

## NINETEEN PAPYRI FROM THE BRITISH LIBRARY

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The order in which the texts are published is that of their inventory number. With the exception of no. 15, which was written in the second century B.C., the texts date from the Roman and the Byzantine periods. Of the two dimensions of the papyri, height is given first. When no indication of the provenance of the papyrus is given, it means that it is not known and cannot be inferred from the contents.

### 1. P. Lond. III 886a descr.

11 × 16 cm.

Hermopolite nome

6th or 7th cent.

Signatures from the end of a large document, an ἐπίσταλμα, it seems, κουφισμοῦ καὶ σωματισμοῦ. Written along the fibres in five cursive, upright, rough hands. The back is blank.

For related documents see U. Wilcken, introd. to *P. Würzb.* 18 and 19; R. Pintaudi, introd. to *P. Laur.* II 26 and *ZPE* 25 (1977) 213-16 (add *P. Oxy.* L 3583 and *P. Ness.* III 24).

] t r a c e s

(m. 2) κανό]νος πρώτης ἰνδ(ικτίονος) καὶ αὐτῆς ὡς πρόκ(ε)ται. (m. 3)

Φι( ) Μηνᾶς Κύρου στρ(ατιώτης)

] ἀπὸ κανόνος πρώτης ἰνδικ(τίονος) καὶ αὐτῆς ὡς πρόκειται.

(m. 4) ]ω τῷ ἐπιστάλματι ἀπὸ κανόνος πρώτης ἰνδικ(τίονος)

5 (m. 5) ]στηρίου Κουσσῶν κουφ<ι>ζω τὸ ἐπίσταλμα καὶ ἔχω  
π]ρώτης ἰνδ(ικτίονος) καὶ αὐτῆς ὡς πρόκ(ε)ται.



4. μαρτυρ]ῶ, κουφίζ]ω?

5. Apparently μονα]στηρίου Κουσσῶν. For Κοῦσσαι see M. Drew-Bear, *Le nome Hermopolite. Toponymes et sites* (Am. Stud. Pap. 21), 1979, 147-51.

τὸ ἐπίσταλαμα: error for τῷ ἐπιστάλαματι (cf. line 4)?

## 2. P. Lond. III 866b descr.

9 × 16 cm.

Hermopolite nome

7th cent.

Letter from an official ordering the release of three detained persons. Written across the fibres in a sloping, cursive hand. On the back there are traces of the address, written along the fibres.

† μᾶλλον δύο ὀνόματα ἀπὸ Ἰβιῶνος Σεσυμβώθεως  
 Θεοδοσίου τοῦ σοφιστοῦ ἐκρατήθησαν καὶ ἐπέμφθησαν  
 τῇ λαμπρότητί σου. το[ύτους ἵνα ἀ]πολύσῃ εὐθέως.  
 ἐκράτησαν δὲ καὶ ἄλλον οἱ ἀπὸ Σεβαέμφεως, Μακάριν  
 5 τῷ ὀνόματι καὶ νησιώτην αὐτοῦ. καὶ τοῦτο ν' [ἀ]πόλυσον,  
 ἐπειδὴ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ἐπέμφθη εἰς τὴν ἄλλην ἀλλαγὴν  
 καὶ οὐπω ἔφθασεν. †

6 υἱὸς pap.

1-4. On Ἰβιῶν Σεσυμβώθεως and Σεβαέμφεις see Drew-Bear, *op. cit.*, 127-8 and 235 (Σηβαέμφεις).

5 καί: very faint and probably washed off. Perhaps we ought to print [[καί]].  
 αὐτοῦ: pronoun or adverb? If the latter, place a comma before it.

6 ἀλλαγὴν: 'shift' of workmen or 'station' for changing horses? See H. I. Bell and U. Wilcken, *APF* 5 (1913) 190 and 450-1; K. A. Worp and P. J. Sijpesteijn, note on P. Vindob. Tandem 31.6; G. Husson, *Akten des XIII. intern. Papyrologenkongresses* (Münch. Beitr. 66), 1974, 170-1. Cf. P. N.Y.Univ. 25.

## 3. P. Lond. III 949 descr.

8.5 × 15 cm.

Hermopolite nome

2nd half of 3rd cent.

Portion of a long document pertaining to the δημοσίωσις of a sale (cf. line 5, τοῦ πεπρακότος) by the registration (συγκαταχώρησις) of the deed in the Ἀδριανὴ βιβλιοθήκη and the Ναναῖον in Alexandria, and including a secondary application for communication to the local βιβλιοφύλακες of the Hermopolite



