## Notes on Miscellaneous Documents VIII*

## 105. BGU I 425

The text is a list of liturgical tax collectors of Memphite villages, assigned to the second/third century. Each of them is described by name, parent's name, and origin. For two of them no fathers are mentioned but only
 passages: ${ }^{2}$


One may see why the editor read cụ, but the papyrus has $\dot{\varepsilon} \gamma$, i.e. $\dot{\varepsilon} \kappa$. The construction $\dot{\varepsilon} \kappa \mu \eta \tau \rho o ́ c$ is not uncommon in this context; cf. e.g. P.Leid.Inst. 44.11 ( ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ c.) or SPP 20.11.16 (Memph.; 174).

## 106. BGU III $909=\mathbf{W}$. Chr. 382

In this well-known petition from Philadelphia of 359 , the request is introduced by $\delta i \grave{\alpha}\{\tau ̣ \grave{̀}\}$ toṿṭo $\tau \alpha \alpha^{\prime}$ ह́ $\mu \grave{\alpha} \tau \grave{\alpha}$ $\beta \imath \beta \lambda^{\prime} \alpha \dot{\varepsilon} \pi \imath \delta i ́ \delta \omega \mu i ́ c o r$. This short sequence contains two problems: $\{\tau ̣ \grave{o}\}$, though the assumption of error sits uncomfortably with the uncertainty of the reading; and $\tau \alpha \dot{\delta}{ }^{\prime} \dot{\varepsilon} \mu \dot{\alpha}$, which is unidiomatic Greek. A check of the online image reveals a totally unobjectionable phrase: $\delta$ ó́ $\tau$ oı $\tau 0 \hat{\tau} \tau 0 \tau \alpha ́ \delta \varepsilon \mu \circ v \tau \alpha \dot{\alpha} \beta \imath \lambda i ́ \alpha$; cf. P. Mert. II 90.18 (311) $\delta$ เ̣́ $\tau 0 \imath \tau 0 \hat{\tau o} \mathfrak{\varepsilon ̇ \pi ı ~ ( a p p a r e n t l y ~} \dot{\varepsilon} \pi \imath \mid[\hat{\delta} \delta \omega \mu)$ ), P.Oxy. LXV 4492.13 (c. 311/12), P.Vind.Tand. 4.21 (313-15) P.Sakaon 48.21 (343), P.Flor. III 323.8 (525).

## 107. BGU XI 2035

This is a lease, essentially a sale, of an olive crop at Psenharpsenesis, a village near Karanis, dated to 129. The


 though not without the article, and the online image shows that there is enough room for [ $\tau 0$ v̀c $\dot{\varepsilon} \lambda \alpha$ ï] $\kappa[0]$ v̀c
 Schreiber vergessen zu haben' ( $8-10 \mathrm{n}$.). In view of the lacuna, this is not an inevitable assumption, though the

 $\lambda \varepsilon \gamma\left[\mathrm{o} \mu(\varepsilon ́ v o v) .{ }^{3}\right.$

More difficult is the description of the 'rent', which occurs in a heavily abraded part of the papyrus:


The editor considered whether oil was mentioned in 1.14 , but this could not be verified and made the identification of the fruits as olives doubtful. Arsinoite documents published subsequently offer ideas: P.Mich.


 possible to read $[\hat{v} \lambda]$ ictô, which settles the issue. The extra payment called $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi i \not x \nu \mu \alpha$ would be mentioned in 1 .

[^0]16 , and $\chi$ may be read in the expected place; the other traces are ambiguous. At the start of 1.17, котv $\hat{\varrho} \varphi \underline{y}$ is compatible with the traces, but the reading of the rest of the line must remain tentative. Incorporating a few other new readings, I propose the following text:


'... forty metretai of strained, new, pure, unadulterated olive oil, an extra amount of two kotylai for each metretes, and of choice olive(s) ...'

## 108. P.Athen. 16

This is the top part of a lease of land in Theadelphia. It was said to commence in year 3 of Antoninus Pius, which suggests that it was drawn up late in year 2 ( $=138 / 9$; cf. R. Ziegler, ZPE 106 (1995) $189=$ BL X 234),


 lessee. A closer look at the passage with the help of a digital image results a different reading: Пépco]u $\tau \hat{\mathrm{n} с}$ | $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi \mathrm{r}[\gamma]$ ọṿ̣̂, a common description of lessees at that time; among leases from Theadelphia, cf. P.Soter. 4.2-3 (87) or P.Heid. IV 329.6 (105/6).

