίαν ἔχω ἐνταῦθα. ²⁴ ἐὰν δὲ ἔλθῃς εὐτυχῶς, ἀκού- ²⁵ εἰς πάντα καὶ τὰ πραχθέν- ²⁶ τα. ἀπόστίλόν μοι γὰρ κνίδιον (-ῖο) ²⁷ γάρου καὶ τὰς ἐπιστολάς ²⁸ δὸς Ἰέρακει (ἱερ.: κ corr. from τ) τὰ δελ. α. . . ²⁹ μετὰ τούτου. ἀσπά[ζω] (cf. l. 33 and 1670. 20) τὸν ³⁰ κύριόν μου υἱὸν (υἱ.) Τ[. . . . ³¹ καὶ τοὺς ἡμῶν π[άντας] ³² κατ' ὄνομα. καὶ E[. . . . ³³ ἀσπάξει ὑμᾶς ὅλους. ³⁴ ἔρρωσθαί ἡμᾶς εὐχο- ³⁵ μαι πολλοῖς χρόνοις. On the verso traces of the address. Lines 12–14 are obscure. The supposed γ of γράφι is much more like τ, and καθαρῶς may of course be one word, καθαρῶς; whether σολυχιδι (for σολοικίδι?) is a proper name or not is not clear. In ll. 28–9, again, the interpretation is doubtful; δὸς may be connected with either ἐπιστολάς or what follows, τὰ δὲ . . . being read in the former case. γάρου, not γάρους (l. 27), is the usual form. The meaning of ll. 18–19 is that a monogram of the first two letters of Ὁρίων was inscribed on the ἀγγεῖον.

1771. 14.5 × 13.8 cm. Late third or early fourth century. A letter to a tenant, giving directions about wine. ¹ Αὐ[ρή]λιος Σερ[ή]νος Αὐρη[λ(ίω)] [Ὁρίων]ι τ[ῶ]ι ² τιμειωτάτωι χαίρειν. ³ γενοῦ σὺν Ἀλεξάνδρῳ καὶ παράλαβε ⁴ οἶν[ο]ν παλαι[ά] σπαθία (π corr.) ἡ καὶ νέα ἰβ, ⁵ καὶ ἐκ τῶν παλαιῶν τὰ ἐπιγεγραμ- ⁶ μένα Ταπέρω καὶ Ἐρήσεως ἔξοχα ἡ ⁷ παράστησον τῷ κυρίῳ μου Θέωνι, καὶ Λεωνί- ⁸ δη δ καὶ σαυτῷ β, καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ ἀσπά- ⁹ λ[ε]ῖσαι με[τ]ὰ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων σπαθίων β ¹⁰ τοῦ Γαίου. μετὰ γὰρ τὸ ὀδεῖσε (l. -σαι) ταῦτα ¹¹ ἐκώλυσαν τὸν καμηλείτην καμὲ μῆ ¹² ἄρε (l. ἄραι), ἀλ[λ'] ἔτι ἐπιμῆναι τοῖς ἐνθάδε. Ἀλέξανδρος ¹³ δὲ διηγῆσεται τὸ πᾶν. Verso ¹⁴ Αὐρη[λ(ίω)] Ὁρίωνι μισθωτῆι ¹⁵ π(αρά) [Αὐρη]λ(ίου) Σερήνου.