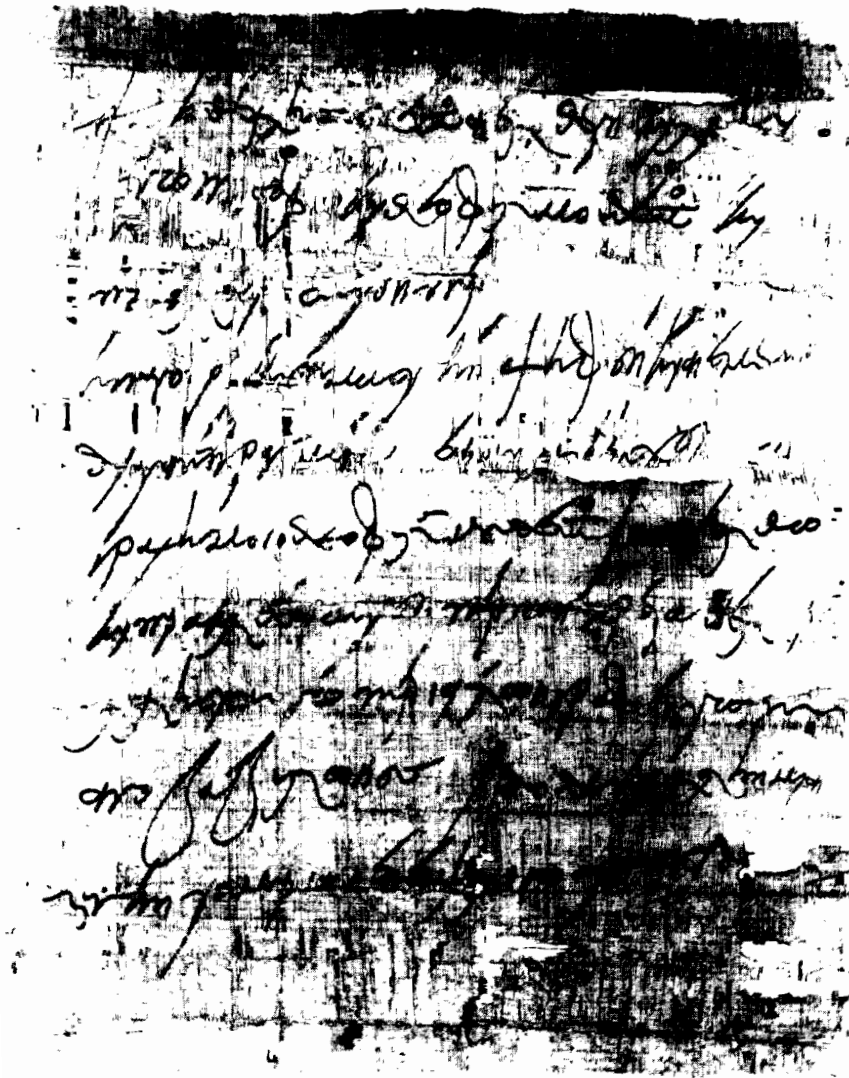
nome. The left-hand portion is missing, and parallel texts suggest that *ca.* 35 letters have been lost. At least one column must have preceded the surviving one. The text is written along the fibres in a small, sloping, semi-uncial hand, the same throughout. It is, therefore, like P. Oxy. IV 719, IX 1200, and XII 1560, a copy, and the reference to the reign of Philippus Arabs (A.D. 244-249) in line 9 applies only to the original application for *συγκαταχώρησις* in the Alexandrian archives, not to the present document. Upper and lower margins are preserved. The back is blank.

A list of related texts is given in the introduction to P. Oxy. XII 1472 (add P. Mich. XI 614); our text falls in the editors' group three. See briefly R. H. Pierce, *Grapheion, Catalogue, and Library in Roman Egypt*, *SO* 43 (1968) 68-83, with further bibliography on *δημοσιώσις* (p. 78 n. 37).

- β]εβαιώσω ὡς πρόκειται καὶ εὐδοκῶ τῆ δημοσιώσει. <sup>vacat</sup>  
 τῶ]ν ἀνθρωπίνων χάριν ἀπὸ τῆς τρισσῆς ἀσφαλείας μοναχὸν ἐν  
 ὀρι]σθείσας ὑπὲρ μοναχοῦ ἄλλας (δραχμὰς) ἰβ καὶ ὑπὲρ τοῦ τι-  
 μήματος  
 ἀναλαμβάνοντ]τας αὐτὴν ὑπογεγραμμένην ὑπὸ τοῦ διεπεσταλμένου ὑπ'  
 ἔμοῦ  
 5 ὑ]πὸ αὐτὴν ὑπογραφὴν ἰδιογραφον τοῦ πεπρακότος Ἀύρηλί-  
 συγκατ]αχωρίσαι αὐτὴν τῶδε τῶ ὑπομνήματι, τὴν μὲν αὐθ[ε]ντικὴν  
 ] τὸ δὲ ἴσον ὑπόμνημα καὶ εἰς τὴν τοῦ Ναναίου πρὸς τὸ μέ-  
 νειν  
 χ]ρηματισμοῦ ἔνεκα τοῦ καὶ εὐδόκησιν ἐπηκολουθηκέναι  
 (ἔτους). Μ]άρκω Ἰουλίω Φιλίππῳ τῶ κυρίῳ Σεβαστῶ, Φαρμουῖθι.  
 [] <sup>vacat</sup>  
 10 προσφωνηθῆ]γαι τοῖς τῶν ἐγκτήσεων <τοῦ> Ἐρμοπολ(ίτου) νομοῦ βι-  
 βλιοφύλ(αξι) ἀξιῶ  
 ὑπογεγραμ]μένην ὡς καθήκει γράψα[ι] αὐτοῖς ἔν' εἰδῶσι. ὡς καθή[κ]ει.  
 Σεβαστ]ῶ, Φαρμουῖθι τῆ. σεσημ(είωμαι). Αὐρήλ(ιος) Φιβάμμων Εὐ-  
 δαίμονος ἐπήνεγκα.

3 ὑπὲρ τοῦ pap. 4 ὑπογεγραμμένην ὑπο pap.; διεπεσταλμένου; ὑπ pap. 5 ὑπογραφὴν ἰδιογραφον pap. 6 ὑπομνήματι pap. 7 ἴσον ὑπόμνημα pap. 9 Μ]άρκω etc.: see note below 11 ἔν pap. 12 Σεβαστ]ῶ: see note on line 9; Φοιβάμμων

9 Μ]άρκω ... Σεβαστῶ (and cf. line 12 Σεβαστ]ῶ): these cannot be datives, as they are obviously part of the dating formula and genitives are required. They may stand either for Μάρκου ... Σεβαστοῦ or, more likely, for Μάρκων ... Σεβαστῶν. See F. T. Gignac, *A Grammar of the Greek Papyri of the Roman and Byzantine Periods*, I, Milano 1976, 111-12 and 208-14.



P.Lond. III 1078 (reduced)

There is no numeral after Φαρμουῦθι at the end of the line; cf. BGU II 578.23 and P. Oxy. IX 1200.52.

10-11. For similar secondary applications see PSI I 74 and P. Oxy. IX 1200.53-5.

#### 4. P. Lond. III 1045 descr.

23.5 × 30 cm.

6th or 7th cent.

Portion of a deed of sale of half a house by a deacon, two sub-deacons, a soldier, and a woman to a *comes*. The beginning and the end of the document are lost. Written along the fibres in a large, sloping, cursive hand. The back is blank.

For sales of buildings see O. Montevecchi, *Aegyptus* 21 (1941) 93-151, and *La Papirologia*, Torino 1973, 210; for fractional properties see now D. W. Hobson, *House and Household in Roman Egypt*, *YCIS* 28 (1985) 211-19.