Other problems come up in lines 6-10, which were edited as follows:

 10 . . [

The duration of the lease is a problem. The editor recorded Zucker's suggestion to read $\tau\left[\rho{ }^{\prime} \alpha \nsim \alpha\right] \lambda \lambda \alpha$ instead of $\tau \rho\left[i ́ \alpha \eta^{\prime \prime} \mu c(?)\right]$ ụ in 1.7 , but he conceded that neither reading is secure; cf. also J. C. Shelton, ZPE 14 (1974) 50 (= BL VII 229). The papyrus does not have $\tau \rho$ but $\tau \varepsilon$, and the word ends with a sequence of two broken alphas with a descender in between: $\tau \varepsilon \in c ̣ c \rho \alpha$ is suggested. It also emerges that $\mu \varepsilon 1 \hat{\alpha} c \varphi \rho \rho \gamma(i \delta \delta t)$ in 1.6 hangs from $\dot{\varepsilon} v$, missed in the edition, and that $\tau \hat{\eta} c \dot{\alpha} \rho[o v ́ \rho \eta c]$ in 1.9 is a misreading for $\tau 0 \hat{v} \pi \alpha v \tau \underline{o}$ ọ, so that the hyperbaton created by $\dot{\varepsilon} \kappa \alpha ́ c \tau \eta c$ may be eliminated. In sum, I read:



## 109. P.Harr. I 89

The sum paid in this receipt (misnamed a 'Cheque to a Banker'), dated to 115 , is said to be 300 drachmas 4 obols. It is mentioned three times; the edition reads ( $\delta \rho \alpha \chi \mu \grave{c}$ ) $\tau, \delta$ (ỏßo ${ }^{\circ}$ ov́c) $\mid(\gamma i v \varepsilon \tau \alpha \imath)(\delta \rho \alpha \chi \mu \alpha i) ~ \tau, \delta$
 of this kind, the number should not precede the monetary unit but follow it, as in the case of drachmas.

 (òßoдóc), $\delta \rho \alpha \chi(\mu \alpha ̀ c) \tau \rho ı \alpha \kappa о с i ́ \alpha c ~ \tau \varepsilon ́ c \mid c \alpha \rho \alpha c ~ o ́ \beta o \lambda o ̣ ́ c . ~ T h e ~ p a y m e n t ~ i s ~ f o r ~ 304 ~ d r a c h m a s ~ 1 ~ o b o l . ~$

## 110. P.Iand. III 44

This fragmentary text was published under the title Cautio pecuniae mutuae acceptae and was assigned to the sixth/seventh century. No provenance was recorded. The concluding lines were printed as follows:



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The sum borrowed, 11 solidi, is very high, especially if it was an advance ( $\pi \rho o \chi \rho \varepsilon \varepsilon^{\prime} \alpha$ ). A check of the online image shows this to be false: the number of the solidi is lost. At the end of 1.9, the papyrus has vo $\mu$ ис $\mu \alpha{ }^{2} \tau \boldsymbol{\alpha}$; the first alpha is almost indistinct, as in ó $\pi$ ó $\tau \alpha v$ in 1.10 . We should accordingly supply vo $\mu 1 c \mu \alpha \alpha^{\prime} \tau \alpha$ $n$ instead of $v o \mu i ́ c \mu \alpha \tau \alpha 1 \alpha$ in the lacuna in 1. 2. The image also reveals that the text requires further revision; 11. 11-13 may be presented as follows:

Menas son of Theodorus signed on behalf of illiterates in a number of Oxyrhynchite texts, which range in date from 530 to 538 , when exactly dated; see P.Oxy. LXXXIII 5367.6-7 n. The formula in 1.12 is restored on the basis of the others written by Menas. It is more difficult to reconstruct the lost beginning of 1.11 , which may



The texts that feature Menas were subscribed by the notary Philoxenus, who sometimes combines a Greek with a Latinate signature. The Latinate signature, which was shorter, must have preceded the Greek in the lost left-hand part of the document. See further P.Oxy. LXXXIII 5367.8 n .

