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Tekst jest udostępniony do wykorzystania w ramach dozwolonego użytku.

Dura preserved for posterity the picture of a Seleucid settlement of the interior, a garrison town. Its original demographic pattern remained essentially unchanged till the beginning of the third century of our era. The small citizen body was made up of Macedonians, or perhaps Graeco-Macedonians, but included also some Aramaeans of the native group. Otherwise the population of the city included both Aramaeans and Arabs.

With the establishment in Dura of Roman troops and their followers soon after the beginning of the third century, Dura was reconstituted as a Roman municipium and colonia with a curia. The old Dura population survived only in part, largely flooded over by the newcomers from the West. We may observe the influence of [this change in the grammar and the palaeography of the papyri and the parchments.]

In the third century the Dura documents became very similar to those found in Egypt. Palaeographically we find here the “flamboyant” style which appears in Egypt at about the same period. The language also becomes a part of Mediterranean culture in morphology, and phonology, losing its earlier almost classical correctness.

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