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 ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀποδόμενοι Φοιβάμμων διάκονος καὶ Ἀντώνιος  
 στρατιώτης καὶ Α[ι]λιανός καὶ Καλλίνικος ὑποδιάκονοι  
 καὶ Θεοφίλη ἐσχήκαμεν παρὰ σοῦ τοῦ προγεγραμμένου  
 περιβλέπτου κόμετος Γερμαν[ο]ῦ τοῦ ἄνουμένου διὰ χειρός  
 5 σου εἰς χεῖρας ἡμῶν ἐκ [π]λήρ[ου]ς ἐπὶ τῶν ἐξῆς ὑπογραφόντων  
 μαρτύρων, τῶν κα[τ'] ἐπιτροπὴν ἡμῶν καὶ βούλῃσιν  
 καθυπογραψ[άν]των, εἰς τὸ εἶν[αι] περὶ σὲ τὸν πριάμενον  
 καὶ τοὺς παρὰ σοῦ μεταληψομένους [τ]ῆ[ν] τοῦ πεπ[ρ]αμένου  
 σοι παρ' ἡμῶν ὡς πρόκειται δεσποτεῖαν ἡμίσεως  
 10 μέρους ὀλοκλήρου οἰκίας μετὰ παντὸς αὐτοῦ τοῦ δικαίου  
 ἐφ' ᾧτε σὲ ἐντεῦθεν ἤδη τοῦ αὐτοῦ ἡμίσεως μέρους  
 ὀλοκλήρου οἰκίας μετὰ παντὸς αὐτοῦ τοῦ δικαίου  
 ἐπικρατεῖν καὶ κυριεύειν καὶ δεσπόζειν καὶ χρῆσθαι  
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2 ὑποδιακονοὶ pap.

4 περιβλέπτου κόμετος: see S. Daris, *Il lessico latino nel greco d'Egitto*, Barcelona 1971, 58-60; W. Hameter, note on CPR VII 43.3.

#### 5. P. Lond. III 1078 descr.

20 × 16.5 cm.

7th cent.

Private letter from a manager to his landlord (?), requesting permission to visit

him. Reference is made to a ψῆφος (= account?), letters from Babylon, and the dispatch of a pair of beast's loads 'on account of the memorandum' (?). Written in a small, sloping, cursive hand, across the fibres on the front and along them on the back.

- † ἠθέλη[σα, δ]έσπο(τα), ἀνελθεῖν καὶ λαλῆσαι  
 τῷ πα[ν]σόφω καὶ θεοφυλ(άκτω) μου δεσπό(τη) καὶ  
 π[α]ρ[ακα]λέσαι αὐτὸν περὶ [.].[...]....  
 ὑπαγόρευον ὁμῶς τὴν ψῆφον καὶ ἀνέμεινα  
 5 διὰ τὰ πεπραγμένα. ἐὰν οὖν οὐκ ἤσχο[λ]ησ[ε]ν,  
 γράψῃ μοι ὁ θεοφύλ(ακτός) μου δεσπό(της), ἵνα ἀνέλθω  
 καὶ παρακαλέσω αὐτὸν περὶ ὧν χρεία. θέλω [ω .(.)];  
 λαλῆσαι αὐτῷ περὶ ἄλλων γραφέντων  
 ἀπὸ Βαβυλῶνος. ἰδοὺ δὲ καὶ ἄλλην μίαν  
 10 ζυγὴν γομαρίων ἔπεμψα λόγω τοῦ σχιδαρ[ί]ου.†  
 4 ὑπηγόρευον 9 ἴδου παρ.

On the back: τῷ ..... παν[σόφω] μου δεσπό(τη) .....[

2 πα[ν]σόφω: a rare appellation. See P. Herm. Rees 3.1, 26, and cf. P. Cair. Masp. I 67002.i.6.

7 περὶ ὧν χρεία: cf. P. Grenf. II 92.7 (6th/7th cent.) ὀχλήσασαι ὑμῖν περὶ ὧν χρεία.

9 Βαβυλῶνος: in the Heliopolite nome. See A. Calderini and S. Daris, *Dizionario dei nomi geografici e topografici dell'Egitto greco-romano*, II, 17-19.

10 σχιδαρ[ί]ου: for σχεδαρίου. For the form cf., e.g., Gregory of Nyssa, *Epist.* 29, p. 84.5 Pasquali (*PG* 45, 237). But I cannot exclude the possibility that the papyrus reads σχαιδαρ[ί]ου.

## 6. P. Lond. III 1134 descr.

8.5 × 11.5 cm.

4th cent.

Receipt of payment of six talents and 4000 drachmas for naulage, given by Hermias, a banker, through his assistant Hermodorus. Written along the fibres in a medium-sized cursive hand. The back is blank.

For transportation and naulage see A. C. Johnson and L. C. West, *Byzantine Egypt: Economic Studies*, Princeton 1949, 157-63; cf. also J. Lallemand, *L'administration civile de l'Égypte*, Bruxelles 1963, 203 (on ναῦλα) and 218-19 (on bankers).



Μεχείρ

ια δι(ἀ) Ἑρμείου τραπαιζείτου [ὕ]πέρ ναύλου  
σίτου δι(ἀ) Ἑρμοδώρου βοηθοῦ (τάλαντα) ς (δραχμαὶ) ἿΔ.

2 Ἑρμίου τραπεζίτου

3 σίτου: this appears to have been added as an afterthought. For ναῦλον σίτου cf. SPP XX 93 and 95 (= P. Charite 15).

### 7. P. Lond. III 1135 descr.

7 × 25.5 cm.

4th cent.

Letter from Olympius ordering the quick delivery of the *annona* and informing of his imminent visit. The main text is written across the fibres in a large, sloping, semi-cursive hand and is signed in a very similar one. The back is blank.

π(αρά) Ὀλυμπίου—τὴν ἡμίσειαν τῆς προτέρας ἀνάγνη[ς]  
ἤδη συλλέξατε· καὶ γὰρ [ἀν]ωθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔρχο-  
μαι, τῆς χρείας ἐπειγοῦσής. (m. 2) σεσημ(είωμαι).

1. The dash is on the original.

### 8. P. Lond. III 1211 descr.

12 × 8 cm.