- 1772.** 7 × 22.6 cm. Late third century. Beginning of a letter which was apparently left unfinished, since there is a distinct margin below l. 5. A very short sixth line might be supposed to have been lost, but the conclusion would be extremely abrupt. The writer disclaims responsibility for the non-arrival of a monthly stipend due to the addressee. The inclusion of τὸν ἵππον in a message of greeting is noticeable. ¹ [Διο]νύσιος Σαραπίωνι τῷ ἀσυγκρίτῳ (ασυγκ.) πλείστα χαίρειν. ² [ἀσπ]ασαι πολλὰ τὴν ἀγαθὴν σου σύμβιον καὶ Ἰουλίαν καὶ τὸν ἵππον καὶ ³ [Τιβ]έριν, μεθ' ὧν εὐχομαί σε ὀλόκληρον ἀπολαβεῖν. [[οὐδέν]] ὁἶδα ὅτι οὐδέν' ξέροι τοῦ λαβόν- ⁴ [τος] ἐνέγκαί (ενεγκ.) σοι τὰ ἐπιμήνια καὶ μὴ δόντος. παραγενόμενος γὰρ ἐνθάδε ⁵ [εἶ]πέν μοι ὅτι οὐκ ἔδωκεν. ἐγὼ δὲ οὐκ εἰμι μεμπτός (μεμπ.), ἀλλὰ σὺ ὁ καὶ τὴν ἀρχή[[.]]ν' < >.
- 1773.** 25.1 × 9 cm. Third century. Letter from a woman called in l. 1 Eutycheis, but on the verso apparently Taurine, to her 'mother' Ametrion, explaining that her arrival had been delayed by difficulties of transport, and asking for a sum of money to be paid to the bearers of this letter, from whom the writer had borrowed. ¹ Εὐτυχεῖς Ἀμητρίῳ τῇ μη- ² τρὶ πολλὰ χαίρειν. ³ πρὸ μὲν πάντων εὐχο- ⁴ μαί τῷ θεῷ ὀλοκλήρους ὑμᾶς (ὑμ.) ⁵ ἀπολαβεῖν. γεινόςκειν (l. γινώσκειν) σε θέ- ⁶ λω ὅτι ἀπὸ τριακάδος τοῦ Τῦ- ⁷ βι ἦλθον εἰς τὸ Τυράννιν καὶ ⁸ οὐκ εἶδον πῶς ἔλθω πρὸς ὑμᾶς, ⁹ [τ]ῶν καμηλιτῶν μὴ θηλησάν- ¹⁰ [τ]ων ἐλθεῖν εἰς Ὁξυρυγχείτην (-ρυγκ.) ¹¹ [ο]ὐ μόνον, ἀλλὰ καὶ εἰς Ἀντινόου ¹² [ἀ]νῆλθα χάριν πλύου (l. πλοίου) καὶ οὐ- ¹³ κ εἶδον. νῦν οὖν ἐσκεψάμην ¹⁴ τοὺς γόμους μου ἀρῖν εἰς Ἀν- ¹⁵ τινόου καὶ μίνε (l. μείναι) ἐκεῖ ἄχρι οὗ πλῦ- ¹⁶ ον (l. πλοίου) εὔρω καὶ καταπλεύσω. καλῶς ¹⁷ πνήσις (l. ποιήσεις) τοῖς ἀναδιδούντί (l. -δοῦσί) συ (l. σοι) ταῦ- ¹⁸ τά μου τὰ (a corr. from ο) γράμματα δοῦνς (l. -ναι) κενού (l. καινού) ¹⁹ νομίσματος τάλαντα δ[ύ]ο ἢ- ²⁰ μισ[ο]ύ, γί(νονται) (τάλ.) (corr. from β) β (corr. from (δραχμαί?)) (δραχμαί) Ἰ, ἀ[νθ'] ὧν αἰτήσα-? ²¹ σα ἔσ[σ]χον ἀπ' αὐτῶ[ν] ἐν τῷ Τυ- ²² ραννίῳ εἰς λόγον φ[ο]ρέτρο[ν], καὶ ²³ μὴ αὐτοὺς κατὰσ[σ]χησ ὦραν ²⁴ μίαν ὥσει δὴ (?) ατηντων ἐπὶ Θη- ²⁵ [β?]ῶν νομόν. κόμισε (l. -σαι) δαί (l. δέ) ἀπ' αὐτῶν (-τῶ) ²⁶ παλεού (l. παλαιού) δραχμὰς δεισ[χ]ιλίας ἐνε- ²⁷ νήκοντα δύο, γί(ν.) (δρ.) Ἰβββ πλήρης, ²⁸ καὶ τὸν ὄνον μου ματὰ (l. μετὰ) τοῦ σαγίου (cf. P. Flor. 76. 32). ²⁹ ἐὰν δὲ εἰδῆς ὅτι οὐκ ἔχεις [ε]ἰς τὰς ³⁰ χεῖρας σου, χρήσε (l. χρήσαι) παρὰ τοῦ [. . .]τα ³¹ καὶ πλήρωσον αὐτούς, ἐπ[ὶ]δ[ὴ] οὐ ³² δύνονται ἀναμίνε (l. -ναι) ὦραν μί[α]ν. ³³ βλέπε δαί (l. δέ) μὴ ἀμαρ[τ]ύνης κ[αὶ] ἐνε- ³⁴ δρεύσης τοὺς ἀπ[θ]ρώπους εὐ- ³⁵ πείαν (l. -ποιάν) μοι πνήσαντας. ἀσπασαί ³⁶ μοι πάντες τοὺς [.] καὶ ³⁷ πάντες τοὺς φ[ί]λους?, γενήσο- ³⁸ με δαί (l. δέ) ἐν τάχ[ει] πρὸς ὑμᾶς? ³⁹ [] ἐ[ρρ]ῶσθαι ὑμᾶς εὐχομαί —. Verso ⁴⁰ σημασία (cf. 1678. 28, n.) εἰς τὴν Παραμυσολήν (l. Παρεμ.) ὄπ[ο]ν η [. . . ? ⁴¹ [.] . a, ἐξάιτασον (l. ἐξέτ.) τὰ παρὰ Ἀμασῶ[.] ⁴² ἐ[. . .]μ[ο] . .]γμ. ⁴³ (in the reverse direction) Ἀμητρίῳ τῇ ⁴⁴] μητρὶ ⁴⁵ π(αρά) Ταυρέιν[η]ς.] Lines 24–5 are difficult. The doubtful ν may be η, and ατη

