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J. Schwartz and others, *Papyrus grecs de la Bibliothèque nationale et universitaire de Strasbourg* (*Bull. de la Fac. de Lettres de Strasbourg* 34 année No. 4 [1956] p. 180—193) (P. Strasb. 229—237).

No. 229 (502 A.D.) is a contract of lease where the master is represented by a slave (cf. my *Law*² 91—2). The contract contains the clause ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον βούλεται (cf. *Law*² 367). No. 230 (143—4 A.D.) is a loan contracted by a Roman who acts by a direct representative (cf. *Law*² 234, 311₂). No. 231 (II cent. A.D.) is a loan with interest. No. 232 (II cent. A.D.) an application of a κωμογραμματοεὺς to the strategus. No. 233 (II cent. A.D.): a private letter. No. 234 (II cent. A.D.) is a fragment of legal proceedings before the strategus or the prefect. No. 235 (III cent. A.D.) is a fragment of an official declaration containing the personal signature of two high functionaries. No. 236 (ca 144 A.D.) is a fragmentary offer for lease of public land directed to the strategus, made by a man who acts by his representative. No. 237 (142 A.D.) contains the conversion of an unwritten marriage (cf. *Law*² 112) in a συγγραφή συνουχασίου (cf. *Law*² 112, 115). The document is characteristic because the usual terms ἄγραφος and ἔγγραφος γάμος are not used.

PAPYRI FROM THE BYZANTINE PERIOD

M. David and H. L. W. Nelson, *Das neue Paulus-Fragment* (*Cod. Leid. B.P.L. 2589*) *The first Report supplement* (with the introduction by G. J. Leflinck) (reprint from the *Tijdschrift voor Rechtsgeschiedenis* XXIII, 1, [1955] 75—82).

The parchment sheet acquired by the Library of the University of Leyden comes from about the IVth cent. A.D. and contains the excerpts from Pauli *Sententiae*. The editors reproduce the text and provide it with a German translation (cf. the amendment to the Leyden edition of the fragments of Paulus, *Tijdschr.* XXIII, 2, p. 286 ff.); see also the reproduction by Franco Casavola, *Ancora un frammento di Paolo* (*Labeo* I, 2 [1955] p. 212 ff.).

Enno Littmann, *An Old Ethiopic Inscription from the Berenice Road* with an Introduction by D. Meredith (Repr. from the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* [October 1954] 119—123).

The inscription dates probably from the fourth cent. A.D., but offers nothing from which we may safely deduce a trade or other connection between Egypt and Axum in this epoch.

H. Gerstinger, *Zwei neue Wohnungsmietverträge aus Herakleopolis Magna der Sammlung "Papyrus Erzherzog Rainer" in Wien (P. Graec. Vindob. 31.516 and 26.271)* (S.A. aus dem *Jahrbuch der österreichischen byzantinischen Gesellschaft* III [1954] 55—65).

The edition of both the papyri begins with a discussion about the importance of the lease contract for the dwelling-problem and for the dwelling conditions in the Greco-Egyptian settlements, about the social and economic situation of the lessors (private individuals, public corporations and, in the Byzantine period, the churches and monasteries) about lessees, about the law of habitation etc. Pap. Graec. Vindob. 31.516 (597 A.D.) is a contract of lease drawn up by a notary concerning parts of a house looking to the West, in Phelo-street in Heracleopolis Magna; strictly spoken about a bed-room called "bride granary" (perhaps because the master's daughter used to keep there her wedding outfit) situated on the second floor and looking to the East thus being in the back part of the house, and about a pantry (*καμάρρα*) in the basement of the house and about a dining room on the flat roof of the house. The contract grants to the lessee except the right of dwelling, also using the house yard, the spring as well as all other accommodations being to the inhabitant's service (*τοῦ παντός δικαίου*) until recalled by the lessor.

P. Graec. Vindob. 26. 271 (VI—VII cent. A.D.) is again a dwelling lease contract of a house quite analogical to the former one. The lessor is a woman, the divorced wife of the late Clistophoros, also from Heracleopolis. The object of the lease are the premises in the house belonging to the lessor and situated in the Blue-Party Street, in the quarter of St. Kyros church in Heracleopolis, namely, a bed-room in the first floor looking to the East and the "air" what meant a flat roof over it as well as a dining room on the flat roof looking to the West and according to his share the right to use all the house accommodations serving to common use. The term of this contract is fixed again from the date of its issue until recalled by the lessor.