Theadelphia

20 June A.D. 259

On the front of this small sheet of papyrus there survive only the beginnings of two lines from an official register, written in a fine, upright, rounded hand of the second century:

Ἄλεξανδρος Ἡρακλείδου τ.[  
Ἀπολλώνιος Ἀμμωνο[ς

The back was used for the writing of a letter, of which only the lower section survives written across the fibres in a fluent, sloping, semi-uncial hand. A misreading of the first line has resulted in the description of the text as 'a letter from Taurion to Arotr—, on private affairs' (P. Lond. III, p. lxxv). Both the script, however, which is identical with that of P. Flor. II 246\*, and the characteristic arrangement of the foot of the text (date on the left, greeting on the right) leave no doubt but that it is a letter from Syros to the well known Heroninus (cf. P. Flor. II

248, 253, 254, 255; SB VI 9061, 9415.18-20).

The letter, dated 20 June A.D. 259, is an order for the quick dispatch of a plough pulled by a pair of oxen.

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 ταυρικὸν ἄροτρον  
 ταχέως ἀπαλλάξαι, τοῦ  
 μισθοῦ πεμπομένου  
 σοι ὅταν μετακομίζη-  
 5 ται. ἀλλὰ σπούδασον  
 εἰς τὸ ἀπαλλαγῆναι αὐ-  
 τὸ πρὸ τῆς τριακάδος.  
 ς (ἔτους) ἐρρῶσθαί  
 σε εὐχομαι  
 Παῦνι φίλ(τατε).  
 10 πζ.

#### 9. P. Lond. III 1253 descr.

5 × 26.5 cm.

4th cent.

Order from Eulogius to his 'father' Cornelius to pay Paesis four artabas of wheat, dated the 15th Mesore (= 8th August). The main text is written across the fibres in an irregular cursive hand; Eulogius' hand is similar but a little smaller and faster. The back is blank.

Εὐλόγιος Κορνηλίῳ πατρί. παράσχου Παησίῳ ἰδίῳ ἀπὸ τοῦ βωνοῦ δ//  
 ἰνδικ(τίονος) σίτου  
 ἀρτάβας τέσσαρες, γί(νονται) σίτ(ου) (ἀρτάβαι) δ μόν(αι). Μεσορῆ ιε.  
 (m. 2) Εὐλόγιος σεσημείωμαι.

1 βωνοῦ 2 σεσημείωμαι

1 πατρί: perhaps only a title of respect.

βωνοῦ: cf. τοὺς βωνοὺς in PSI XIII 1341.7, 9 (5th cent.), and see Gignac, *op. cit.*, 208-9 and 211-12.

#### 10. P. Lond. III 1299 descr.

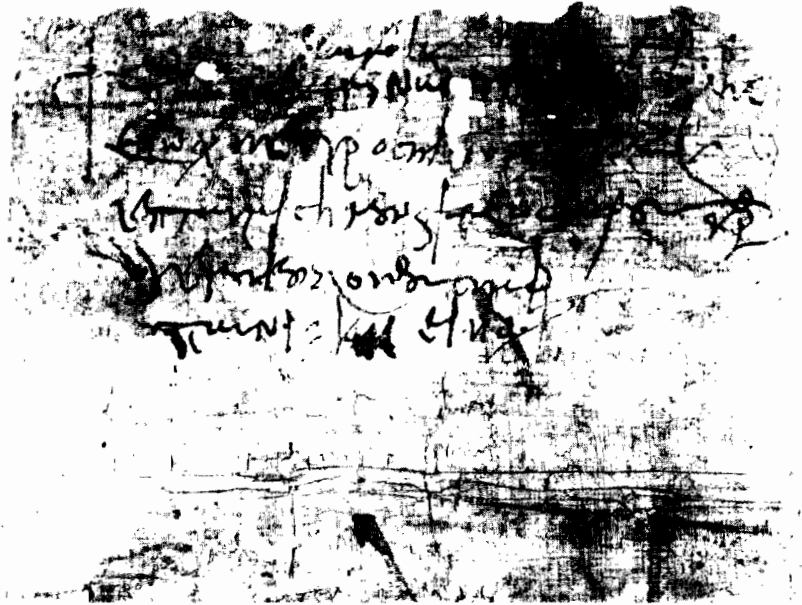
15 × 14 cm.

Hermopolite nome

6th cent.

Certificate for the payment by Peter of seven and a half artabas of wheat for

the *embole* of the fifth indiction for the account of the *κωμοκάτοιχοι* of the village of Nagogis. Dated the 22nd Payni (= 16th June) in the fifth indiction. Written along the fibres in a rough cursive hand on the upper part of a sheet of papyrus of poor quality and slightly defaced surface. The back is blank.



† ἐμέτρ(ησεν) 'κωμοκ(ατοίκων)' κώμ(ης) Ναγώγεως ἐμβολῆς  
 ε ἰνδ(ικτίονος) Πέτρος Πινουτί(ωνος) σί(του) (ἀρτάβας) ζS/,  
 ἑπτὰ ἕμισι μόν(ας). † Θεοδώρου .ρ( )  
 δι' ἑμοῦ Κολλούθου συμφ(ωνεῖ).

5 Παῦνι // κη ε ἰνδ(ικτίονος).

3 ἕμισι, Θεόδωρος

1. For *κωμοκάτοιχοι* see U. Wilcken, *Grundzüge*, 315 n. 2, and C. H. Roberts, note on P. Ryl. IV 657.7. J. Gascou, *Tyche* 1 (1986) 104, lists the documents in which the term occurs and promises a fresh study. Add the unpublished P. Lond. III 877 (6th cent.), the first line of which reads *κωμοκατ(οίκων) κώμης Σιναρχήβεως*, and perhaps BGU XII 2193 (6th cent.), in the first line of which instead of *κωμδ/* or *κωμισ/*, tentatively read by H. Maehler, I believe we may read *κωμοκ/* (cf. Tafel 12f).

Ναγώγεως: see Drew-Bear, *op. cit.*, 177-8.

3. At the end perhaps τρ( ) or στρ( ), but not γρ( ) or πρ( ).



**11. P. Lond. III 1305 descr.**

11 × 32 cm.

6th or 7th cent.