may be equivalent to *αὐτή*, but whether the preceding letters are read *ὡσεὶ δῆ* or *ὡς εἰδῆ* or *ὡς εἶδη*, and those following as *τῶν ἐπιθη[κ]ῶν νόμον* or . . . ἐπὶ *Θη[β]ῶν νομόν*, no tolerable construction or sense seems obtainable. *Τυράνιον* (ll. 7 and 21) is an unknown place.

1774. 21·9 × 10·3 cm. Early fourth century. Letter to Atienateia from Didyme and her 'sisters in the Lord', a formula showing the writer to have been a Christian. She urges her correspondent, who still had a balance of 1,300 denarii to her credit, to indicate any further wants. ¹Κυρεῖα (a corr.) ²τι (l. τῆ) ἀδελφῆ Ἀτιενα- ³τείη Διδύμη καὶ αἱ ἀδελ- ⁴φαὶ ἐν κυρίῳ χαίρειν. ⁵προηγούμενος ἀναγκε- ⁶ον (l. ἀναγκαῖον) ἢν προσαγορεύειν σαι (l. σέ) ⁷εὐχόμεναι ὑγιένιν (l. ὑγαίνειν) σαι (l. σέ) ἡμεῖν. ⁸γράφει ἡμεῖς, κυρεῖα μου, περὶ ⁹τῆς ὑγίας σου καὶ ὧν χρήσεις ¹⁰ἐντολικῶν ἔξουσίαν ἔχου- ¹¹σα. εἰ ἐκομείσθης τὰ ἐντολι- ¹²σου ὡς νομίζω (δηνάρια) Ἀτ. ¹³Κανωπικὰ (l. -πικά) σοι λημφθέν- ¹⁴τα αὐτῶν ἀποστέλλονται. ¹⁵προσαγόρευε τὴν κυρεῖαν ἀ- ¹⁶δελφὴν μακαρεῖαν Ἀσοῦν (or Μακαρειανασοῦν) ¹⁷καὶ τὴν μητέραν αὐτῆς καὶ ¹⁸θάντα τὸν | —. Verso ¹⁹Κυρεῖα μου ἀδελφῆ Ἀτιενατεῖη Διδύμη σὺν ταῖς ἀδελφαῖς. According to Chrysippus *ap. Athen.* xiv. 647 c *Κανωπικά* (l. 15) were an εἶδος πλακούντων.

