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**P. LOND. III 877: MONEY ACCOUNT**

The small papyrus (12.7 x 16.5 cm.) published here is described on p. xlii of *P. Lond. III*. It is complete at all sides. The text runs along the fibers. The other side is blank. At the bottom approximately 6 cm. have been left free; at the top approximately 1 cm.; at the left approximately 1.5 cm.; and at the right over 3 cm.

On palaeographical grounds the text has to be dated to the VIth century A.D.

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κωμοκατ(οίκων) κώμης Συναρχήσεως
ένδεκάτης ὑθ(ικίων) δι(ά) τοῦ κυρίου Δαυιδιᾶον στρατι(ώτου)
χρυσοῦ κεράτου πέντε τέταρτον ὑπέρ (ἡμίοιου) μέρ(ους) (ὁυν) ἀφ’ ὁυν

4 ὑπὲρ εὐφρεγεί(ας) τοὺς διεσπαρ(τούς) ἡμῶν Βασιλείου (ὑπέρ) δ’ μέρ(ους)
χρυσοῦ κεράτων ἐν τέταρτῳ, λοιπὰ(α) κερ(άτων) δ’ ἦν καὶ ὑπὲρ
ἐμβολίο(ν) τῆς ἡμῶν ἡμερίων κερατίων (ὑπέρ) της

3 κεράτια: second α ex ον 4 Βασιλείου: ou ex corr.?
5 ὑπὲρ: ε π ex corr. 6 τι p. Monios

“† For the account of the komokaikoi of the village Sinarchebis (have been paid) for the eleventh indiction through the lord Daniëlios, soldier, five and a quart keratia for a half share of which for the benefit of our master Basilios for a quart share one (and) a quart keratia, remainder 4 1/4 1/8 ker(atia) and for shipment of the 11th ind(iction) 10 ker(atia). I, Monios, assistant, agree.”
The soldier Daniëlios who also occurs in *P. Lond. III* 994 (p. 259) 15 (A.D. 517; Hermopolite nome) makes two payments (although the verb “to pay” is not written on the papyrus) on account of the *komokatoikoi* (cf. J. Gascou, *P. Sorb. II* 69, pp. 42ff.) of the village Sinarchebis, situated in the Hermopolite nome (cf. M. Drew-Bear, *Le nome hermopolite. Toponymes et sites*, [= ASP 21], Missoula 1979, pp.252ff.): one payment of ten keratia for lading and shipment to either Rome or Constantinople by the way of Alexandria of (tax-)grain (ll. 5-6) and one payment of five and a quart keratia for a not mentioned purpose (ll. 3ff.). The $5 \frac{1}{4}$ keratia represent only the half of the total (10 \frac{1}{2} keratia) due. One and a quart keratia of these five and a quart keratia are paid ἐνπέρ ἑυρεγείας of their master and represent only a $\frac{1}{4}$ share.

It is noteworthy that the soldier Daniëlios is referred to as κύριος.

Neither here nor in the following line is it stated of what this is a half/quart share of! The scribe wrote first the symbol for (ων) but then changed his mind and wrote αφ = αφ’ (ων).

ἐνπέρ ἑυρεγείας: Basilios seems to have done the inhabitants of Sinarchebis a favour. He may have advanced the money they lacked at the moment they had to pay something and they are now paying Basilios back in installments. ἑυρεγεία occurs regularly in the papyri in the expression ἑυρεγείας τοιχέω (cf., e.g., PSI XIV 1422, 18-19; *P. Rain. Cent.* 99, 16). I found a payment ἐνπέρ τῆς ἑυρεγείας only in *P. Strasb.* 599, 6.

The remainder is incorrect! $5 \frac{1}{4}$ keratia (l. 3) minus $1 \frac{1}{4}$ keratia (l. 5) make 4 not 4 $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{8}$ keratia.

The proper name Μόνιος occurs also in *P. Bad. IV* 99 verso 1, 99; *P. Rend. Harr.* 172, 30. Cf. the spelling Μονε.