Order (έντάγιον) from Demeas, σχολαστικός and ἔκδικος, to the παραλήμπτης Artemidorus to deliver twelve artabas of corn from the largesse (?) of the bishop to three persons and to receive from them three gold solidi less fifteen carats. Dated the 11th Phamenoth (= 7th March) in the fourteenth indiction. Written across the fibres in a large, sloping, cursive hand. On the back there are traces of an account, written in a different, thick script, also across the fibres.

π(αρά) Δημέου ἔκδικου.

† τῶ θαυ(ασιωτάτῳ) Ἀρτεμιδώρῳ παραλήμπ(τη). παράσχου ἀπ' ὀ' τῆς φιλοτιμ(ίας) τοῦ

θεοσεβ(εστάτου) ἐπισκ(όπου) Φιβίῳ καὶ Ἰσακίῳ καὶ τῇ μητρ[ι] Διοσκουρίδου σίτου

ἀρτάβας δώδεκα δεχόμενος παρ' αὐτῶν χρυσ[ο]ῦ νομισμάτια τρία

5 παρὰ κεράτια δεκαπέντε μόν(α). Φαμενωθ // ια // ιδ ἰνδ(ικτίονος). (m. 2)

† Φλ(αύιος)

Δημέας σχολαστικός καὶ ἔκδικος πεποιήμαι τὸ έντάγιον τῶν δώδεκα ἀρταβῶν

τοῦ σίτου .ο[

2 ἴσακιω pap.

1 ἔκδικου: see B. R. Rees, The defensor civitatis in Egypt, *JJP* 6 (1952) 73-102, and Lallemand, *op. cit.*, 114-16.

3 θεοσεβ(εστάτου): see P. Köln II 110.2 note.

6 σχολαστικός: see A. Claus, *Ἡ σχολαστικός*, diss., Köln 1965, and P. J. Sijpesteijn, *ZPE* 70 (1987) 143-6.

7. At the end perhaps νο[, certainly not ὡς [πρόκειται. But what is read as ο may be the top of †.

**12. P. Lond. III 1316b descr.**

8 × 14.5 cm.

Hermoupolis

6th or 7th cent.

Receipt (έντάγιον) given by Silvanus, ex-soldier, of Hermoupolis, to Victor, a farmer, of the village of Senilais, for seventeen carats given as rent for the twelfth indiction. Written across the fibres in a rough, rounded, cursive hand. The back is blank.



P. Lond. III 1051 (p. 273) is also a receipt given by Silvanus to Victor, for rent amounting to one solidus less  $6\frac{1}{4}$  carats and dated the 27th Epeiph (= 21st July) in the thirteenth indiction.

† π(αρά) Σιλβανός ἀπό στρ(ατιωτῶν) ἀπό Ἐρμού πόλεως  
 † Βίκτωρ Πινῆτε γεωργῶ ἀπό κώμης Σενιάε'ως'  
 τοῦ Ἐρμουπολίτου νομοῦ. ἔδεξάμην παρά σου  
 ἀπό τοῦ φόρου ὑπὲρ καρπῶν πέμπτης ἰνδικ(τίονος)  
 5 χρυσοῦ κεράτια δέκα ἑπτὰ, γίν(εται) χρ(υσοῦ) κερ(άτια) ἰζ μόν'α'.  
 † Σιλβανός ἀπό Ἐρ(μοῦ πόλεως) στοιχεῖ μοι τὸ ἐντάγιον τῶν  
 κερατίων δέκα ἑπτὰ ὡς πρόκ(εεται). Φλ(αύιος) [Π]έτρος υἱὸς  
 αὐτοῦ ἀπό Ἐρ(μοῦ πόλεως) ἀξιωθείς ἔγραψα ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ [γρ]άμματα  
 μὴ εἰδότης. [

1 Σιλβανοῦ 2 Βίκτορι 5 ἰζ pap.

1-3 π(αρά) ... νομοῦ: P. Lond. 1051.1-2 read π(αρά) Σιλβανοῦ Φοιβάμμωνος ἀπό Ἐρ(μοῦ πόλεως) | Βίκτωρ γεωργῶ (sic; not Γεωργω = Γεωργίου as the editors suggest) ἀπό κ(ώμης) Σενιλ(άεως).

2 Σενιάεως: see Drew-Bear, *op. cit.*, 236-7 (Σελιλᾶις).

4 ἀπό τοῦ φόρου ὑπὲρ καρπῶν: in P. Lond. 1051.3 ὑπὲρ ἐκφορίων ὑπὲρ καρπῶν.

6-9. In P. Lond. 1051 Silvanus signs himself 'in a very illiterate hand'.

### 13. P. Lond. III 1322 descr.

4 × 30.5 cm.

7th cent.

Certificate given by the διαστολεύς Phoebammon of the payment by Nonna, daughter of Olympiodorus, of four carats for public taxes of the fifteenth indiction. Written across the fibres in an upright, minuscule, handsome hand. The address on the back is written in a different, rough, upright, cursive hand along the fibres.

P. Lond. III 1310a and b (p. 250) and V 1740 are issued by the same διαστολεύς, through the ἀπαιτητής Victor, to the same person for the same amount of money for the first, third, and fourth indictions. These three texts are written by the same hand.

See H. I. Bell, introduction to P. Lond. V 1740 and E. Wipszycka, Les reçus d'impôts et le bureau des comptes des pagarchies aux VI<sup>e</sup>-VII<sup>e</sup> siècles, *JJP* 16/17 (1971) 109-16.

† δέδωκεν ὄνομα(α) Νόννα Ὀλυμπιοδώρου δι(ἀ) <sup>vaca</sup>1 εἰς λόγον δημοσίων  
 ἀνωνῶν καὶ κανονικῶν πεντεκαίδεκάτης  
 ἰνδικτίονος χρυσοῦ κεράτια τέσσαρα, γίν(εται) χρ(υσοῦ) κερ(άτια) δ μό(να).  
 † Φοιβάμμων διαστολ(εὺς) συμφ(ωνεῖ). †††

On the back (m. 2): Βίκτωρ Φοιβάμ(μωνος) Νόνα Ὀλυμπιοδώρου.

