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GREEK POPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC PERIOD

P. M. FRASER and C. H. ROBERTS, *A New Letter of Apollonius* (*Chronique d'Egypte* No. 48 (1949) p. 289—294).

The fortunate preservation of the date of this papyrus, January 250 B. C. gives in view of its contents considerable historical interest. The letter of Apollonius to Demetrius containing the substance of a royal instruction regarding the felling of native trees for use in the dockyards clearly indicates a naval program connected with contemporary Aegean events. For the cultivation of trees in Egypt see my *Law* II 77 ff.; on φῶρας in v. 14 cf. my *Straf-recht* 28; it may have the same meaning as Petr. III No. 59 a) Col. II (v. 10) = *searchers for stolen property*.

E. TURNER and O. NEUGEBAUER, *Gymnasium Debts and New Moons* (Repr. from *Bull. of the John Ryland Library* vol. 32 No. 1, 1949).

The first eight columns on the recto deal with debts due for recovery (a παρακορεία list? cf. πρᾶξον in l. 22 and often). The account is of sums due to a society or association (σύνοδος) and certain entries point to its being a gymnasium (cf. my *Law* II 59 ff.). The most important of these is the entry in ll. 61—3 πρᾶξον δὲ καὶ τ[ὸ]ς κεραιότας ζένου[ς].

POPYRI OF THE PTOLEMAIC AND ROMAN PERIOD

JOHN BARNES, *Three Fayûm Papyri* (*Chronique d'Egypte* No. 48, (1949) p. 292—309).

The first papyrus (195 or 171 B.C.) is a letter of Heracleides to Dorion in which the writer reminds a subordinate that he should have come to Crocodilopolis on the tenth of Mesorê, whereas as it is now already the twelfth, he is to come immediately bringing with him a *phylakites* who will perform state service (λειτουργεῖν)

in the household of the *archiphylakites* Philon (cf. on λειτουργία 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 *κατὰ τὰ Ῥωμαίων ἔθνη* (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 responsibility for his illegal demands upon the village elders. For the responsibilities of the latter in the matter of tax collection see the passages listed by Wallace *op. cit. ind. s. v.*

Sammelbuch Griechischer Urkunden aus Ägypten, V Bd. 3 Heft No. 8245—8963 (bearbeitet von FRIEDRICH BILABEL, fertiggestellt und herausgegeben von EMIL KIESSLING, Wiesbaden 1950).

This volume contains papyri and inscriptions published till 1939. The next volume which is to be expected will contain further texts and indices for the whole volume V.

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.) Ἐπὶ τῶν πυριδίων ὧν κατέλιπον ὑμῖν δότε Διφίλωι ἀρτάβην πυρῶν ἀποκέχρημαι γὰρ παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ τὴν τιμὴν (cf. my *Law* I 254). No. 19 (173 A.D.) is a sale of a river boat (πάκτων ποτάμιος) with a rudder