The creditor was the 'Holy Church', which may now be placed in Oxyrhynchus. P.Oxy. XVI 1900 (528), a receipt for an axle supplied by the 'catholic' church of Oxyrhynchus, is also signed by Philoxenus. The church is under the local bishop, whose $\theta \varepsilon o \varphi_{i} \lambda \varepsilon \varepsilon \alpha$ is mentioned in the text (ll. 15, 17). This attribute of the bishop appears also in P.Iand. III $44.2 \pi \underline{\pi} \rho \rho[\grave{\alpha}] \tau \hat{\eta} c \dot{v} \mu \hat{\omega} v \theta \varepsilon o \varphi \iota \lambda \varepsilon \varepsilon^{\prime} \alpha c ̣$. The two texts belong to the same dossier.

## 111. P.Mich. XV 743

I discussed this text in ZPE 150 (2004) 198 (= BL XIII 140), but there is more that calls for comment. It is an Oxyrhynchite sale of wine on delivery datable to 622 , in which 6 solidi are paid as the price of owov $\pi \varepsilon v \tau \alpha-$
 image shows that $\eta$ phould be read as $\kappa$ and that there is something between $c$ and $\kappa$ that is clearly not $\eta$. I propose to read cuк ( $\dot{\rho} \mu \alpha \tau \alpha)$, 1. cп-; for the spelling, cf. P.Oxy. XIV 1720.5 ( $6^{\text {th }}$ c.) cuкळ́ $\mu \alpha \tau \alpha$. It also appears that the reading of $\delta[\varepsilon \kappa \alpha \pi] \underline{\varepsilon} v \tau[\varepsilon]$ rests on a mistaken estimate of the space; it would be preferable to read


## 112. P.Mich. XV 753

This is the upper part of a private letter assigned to the second/third century. The message conveyed is riddled
 $\pi \rho o ́ \beta \alpha \tau \alpha$ (ll. 2-4). The image shows two short uprights before $\rho ; \rho$ is followed by o, with its left part mostly abraded, and another letter is written above it. The writer abbreviates by superscription (1. 1, $\tau \mu \mu \omega \tau \alpha^{\tau} ; 1.3$, $\theta \eta \lambda v^{k}$ ), and this must be another abbreviation. I propose to read $\pi \rho \rho \beta(\alpha, \alpha \omega v)$ : 'as you told me about the sheep, there are 8 female, 8 male. The sheep are in good condition.'
 but this would be an odd one, even more so if taken with the uncertain citc that precedes it. The writing of cic looks different from eic in the next line; in fact, the papyrus has oi, with omicron made in two movements, as in $\pi \rho o ́ \beta \alpha \tau \alpha$ in 1. 4. One further change is needed in 1. 4: the papyrus has $\hat{\eta} \lambda \lambda \theta \alpha v$, the form of the third person
 workers have come to me since the 21st'.
113. P.Prag. III 211

This is a sworn declaration of land, probably from the Fayum (dubiously associated with Theadelphia in the


 superfluous, but the online image (http://www.psi-online.it/documents/pprag;3;211) shows that the papyrus has $\varphi о \rho i ́ \mu \eta c$, 'productive', in 1. 10; $\varphi\left[\right.$ [o] $\rho^{\prime} \mu \eta$ с should also be read in 1.12 . It is worth noting that there is no other text in which land is described as $\dot{\varepsilon} \pi i ́ \pi \varepsilon \delta \delta o c$ or $\alpha \dot{\alpha} \tau \lambda \eta \tau 1 \kappa \eta$.

Apart from arable land, the declaration refers to olive trees: $\dot{\alpha} \pi$ ò $\dot{i} \delta \omega \omega \tau[1 \kappa \hat{\eta}] c \gamma \hat{\eta} c \dot{\varepsilon} \lambda \alpha 1(\hat{\omega} v) y \gamma^{\prime}$ (1. 14). The
 ad loc. refers to 'the deduction of PCair.Isid. 2, pp. 33-34, that in the initial census of 297 olive groves (and orchards and vineyards) were declared in terms of number of trees, while in subsequent returns they were declared in terms of the area which they occupied'. If this holds, the declaration was filed for the same census as P.Cair.Isid. 2 and may be dated to 298. Contrast P.Cair.Isid. 3.15f. and 30, from one year later (299):


## 114. P.Prag. III 219

 numeral cannot be read'. $\dot{\omega}$ c is unexpected in this context and does not yield good sense: 'as they may be'? The online image (http://www.psi-online.it/documents/pprag;3;219) shows that there is too much ink for $\omega$, and that it is possible to read the common phrase ọ́c̣c $\dot{\varepsilon} \dot{\alpha} \nu ~ \grave{\omega} c ı v$, 'as many as they may be'. The number of the
 $\chi$ рóvov (1. $\chi$ рóvov).