1775. 23·2 × 12·8 cm. Fourth century. Letter from Plutarchus, informing Theoninus that his commissions had been carried out in spite of all difficulties, and detailing some wishes on the part of the writer, who may have been a Christian (l. 4; cf., however, 1678. 6, n.). ¹Κυρίῳ μου ἀδελφῶ ²Θεονίνῳ Πλούταρχος χ(αίρειν). ³τὸ προσκύνημά σου ποιῶ καθ' ἐκάστην ⁴ἡμέραν παρὰ τῷ δεσπότῃ θεῷ ὅπως ⁵ὀλόκληρον σε ἀπολάβω. Ἰδ[ε]ξαί σε θέλω, ⁶κύριέ (v corr. from η) μου ἀδελφέ, [ἐπ]ὶ τῷ αὐτῆν ⁷ἐντολήν μοι παρέδωκας ἐν . κλ . [. ⁸λάβω εἰς Ἀλεξάνδριαν, οὐχ ὥκνησα ⁹οὔτε πάλιν ἡμέλησα. ὁ γὰρ πατήρ μου ¹⁰πολλὰ μ[ο]ι κακὰ ἐποίησεν, καὶ ἔστεξα ¹¹ἕως ἔλθης. πᾶν ποίησον οὖν, κύριέ μου ¹²ἀδελφέ, σοῦ κατερχομένου λαβὴν τὸ κέρμα ¹³καὶ ἀγοράσει (l. -σαι) μοι ἐντολικὸν καὶ λαβὴν ¹⁴παρὰ τῆς Μεγάλης τὸ στιχάριον. ἀλλὰ ¹⁵μόν[ο]ν μὴ ἀμελήσης. ¹⁶(2nd h.) ἐρῶσθαί σε εὐχομαι (l. -μαι) πολλοῖς ¹⁷χρόνοις. ¹⁸(1st h.) ἐντολικὸν followed by parts of 8 lines. Verso ¹⁹Θεονίνῳ π(αρά) Πλουτάρχου ἀδελφοῦ. At the end of l. 7 a conjunction like *ὅπως* or *ἵνα* is expected. *εἵνα* for *ἵνα* can certainly not be read after *παρέδωκας*, and *ἔνεκα* [ο]ῦ is hardly satisfactory.

1776. 26·6 × 12·6 cm. Late fourth century. Letter from Paulus to Deme- trius, telling him that some river-workmen were being sent for a piece of work, and that they were to be supplied with corn, sour wine, and cheese. ¹Κυρίῳ μου ἀδελφῶ Δημη- ²τρίῳ Παῦλος. ³τοὺς ποταμίτας (cf. 1671. 20, n.) ἀπέστिला ⁴ὅπως ποιήσης αὐτοὺς ⁵ἐργάσασθαι εἰς τὸν καμνὸν ⁶λάκκον (corr. from χρήζουσι). θέλησον ὅσον ⁷χρήζουσι ἐν τε σίτῳ ἢ ⁸ὄξους (l. ὄξει) παρασχοῦ

αὐτοῖς,⁹ καὶ τοὺς γεωργοὺς τῶν (ω corr. from ου)¹⁰ τριῶν μηχανῶν τοῦ¹¹ Σξιμψαὺ ἀπαίτησον τυρῶν¹² κεράμια δύο καὶ παρασχοῦ¹³ αὐτοῖς. ἐρρωσθαί σε εὐχ(ομαι) πολ-
¹⁴λοῖς χρόνοις, κύριέ μου¹⁵ ἀδελφέ. On the verso traces of an address.

