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effected by traditio or mancipatio. In view, however, of the similarity of the formulae (e.g. the optimo maximoque iure-clause expressing complete freedom from servitudes, and the phrasing of the guarantee clause) in the tablet and the Transylvanian triptych, which is expressly stated to have been transacted per mancipationem, it is perhaps worth while to call attention to the latter possibility, and to its consequences. In his introduction to the text of the Transylvanian triptych in Negotia, p. 289, Arangio-Ruiz states the now accepted view that real property on provincial soil could be regarded as res mancipii only if it were situated in the territory of a city that had been granted ius Italicum, and that it is unlikely that Alburnus Maior, the place in question, had received this privilege. He concludes that the formulae of mancipatio have been wrongly used in that text. The tablet would fall into the same case for the fact that it may have been drawn up after the Constitutio Antoniniana is not relevant to the status of provincial soil. The possibilities are twofold: (1) the property to which the sale relates was situated in the territory of a community enjoying ius Italicum. Possibly this was not situated in Britain at all. If it was in Britain, could it have been Aquae Sulis or Gleuum? (2) The formulae are in fact wrongly used. Perhaps the purchaser was not sure whether the land in question was fundus Italicus and wished to protect himself in case it was. Or perhaps by application of the forms of mancipatio he hoped to assert a dominium over a res nec mancipi and usurp a better title to it.

## J. Schwartz, Deux ostraca de la région du wādi Hammāmāt (Chron. d'Egypte XXXI, No. 61 [1956] 118—123).

These two ostraca of the Roman epoch concern the army. The first of them confirms the presence of the cohors Prima Apamenorum in the zone, where the ala Vocantiorum and the cohors I Flavia Cilicum equitata have been attested.

The second ostracon confirms the presence of a curator, a real chief of a cohort of the auxiliary body, in the zone of wādi Hammāmāt. The receiver of the ostracon seems to live in the environment of the *curator*.

G. Flore, Un atto di divorzio (Studi in on. P. Francisci I [1956] 395-397).