## 115. PSI XIII 1335

This is a third-century business letter written in fairly elaborate Greek. A few years ago, it was reported that additional fragments were found, the most important textual gain being the address on the back: Aì $\mathrm{i}^{\prime} \omega \mathrm{t}$ 'Opóvṭ̣ غ̇лı兀 the writer of the letter, but the image shows that the writer was not mentioned in the address: the papyrus has à $\pi$ ò Mouccíov. Aelius Aphrodisius was a member of the Museum of Alexandria; for the expression, cf. e.g. P.Oxy. L 3564.2 (235). He does not appear to be attested elsewhere; the known members of the Museum are not many (the list in N. Lewis, On Government and Law in Roman Egypt 155-7, goes back to 1981, but there have been very few accretions since then), which makes the discovery of the new fragments all the more welcome.

## 116. Pap. Congr. XXVII, p. 964

 (l. 1); it was assigned to the early fourth century. The name and combination of titles of the addressee are
 'Apcl(voítov). The strategus Gerontius was known from P.Amh. II $138=$ M.Chr. 342.1 (late 326); it is remarkable that the way of abbreviating $c \tau \rho(\alpha \tau \eta \gamma \hat{\varphi})$ is the same in both texts.
 Arsinoite $\pi \rho о \pi о \lambda \iota \tau \varepsilon v o ́ \mu \varepsilon v o c ~ F l . ~ P o s i d o n i u s ~ i s ~ a t t e s t e d ~ i n ~ d o c u m e n t s ~ o f ~ 353 ~ a n d ~ 360 ~(s e e ~ Z P E ~ 191 ~(2014) ~ 198) . ~$. It cannot be ruled out that we are dealing with the same person.

In 1. 5, for $\kappa \alpha \nu \tau \dot{\eta} \lambda 1 \alpha$ read $\kappa \alpha v \tau \dot{\eta} \lambda \alpha c$, 1. $\kappa \alpha v \theta \dot{\eta} \lambda \alpha c$.

## 117. SB XVIII 13235

This Hawara papyrus (inv. 238) is a property declaration addressed to Apollonios and Theon, record-keepers of the Arsinoite nome (1. 1, $\left.\beta v \beta \lambda ı\left(\varphi v ́ \lambda \alpha \xi_{\imath}\right) \varepsilon \dot{\varepsilon} v \kappa \tau \eta ́ c \varepsilon \omega v\right)$ under Vespasian. The date derives from 1. 7, Av̉то]кро́торос K[ $\alpha$ ]íc $\alpha \rho о с$ Ov̉ $\varepsilon с \pi \alpha с ı \alpha v o v ̂ ~ C \varepsilon \beta \alpha c \tau o v ̂, ~ a n d ~ m a y ~ b e ~ p l a c e d ~ b e t w e e n ~ 69 ~ u n d ~ 28 . i . ~ 78 ~(B L ~ X I I I ~$ 218). The last extant line (13), described as a 'docket', was printed as ]. . - $\kappa \alpha i ̀ \varepsilon \nu \mathrm{~B} \alpha$.[. What was read as $\mathrm{B} \alpha$.[ stands on a separate fragment that may not belong where it was placed, and there is yet another piece.

Next to the declaration on the same cardboard frame, glued upside down in relation to it, is inv. 239 , which belongs to the docket of inv. 238. Here is a digital reconstruction of this part:


This is a subscription, in a different hand from the declaration, which may be read as follows:

Ov̉ $\varepsilon c \pi \alpha c ı \alpha v o v ̂ ~ c o u l d ~ a l s o ~ h a v e ~ b e e n ~ w r i t t e n ~ i n ~ t h e ~ l i n e ~ a b o v e, ~ w i t h ~ t h e ~ l a s t ~ l i n e ~ i n s e t . ~ A ~ s i m i l a r ~ s u b-~$ scription, perhaps in the same hand, is found in P.Lond. II 146.21f. (ed. W. G. Claytor, BASP 57 (2020) 22f.), also addressed to Apollonios and Theon and dated 6 March 74. The Hawara papyrus offers the latest attestation of these officials (cf. Claytor, 24): Payni in Year 7 of Vespasian ran from 26 May to 24 June 75. ${ }^{4}$