2 ἰνδικτίονος pap. Back: Φοιβάμ(μωνος) Νόννα

1 εἰς λόγον δημοσίων ἀνωνῶν καὶ κανονικῶν: so also in P. Lond. V 1758.2-3. The other three certificates issued to Nonna read εἰς λόγον δημοσίων only. After διά they read Βασιλίδου or Βασιλείδου.

2 On διαστολεὺς see Wipszycka, *op. cit.*, and P. Charite 26.1 note.

#### 14. P. Lond. III 1328 descr.

15 × 12 cm.

Hermoupolis

6th cent.

Portion of a receipt (πληρωτικὴ ἀποχὴ) for payment for the rent of a house, given by the owner to the tenant. The beginning of the document and part of the signatures are lost. The main text is written along the fibres in a regular, upright, rounded, cursive hand. The back is blank.

For receipts see H.-A. Rupprecht, *Studien zur Quittung im Recht der graeco-ägyptischen Papyri* (Münch. Beitr. 57), 1971; for leases of buildings, H. Müller, *Untersuchungen zur μίσθωσις von Gebäuden im Recht der gräko-ägyptischen Papyri* (Erlanger Jurist. Abh. 33), Köln 1985.

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 τῆς ὑπὸ σέ μου οἰκίας ὑπὲρ τοῦ φθάσαν-  
 τος χρόνου μέχρι τῆς παρελθούσης  
 πεντεκαίδεκάτης ἰνδικτίονος  
 καὶ αὐτῆς καὶ οὐδένα λόγον ἔχω  
 5 οὐδὲ ἔξω πρὸς σέ περὶ ἐνοικείου  
 τὸ σύνολον μέχρι τῆς αὐτῆς πεντε-  
 καιδεκάτης ἰνδικτίονος καὶ αὐτῆς  
 διὰ τὸ πεπληρῶσθαι με παρὰ σοῦ  
 ὡς προεῖπον. καὶ πρὸς σὴν ἀσφάλειαν  
 10 πεποιήμαί σοι ταύτην τὴν πληρω-  
 τικὴν ἀποχὴν ἐφ' ὑπογραφῆς  
 ἐμῆς κυρίαν οὔσαν καὶ βεβ<αί>αν. καὶ  
 ἐπερ(ωτηθεῖς) ὠμολ(όγησα).† (m. 2) †Αὐρ(ήλιος) Ἀπύγχις Σαραπίωνος



- 15 διάχ(ονος) ἀπὸ Ἐρ(μοῦ πόλεως) ἐθέμην τὴν ἀποχὴν ὡς πρόκ(εῖται).  
 (m. 3) Αὐρ(ήλιος) Βασιλείδης Ἰωάννου ἀπὸ Ἐρ(μοῦ πόλεως)  
 μαρτυρῶ τῇ ἀποχῇ ἀκούσας παρὰ  
 τοῦ θεμένου. (m. 4) † .....

3 and 7 ἰνδικτιονος pap. 5 ἐνοικίου

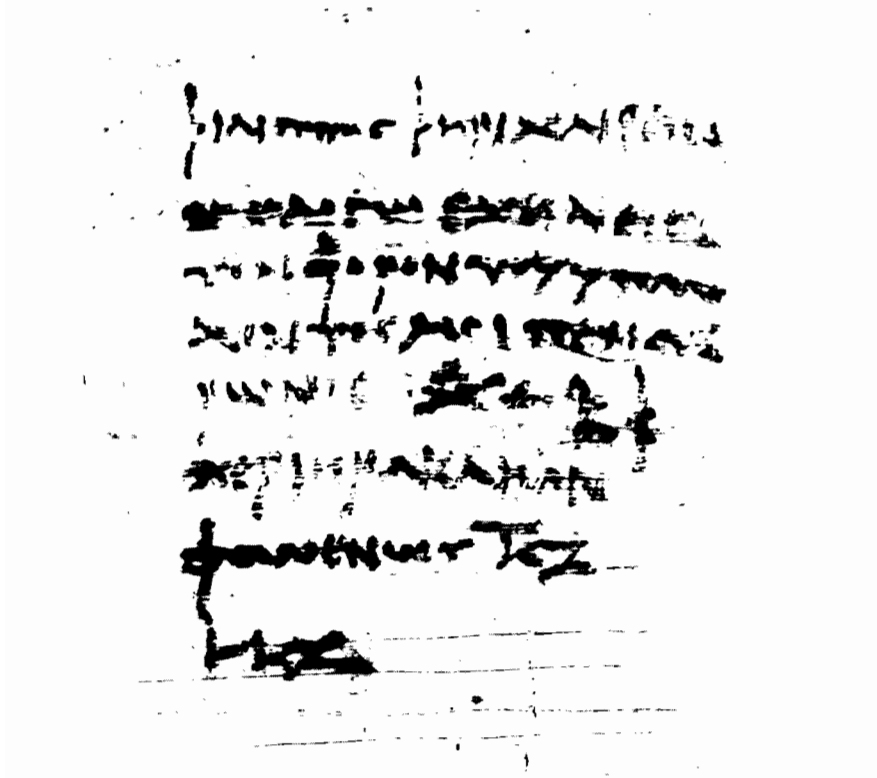
### 15. P. Lond. Inv. 1557

13.5 × 9 cm.

Heracleia

154 or 143 B.C.

Acknowledgement for the receipt of 2500 copper drachmas as rent for a dovecote, given by Philip to Pheris. Written along the fibres in a medium-sized, thickish hand on a good quality papyrus. The back is blank.



For the raising of pigeons in ancient Egypt see M. Cobianchi, *Ricerche di ornitologia nei papiri dell'Egitto greco-romano*, *Aegyptus* 16 (1936) 91-147, esp. 94-121. For dovecotes, ancient and modern, see, besides Cobianchi, E. M. Husselman, *The Dovecotes of Karanis*, *TAPhA* 84 (1953) 81-91, and *Karanis Excavations of the University of Michigan in Egypt, 1928-1935. Topography and Architecture*, Ann Arbor 1979, 63-65 with plates 102-6; G. Husson, *Oikía*, Paris 1983, 224-6.