1777. 26.7 × 8.4 cm. Late fourth century. An ill-spelled letter from Choous to Tyrannus, asking that a sum of money which was due from some cowherds should be paid to Eulogius. ¹Κυρίῳ μου ἀδελφῶ Τύ- ²ραν(γ)ος (l. -ράννψ) Χωοῦς χαίρειν. ³καθὼς εἶπας ὅτι ὠφιξίλον- ⁴σιν (l. ὀφείλ.) οἱ βρο[ι]κειοί, πίστευσαν (l. -σον) ⁵αὐτοῖς, ὡς οἶδαμεν, ἀ- ⁶δελφέ, ὅτι ὠφίλουσιν (l. ὀφ.) εἰς ⁷λόγων (l. -γον) τῶν λι(τρῶν) μοιρ(ιάδας) (l. μυρ. sc. δηναρίων) σμδ. ⁸σπούζασαν (l. σπούδασαν), ἀδελφέ, ⁹ζοθῆναι (l. δοθ.) αὐτὰ τῶ ἀδελ- ¹⁰φῶ μου Εὐλόγιον (l. -ίψ), ὡς σὺ ¹¹αὐτῶς (l. -τὸς) [. . .] εἰπὼν (l. εἶπας) ὅτι πί- ¹²στευσαν (l. -σον) αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐπί- ¹³στευσα. μὴ ἀμελήσης ¹⁴οὖν, ποιήσαν (l. -σον) δοθῆναι ¹⁵τὸ ἀργύριον (l. -ον) Εὐλογίῳ ¹⁶τῶ ἀδελφῶ μου. ἐπὶ ¹⁷δὲ ἐγὼ ἔχῳ [τινὰς ?] ἡ- ¹⁸μέρας ὧδε, μ[η] ἀμ[ε]- ¹⁹λήσης. π[. . . .] .ί- ²⁰ωμαί σοι (l. σε) κ[αὶ τὸ]ν πα- ²¹τέραν σ[ο]υ. ²²ἐρρω[σ]θαί [σα]ι (l. σ[ε]) [ε]ῦ- ²³χομαι, κύριέ μου ἀ- ²⁴δελφέ. In l. 19 the penultimate letter may have been ε, but πρ[οσαγορ]εῦ-ωμαι for προσαγορεύω or -εῖομαι cannot be read, though that verb was possibly intended.

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οἱ κύρ. ἡμ. Διοκλ. καὶ Μαξ. Σεβ. καὶ οἱ κύρ. ἡμ. Κωνστάντιος καὶ Μαξιμιανὸς οἱ ἐπιφαν. Καῖσ.
(ἔτ. ιδ καὶ ιγ καὶ ς) 643. 16; 704. 22; 705. 19; (year lost) 718. 11.
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οἱ δεσπότες ἡμ. Διοκλ. ὁ πατήρ Αὐγούστων καὶ Γαλέριος Οὐαλέριος Μαξ. Σεβ. 645. 1.
οἱ δεσπ. ἡμ. Μαξιμιανὸς καὶ Μαξιμίνος Αὐγούστοι 708. 20.
ἔτος ιδ β 645. 3; 653. [I], 20. ἔτ. ιε γ 653. 22. ἔτ. ιε γ α 750. 16.

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οἱ δεσπ. ἡμ. Κωνστάντιος Αὔγ. καὶ Ἰουλιανὸς ὁ ἐπιφαν. Καῖσ. 695. 1.
ἔτος μα (era of Constantine I) κγ ιδ 751. 4.
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THEODOSIUS.

