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in the household of the archiphylakites Philon (cf. on λειτουργίαι my Law II 40/1 ff.). No. 2 is an affidavit of a legionary, T. Flavius Longus, an optio of the Legio III Cyrenaica, with the sworn support of his guarantors that he is of free birth and a Roman citizen and has the right to serve in his legion. The declaration may suggest that his right to serve in the legion had been called in question. The third document is a petition to an eirenophylax by a Roman citizen Ulpia Herois with her guardian granted her κατά τά 'Ρωμαίων έθη (cf. my Law I 13121) who complains that one Ababikis, evidently a tax-collector has attempted to extort payment from a man who is a cripple and therefore exempt from certain charges, certainly from poll-tax by ruling of the prefect (cf. Wallace, Taxation in Egypt p. 114). It is presumably from motives of benevolence to her protégé that the application is made. It may be mentioned that the tax-collector was at other times chastised for shameless extortion (cf. on corporal punishment my Law I 424). The collector tries to fasten the responsability for his illegal demands upon the village elders. For the responsabilities of the latter in the matter of tax collection see the passages listed by Wallace op. cit. ind. s. v.

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## PAPYRI FROM THE PTOLEMAIC, ROMAN AND BYZANTINE PERIOD

H. IDRIS BELL and C. H. ROBERTS, A Descriptive Catalogue of the Greek Papyri in the Collection of Wilfred Merton F. S. A. vol. I, London 1948.

The collection consists of 50 documents. No. 4 (III cent. B.C.), a letter of Aristomachus alludes to a sale on delivery (v. 3 ff.) 'Απὸ τῶμ πυριδίων ὧν κατέλιπον ὑμῖν δότε Διφίλωι ἀρτάβην πυρῶν ἀποκέχρημαι γὰρ παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ τὴν τιμήν (cf. my Law I 254). No. 19 (173 A.D.) is a sale of a river boat (πάκτων ποτάμιος) with a rudder