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PAPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC AND ROMAN PERIOD


From the ten papyri published by the editor, are of legal interest № 1 (73 B.C.) a sale(?); № 2 (138 A.D.) a sale of a young camel, № 3 (III cent. A.D.) a labor-contract.


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The first and the second of the fourteen published documents (156/155 B.C.) concern a fortification in the district of Herakleopolis. № 3 (177/180 A.D.) is a circular issued by the prefect Minicius Sanctus concerning the management of estates sequestrated for debts (τενημοτετραγωγόμενα). Such estates should be sold after a certain term by an auction on behalf of the state. In this circular the prefect calls the attention of the strategos that he had find out during his *conventus* that many of such estates are still not yet sold. He advises therefore the strategos (v. 13) [πάσιν φανερόν ποιήσητε, ὅτι ἐὰν ἐν [τις] μηνιον ἔχει, ἀποδοθῇ τῷ δήμῳ τῷ χρήστῃ, ποὺ ἀνήεσται τῇ ἀνθρωπόρητος αὐτομανίας] κ.λ. № 4 (IV cent. A.D.) concerns proceedings before the *praeses Thebaidis* about death-duties in a case of common inheritance. Very interesting is the official subscription in (v. 27) *edantur* which authorizes the *editio actionis* (cf. Oxy. 1877). № 5 (417 A.D.) is a bid for a lease of two rooms by Eirene who acts as a proxy of Lykarios, a soldier (cf. my *Law* I 233). № 6 (Justinians period) is a sale of a house with the formula: (v. 18) *πεπραξάναι — καλῆ πίπτει —* (cf. my *Law* I 248a). № 7 (574 A.D.) is a lease of waterworks from Oxyrhynchos, (on the clause (v. 26 ff) ἐν δὲ νομίζω — ἄτρωτον, ἀξιόλογον, ἀξιόλογον see my *Law* I 276). № 8 (663 A.D.) is a contract of surety which calls itself (v. 25) *ἐξω(μονᾶς), cautio ju-
**PAUL COLLART, Les papyrus Théodore Reinach, tome II (Bulletin de l'Institut français d'archéologie orientale tome XXXIX, Le Caire 1940).**

In this edition No 59—91 are literary papyri, No 91—143 are of legal interest. No 91 (235 or 238 A.D.) is a letter written by the prefect Maevius Honoratianus to the strategos of Apollonopolite Heptacomaia to tell him that he got the news about manifestations which had occurred in his ressort; the manifestations were probably against the government. The prefect, being afraid that they would cause some further troubles, gives some instructions to the strategus. No 2 (392 A.D.) is a report of a public physician (cf. my Law II 561). No 3 (159/160 A.D.) is a κατ' οίκίαν ἀπογραφή (cf. my Law II 38). No 94 (193/198 A.D.) contains declarations of two ἱεροτέκτονες under oath that not exercising any payed official functions, they get from the priests as remuneration two breads every time when they are accomplishing their annual duties in the temple during the month of Hadrian. No 95 (49 A.D.) is a pass of the custom house: it serves as a permit for travel in the roads in the desert under protection of the police. No 96 (133—135 A.D.) is a litis denunciatio (cf. my Law I 383). No 97 (III/II cent. A.D.) is a notification to some local official that a woman escaped; the reason is not evident. No 98 (109 A.D.) is a cession of some cataecic land. The buyer is an Alexandrian what confirms the opinion of Jouguet that owners of cataecic land were generally priests, Alexandrians, Romans and Hellenes from the φώρα. No 99 (30 B.C. — 14 A. D.) is a lease of public land confirmed by an oath. No 100 (212—217 A.D.) is a lease of arable land. No 101 (198—209 A. D.) is a sale on delivery (cf. my Law I 254); the same is No 102 (VI cent. A.D.). No 103 (26 A.D.) is the superior part of Ryl. 178, a loc. cond. operis with a nurse (cf. my Law I 284), published, long ago, by Collart, Mél. Glotz (1932), 241—247. A similar contract is No 104 (26 A.D.). No 105 (432 A.D.) is an antichretic loan...