ὁ δεσπ. ἡμ. Θεοδόσιος ὁ αἰώνιος Αὔγ.] 712. 1.
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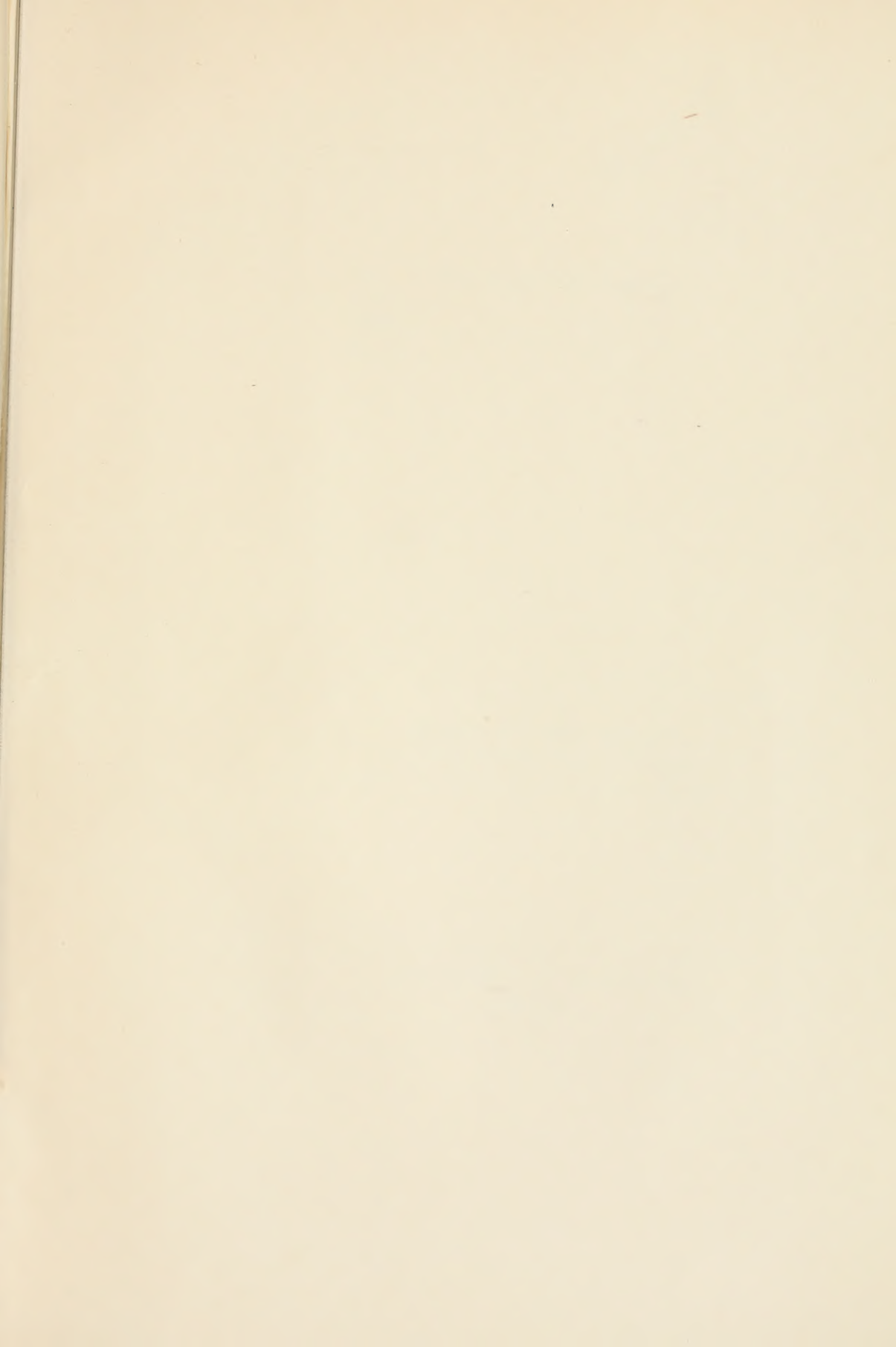
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