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PAPYRI FROM THE PTOLEMAIC, ROMAN  
AND BYZANTINE PERIOD

H. Gerstinger, *Bericht über die Schicksale der Wiener Papyrussammlung in der Zeit von 1938—1948 und den Stand der Arbeiten an den P E R* (Extrait de l'Antiquité classique t. XX, [1951] fasc. 2, 409 — 419).

In a short report concerning the fate of the papyrus collection of Vienna, the author informs us that his intention was to edit a new volume of the *Corpus papyrorum Raineri S. G.* In this view he suggested to several of his young students, who were properly qualified, to choose as the theme of their doctoral dissertations the elaboration of the Greek papyri from the P E R. Then in the years 1936 — 1938 were written under his supervision four dissertations in which 30 unpublished papyri of Vienna were explained, annotated and made ready for printing. These interesting documents come from various places in Fayoum, especially from Hermupolis Magna, but also from Soknopaion Nesos and other places. Gerstinger gives some examples which I repeat as follows.

Pap. Vindob. Graec. 13.103 is a deed dated the 10-th December 340 A. D. by which two Aurelii from Hermupolis, undertake to produce a recruit. Pap. Vindob. Gr. 19.792 is a report from the records of the Trapeza Tameion from Arsinoe which deals with the assignment of the so called maritime-loan, a δάνειον ναυτικόν. Four men from Ascalon who were busy in Egypt as skippers allowed to draw on their account at the Tameion bank to C. Longinus Celer and Tiberius Claudius Chaeresas a loan to the amount of 7 talents 5190 drachmas under an agreement reached by these four men. This agreement, a copy of which was handed over to the banker, M. Claudius Sabinus was concluded against the guarantee of a rapid sailing ship (πλοῖον ἄκατον), its rigging was owned by one of the shippers and let to the freighters. The ship's name characteristically of Hadrian's epoch was "Antinoos Philosarapis Sozon" (cf. my *Law I*, 261).

Pap. Vindob. Gr. 25.845 of 7-th June 343 A. D. is a receipt issued by the skipper (ναυκληροκυβερνήτης) Aurelios Plenis from Antinoopolis to the councilor and tax-collector from Hermupolis Magna, Aurelios Hermammon concerning the fare (ὑπὲρ ναύλου) of 200 silver-talents for the conveyance of barley crop of the 16-th

resp. the 2new indiction. This document is dated by referring to the consuls of the year 343 A. D.: M. Maccius Memanius Furius Baburius Caecilianus Placitus and Flavius Pisidius Romulus.

In Pap. Vindob. Gr. 19.799 from Hermupolis Magna a *defensor civitatis* justifies his retirement from the office and his flight which was for fear of the consequences of his behaviour (on the *defensor civitatis* cf. Rees, *Journal* VI, 73 ff). Pap. Vindob. Gr. 1385 is a petition of three small tenants to the strategos concerning the infringement of a lease-contract by a lessor (cf. on similar lawsuits my article, *Arch. f. Pap.* XII, 187). Pap. Vindob. Gr. 13581 from the years 321/32 A. D. is a complaint against trespassing and comes from Hermupolis Magna.

Pap. Vind. Gr. 13.524 a) (ca 310 A. D.) also from Hermupolis is a petition to the prefect against an excessive burden by an appointment to liturgic offices, strictly speaking: against non-observance of the right of three years vacancy between two liturgic terms.

Pap. Vindob. Gr. 29.340 is a hypomnema of a woman called Stotoetis from the year 147 A. D. from Soknopaion Nesos to the basilikos grammateus and assistant of the strategos concerning an unknown matter.

Pap. Vindob. Gr. 25.818 is a deed of cession (*παραχώρησις*) of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  arurae of *γῆ κατοικικῆ* and other objects by two women: Anageiris and Nemesus represented by Titus Vettius and Aurelios Heron alias Heraklios both councilors of Hermupolis. The document comes from the IIIrd century.

Pap. Vind. Gr. 25.823 from the Ist century A. D. with the closing text mutilated, *συγγραφή ἐξαμάρτυρος* is in fact a testament by which the father bequeathes to his son Philis a house in Pesla with the adjacent area and a part of furniture. Among the exactly specified confines appears also an assembly local of the procession-priests of Hermes-Toth and a dromos (the court) of Jarbal; we can assume, that this otherwise not wellknown Lybo-Phoinikian god had a temple in Pesla.

Pap. Vind. Gr. 25.819 contains a testament from the year ca 265 A. D. The document consists of two parts: the first part is a petition (*ὑπόμνημα*) of Aurelia Apollonia from Tinontis to the strategos of Hermupolis Magna. The petition contains a report concerning the oral testamentary disposal of her dying mother Dioskorus. One of these disposals is that the daughter as well as

her half-brother be released from *patria potestas*. To this petition is enclosed the second part which is a copy of the translation (perhaps from Latin) of the release-document (?). It contains a request to inform the released half-brother about the matter. Pap. Vindob. Gr. 25.821 from the second century A.D. is the last will of a veteran in which he bequeathes to his son a small estate and money. He appoints his wife as *administratrix* of the estate and three companions as his son's guardians. For cash of these three men as well as a trusty freeman was left a small sum of money. Pap. Vindob. Gr. 19.817 dated 125 A. D. contains an original-testament of a certain Ammonios from Ptolemais Euergetis.

Pap. Vindob. Gr. 25.871 from the year 373 A. D. contains a sale - ὁμολογία which concerns an estate in Oxyrynchus.

Pap. Vindob. Gr. 25.975 (from the year 263 A. D.) is a settlement of accounts of the epimeletai from Herakleopolis for the repair works of public buildings in the year 263 A. D. It is the only known settlement of accounts of these officials and is especially interesting because of the exact specification of the expenditure on the real and personal requirements as well as because of the exact data about the number of workers and the quality of materials used for repairs such as stone, bricks etc.

Pap. Vind. Gr. 12.922 b) from the Ptolemaic period is a complaint of the linen-boilers (λίνεψοι) from Arythedis against their trade-fellowmen from Therydis for the damage caused to the formers by running business in Sestis which belonged to the district of Arythedis. The complaint is directed to the strategos Apollonios and as it seems, they request him to admonish the Therydians and seek his protection for the linen-boilers from Arythedis.

#### PAPYRI FROM THE ROMAN PERIOD

Jean Bingen, *Deux inscriptions grecques du Delta SB 177 et 178* (III-me siècle après J. C.), (Aegyptus XXXII, II, 399—405).

Bingen republishes here two inscriptions: SB 177 = a decree in honour of an Alexandrian bouleutes named Hierax. After the year 193, probably ca year 200, during the sojourn of Sept. Severus in Egypt, Hierax received Roman citizenship. He was member of the βουλή organised in Alexandria and in the same year 200, as an archont, performed the functions of agoranome. SB 178 is the dedication of an Alexandrian bouleutes and his sister, *ma-*