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## SURVEY OF THE PAPYRI CHIEFLY FROM 1952 TILL 1953.

### DEMOTIC AND GREEK PAPYRI FROM THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD

F. Hintze, *Fragment eines demotischen Ehevertrages* (P. dem. Berl. 15.592), p. 100 — 110 (Archiv Orientální, vol. nr 3—4, = Diatribae Lexa, 1952).

Upon the evidence furnished by the date-formula this marriage contract can be surely placed in the times of Ptolemaios VI. The title of one of the parties is worth of notice: Pates = Demotic: *ffšct*, the letter-carrier. The official delivery of private correspondence in the New Kingdom was as hardly possible as in the Ptolemaic period. The Demotic letter-carrier corresponds to the *βυβλιαφόρος* "document-carrier" of the Greek deeds. The *βυβλιαφόροι* are concerned with the delivery on foot the less official mail within the boundaries of a district unlike the royal courier-mail introduced probably by the Persians (cf. Preisigke, *Die ptolemäische Staatspost*, Klio 7 [1907] 241 — 277, especially 272 — 277; Wilcken, *Grundzüge*, 372 ff; further the commentary to the Pap. Hal. 7; cf. my *Law* II, 88 ff); they were organized into district-groups e.g. in Oxyrynchites were appointed 44 *βυβλιαφόροι*. As regards the duty and the organization of the "document-carriers" we have very little information; in our case this work is performed by an Egyptian. As to the contract itself there is little to comment because very few passages that remained of its contents furnish no new information in comparison to the known marriage-contracts. In our papyrus are missing: the list of dowry, the paragraphs concerning its security and further the signature of the notary as well as the list of witnesses.

Claire Préaux, *Ostraca ptolemäiques du Musée du Caire* (Chronique d'Égypte nr 55, [1953] 109 ff).

This collection contains: O. Cair. 9710 (218 B. C.): a receipt of the tax of a quarter, of scents (τετάρτη μύρου); O. Cair. 9671 (123 B. C.) a receipt of the tax upon vessels; O. Cair. 9564 (200—

199 B. C.): a receipt of ἀπόμοιρα and οἰνολογία in kind; O. Cair. 8/5/26 (206 B. C.): a receipt of the tax upon orchards (ἐκτὴ ἀκροδρύων or ἀκρόδρυα); similarly O. Cair. 9652 (138 B. C.).

T. Säve-Söderbergh, *Einige ägyptische Denkmäler in Schweden*, Uppsala, 1945.

In this edition we find on pp. 39—54 „A new bi-lingual decree of an Egyptian synod of the priests held under the reign of Ptolemaios III Euergetes”.

P. M. Fraser and A. Rumpf, *Two Ptolemaic dedications* (The Journal of Egyptian Archeology vol. 38, [1952] 65 ff).

From these two dedications B represents an official record of a foundation, just as A is no less clearly a private record of the same foundation.

*Sammelbuch Griechischer Urkunden aus Ägypten*, begonnen im Auftrag der Strassburger Wissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft von Friedrich Preisigke und Friedrich Bilabel, fortgeführt von Emil Kiessling, Beiheft I (S B Bh. I). *Papyrus Revenue Laws*, Nouvelle édition du texte, Jean Bingen, chargé de cours à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles. Mit Unterstützung der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft gedruckt von Hubert Co, Göttingen, 1952.

According to the editor Mr Emil Kiessling's declaration the new edition of the Revenue Laws prepared by Jean Bingen opens a series of supplements to the *Sammelbuch Griechischer Urkunden aus Ägypten*. The supplements aim to make accessible to the research scholars older documents in revised form since they are not available at the booksellers, and their former readings cannot be fully accepted by modern commentators and critics. This new edition which is exemplary, includes a detailed index and the fullest bibliography of the papyri. The excellent index (names of persons, kings, months, army and police, taxes and tributes, public buildings, nationalities, geographical data, money, measures and weights, religion and the general index of the words which occur in the papyri) enable those scholars who are interested in such matters to carry on further successful examination.