Φίλιππος Φῆρι χάρειν.  
 ὁμολογῶ ἔχειν εἰς  
 τὸν φόρον τοῦ ὑπάρ-  
 χοντός μοι περιστε-  
 5 ρῶνος χα(λκοῦ) (δραχμᾶς) ἸΒφ  
 περὶ Ἡράκλῃαν.  
 Φαμενώτ πζ  
 (ἔτους) κζ.  
 6 Ἡράκλειαν

6 περὶ Ἡράκλῃαν: the phrase was added as an afterthought and refers to the location of the dovecote. For the village see D. Hobson, *The Village of Heraklia in the Arsinoite nome*, *BASP* 22 (1985) 101-15.

7-8. The 27th Phamenoth of the 27th year of Ptolemy VI Philometor and Cleopatra II (= 25th April 154 B.C.), or of Ptolemy VIII Euergetes II (= 22nd April 143 B.C.).

## 16. P. Lond. Inv. 1762

9 × 10 cm.

10 July A.D. 148 or 158

Sale of a white she-ass for one hundred and twenty silver drachmas, dated in the 11th or the 21st year of Antoninus. Written along the fibres in a medium-sized cursive hand. The surface of the papyrus has suffered considerable abrasion. The back is blank.

The latest list of sales of asses (70 documents) is given by Sophia M. E. van Lith in *CPR VI 2* (pp. 18-26).

Θεγα..... Ἡρακλείδη  
 Ἡ[ρακ]λεῖδ[ου] χάρειν. ὁμολογῶ  
 πεπραχέναι ὄνον θήλειαν λευ-  
 κὴν τιμῆς ἀργυρίου δραχμῶν  
 5 ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι καὶ οὐδὲν

ἐγκαλῶ. (ἔτους) ᾠ̄ Ἀντωνίνου  
Καίσαρος τοῦ κυρίου, [Ἐ]πεὶφ ᾠ̄.

6 ἐγκαλῶ

### 17. P. Flor. II 164 + P. Lond. Inv. 1864

Theadelphia

mid 3rd cent.

Like P. Lond. III 1211 published above, P. Lond. Inv. 1864 is part of the Heroninus archive. H. I. Bell was aware of the fact and communicated the readings of two lines (11-12 below) to D. Comparetti, who was engaged in the edition of the letters of the archive in Florence (see P. Flor. II, p. 250). Without the assistance of a photograph and with only a partial text at his disposal, Comparetti was not able to recognize the London papyrus for what it was, namely the lower section of a piece he had already published as P. Flor. II 164.

The text of the front side of the papyrus published here is based on a reading of the original London piece and of a photograph of the Florence papyrus, for which I am indebted to Prof. R. Pintaudi. It is an ἀπολυσίδιον (cf. P. Flor. II 131.7-8, 161.2) from Alypius to Heroninus, ordering him to deliver eight δίχωρα of ὄξος. Similar orders from Alypius are P. Flor. II 123, 124, 136, and 141.

On the back of both pieces there is an account of Heronas, written in his thick and ugly script. The portion preserved on the Florentine papyrus has been published by M. Stanghellini, *Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa* 29 (1960) 72 (= SB VI 9472).

π(αρά) Ἀλυπίου.  
παράδος Πάλα φροντ(ιστῆ)  
Φιλωτερίδος εἰς τὰ ᾠ̄ παρ' αὐ-  
τῶ χρείας, ὦν λόγον

5 δώσει, λαμβάνων παρ' αὐ-  
τοῦ γράμματα τῆς παρα-  
λήμψεως, ὄξους δίχω-  
ρα ὀκτώ, γ(ίνεται) ὄξ(ους) δίχ(ωρα) ἠ̄.

(m. 2) σεσημ(είωμαι). καὶ δὸς Πάλα ὄξους  
10 [[.....]] δίχ(ωρα) ὀκτώ.

(m. 3) Πάλας παρέλαβον τὰ  
τοῦ ὄξους δίχωρα  
ὀκτώ, γ(ίνεται) δίχ(ωρα) ἠ̄,



ὦν λόγον δώσω.

- 15 (m. 1) Ἡ[ρωνεῖνω] φρ(οντιστῆ) Θ[ρασ]ῶ.  
 [(ἔτους) ]

### 18. P. Lond. Inv. 2105

7 × 21.5 cm.

5th cent.

A private letter, containing an extraordinary verbal outburst and threats of lashing and burning, reminding one of Polybius' observation (15.33.10) that δεινὴ γὰρ τις ἡ περὶ τοῦ θυμοῦς ὠμότης γίνεται τῶν κατὰ τὴν Αἴγυπτον ἀνθρώπων. The right-hand portion of the papyrus is lost. Written across the fibres in a large, upright, cursive hand. The back is blank.

Οὐαλέριος Ἀθανασίω [  
 κακόγηρε, προδότα, πορνοβοσκέ' τὸ πρᾶγμα τροῦτο. [---αὐ-]  
 τῆ τῆ ὄρα ἐνεχθῶσι αἱ ἑκατὸν σαργάναι του [---τί]  
 ἐστιν νεῦρα Οὐαλερίου. μὰ τὸν Χριστόν, δι' με καῦσαί σε σ[

4 δεῖ

2 κακόγηρε: not in LSJ<sup>9</sup> or Preisigke, *Wörterbuch*. G. W. H. Lampe, *A Patristic Dictionary*, Oxford 1961, gives three references for this word (for the second of these, Palladius, *Hist. Laus.* 56.16 Butler (= *PG* 34, 1965C) it is incorrectly stated that the word refers to the Devil: the monk is addressing himself). Add *Arophth. Patr.*, *PG* 65, 164, and cf. E. Κριαράς, *Λεξικό της Μεσαιωνικής Ελληνικής Δημόδους Γραμματείας*, Z (1980) 229 s.v. κακόγερος.

At the end of the line perhaps ἐ[πέγει.

4. νεῦρα rather than νευρά. Cf. Euagrius 4.32 νεύροις ἐσωφρόνησεν ... νεύροις ἠκίσθη and 6.7 νεύροις αἰκισθέντα. Those interested in ancient whips may begin with W. Waldstein's article 'Geisselung' in *Reallexicon für Antike und Christendom*, IX (1976) 469-90.

μὰ τὸν Χριστόν: for parallel expressions in the papyri see the survey by D. Hagedorn, note to P. Köln II 110.6.

### 19. P. Lond. Inv. 2131

13 × 9 cm.

Oxyrhynchus

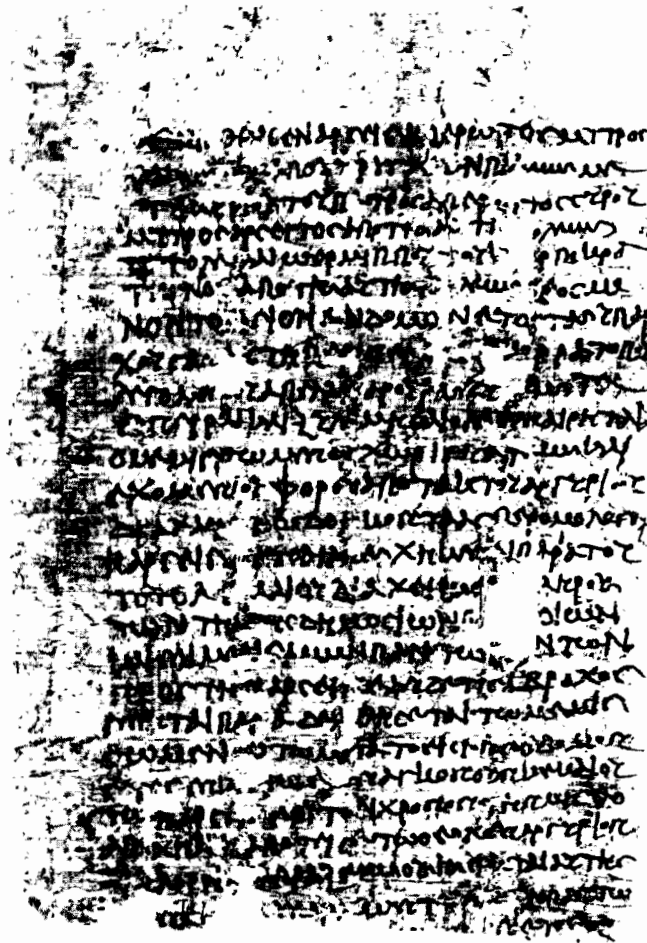
2nd cent.

A μισθαποχή, lease of land (two arourae to be cultivated for one year with

whatever crops the lessee wishes excluding woad and coriander) with receipt of rent (eighty silver drachmae). Written along the fibres in a small, rounded hand. The back is blank.

For bibliography on land leases see O. Montevicchi, *La Papirologia*, 216; for a list of Oxyrhynchite leases from 30 B.C. to the end of the fourth century A.D. (125 documents) see Jane Rowlandson, introd. to P. Oxy. L 3589; for a list of μισθαποχαί see P. Oxy. Hels. 42 introd., with bibliography (add D. Henning, *Untersuchungen zur Bodenpacht im ptolemäish-römischen Ägypten*, diss., München 1967, 41). The present text and P. Turner 25 (A.D. 161) are the only μισθαποχαί dating from the second century, the rest being from the third and the fourth centuries.

- ἐμίσθωσεν Ἀρσεῖς Ἀπερῶτος μητρὸς  
 Θακῶριος ἀπ' Ὀξυρύγχων πόλεως με-  
 τὰ κυρίου τοῦ πατρὸς Ἀπερῶτος Σύρου  
 μητρὸς Ἀρσεῖτος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆ[ς π]όλεως  
 5 Πτολεμαίῳ Ἐρμίππου τοῦ κ[αί] Ἀρποκρα-  
 τίωνος ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πόλεως πρὸς μό-  
 νον τὸ εἰσιὸν ἑβδομον ἔτος τὰς ὑπαρ-  
 χούσας αὐτῇ περὶ Νέσλα ἐκ βορρᾶ τόπου  
 λεγομένου Ἀπελλοῦ ἀρούρας δύ[ο] ὥστε  
 10 σπεῖραι καὶ ξυλαμῆσαι οἷς ἐὰν αἰρήται  
 ὁ μεμισθωμένος χωρὶς ἰσάτεως καὶ  
 ἔχομενίου, φόρου ἀποτάκτου ἀργυρίου  
 δραχμῶν ὀγδοήκοντα, ἄσπερ ὁμολογεῖ  
 ἡ Ἀρσεῖς αὐτόθι ἀπεσχηκέναι παρὰ τοῦ  
 15 Πτολεμαίου διὰ χειρὸς ἐκ [π]λήρους,  
 τῶν τῆς γῆς δημοσίων πα[ντ]οίων  
 καὶ ἐπιμερισμῶν πάντων [δ]ντων  
 πρὸς τὴν Ἀρσεῖν. ἐὰν δέ τις ἄβροχος  
 γένηται, παραδεχθήσεται τῷ μεμισ-  
 20 θωμένῳ τῷ μετὰ τὸ εἰσιὸν ἑβδομον  
 ἔτος ἐνιαυτῷ. ἐπ'ἀναγκῶν οὖν βεβαιού-  
 τω ἡ Ἀρσεῖς ἐπὶ τὸν χρόνον τὴν μισθο-  
 αποχὴν ἢ ἀποτεισάτω ὃ ἔσχεν ἀργύριον  
 διπλοῦν, τῆς πράξεως οὔσης ἐκ ται αὐτῆς  
 25 κ[αί] ἐκ τ[ῶ]ν ὑπαρχόντων αὐτῇ πάντω[ν].  
 [μετὰ δὲ τὸ εἰσιὸν] ἑβδομον ἔτος οὐ[κ]



7 εἰσόν: see Rawlandson, note to P. Oxy. L 3589.4.

8 Νέσλα: in the Upper Toparchy. See P. Pruneti, *I centri abitati dell'Ossirinchie* (Pap. Flor. IX), 1981, 117.

22-3 μίσθωποχὴν: so also in P. Oxy. XXXI 2584.18, 22, 27 and P. Turner 25.28; μίσθωποχὴ (sic) in P. Harris 82.3, 22 and P. Oxy. Hels. 42.7.

26 After this line supply ἀθήσεται ὁ Πτολεμαῖος εἰς τὴν μίσθωσιν (cf., e.g., P. Oxy. X 1279.24-6), the *kyria* clause, the date, and the lessor's signature.