## 118. SB XVIII 13764

This is a cession of two plots of catoecic land in Karanis, assigned to 148-61. On the boundaries of one of
 palms fit for being fructuated'. The editor, P. J. Sijpesteijn, noted that the partly restored phrase was also read in CPR I 45.7, and he referred to M. Schnebel, Die Landwirtschaft im hellenistischen Ägypten (1925) 296 n .1 , for the meaning of сто́рциоя 甲оíviкєc. A check of the original made on his behalf indicated that the papyrus
 listed in $\mathrm{LSJ}^{9}$ with the same meaning as $\sigma \pi o ́ \rho \mu \mathrm{o}$; $\sigma \pi \mathrm{o}[\rho \alpha \hat{i}]$ or may be the correct supplement in the present text also.'

Schnebel thought that роíviкєс сло́ $\rho \not \mu$ ои are 'solche, die befruchtet werden können', on the analogy of $\gamma \hat{\eta}$ слорí $\mu$. This is wrong, however, for factual as well as linguistic reasons; land will be sown, but standing trees will not be made to yield fruit through sowing. Sijpesteijn himself had found a different solution a few years earlier, but this was apparently forgotten. In ZPE 49 (1982) 115 n . 1, he wrote that the Vienna papyrus, cited from its re-edition as SPP XX 21, had c $\pi \circ \rho[\alpha \dot{\alpha}] \delta$ rot. A check of the online image confirms this reading. ${ }^{5}$

We may then restore $\bar{c} \pi \mathrm{o}$ [ $\rho \alpha ́ \delta \iota]$ ot in SB XVIII 13764.13; the reference is to dry land with scattered datepalm trees. The same word occurs in P.Petaus 17.4 and 13 (184), ${ }^{6}$ which offered the basis for the earlier correction to SPP XX 21; on this term, see further P.Bagnall 9.14 n .

## 119. SB XXII 15367

This is a full edition of P.Oxy. I 206, a receipt for payment of a money advance dated to 535. The recipient is

 the phrase $\varepsilon v \tau(\hat{\varphi}) \lambda o ́ \gamma(\omega) \pi \rho o \chi \rho \varepsilon \varepsilon^{\prime} \alpha c$ is 'strange'; he added: 'I wonder whether the letters $\varepsilon v \tau($ ) are not part of the name of the farm of Path.' $Z \oplus \delta \alpha^{\prime} v \omega[v]$ is also an unusual name. The online image shows that the correct reading of the text is $\tau \hat{\omega} v \zeta \varphi \omega v \alpha \hat{v} \tau[(o \hat{v}) \varphi \theta \alpha \rho] \varepsilon ́ v \tau(\omega v)$; the papyrus is broken into two along the middle, and the gap between the two fragments is bigger than suggested by the image. The phrase recurs in P.Oxy. XVI 1912.144 (566) $\tau \hat{\nu} v \zeta \propto \varrho \omega[v \alpha \cup ̉ \tau o v ̂ ~ \varphi \theta \alpha \rho \varepsilon ́ v \tau(\omega v) \lambda o ́] \gamma \varphi \pi \rho о \chi \rho \varepsilon i ́ \alpha c$, where it was restored from 11. 148 and 150 and then supported by P.Oxy. XVIII 2195.139-40 (576/7) $\lambda o ́ \gamma \varphi \pi \rho o \chi \rho \varepsilon i ́ \alpha c ~ \tau \hat{\nu} v \zeta \omega \omega v \alpha v ̉ \tau o \hat{v} \varphi \theta \alpha \rho \varepsilon ́ v \tau \omega v$.

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[^0]:    * Continued from ZPE 218 (2021) 158-62. The online images mentioned in these notes are accessible through papyri.info.
    ${ }^{1}$ Ta $\alpha \rho \mu \hat{\alpha} \mid[\ldots ..] \chi 1 \circ c$ ed. pr., but 1.11 is written in ekthesis. The correction to T $\alpha \alpha \rho \mu \alpha \alpha^{\chi} 1 \circ c$ is due to Y. Broux: see TM GhostnameID 1998.
    ${ }^{2}$ Credit for image clippings: © Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, Ägyptisches Museum und Papyrussammlung. Scan: Berliner Papyrusdatenbank, P 7334.
    ${ }^{3}$ The name of the village precedes the reference to the olive groves also in SB XXII 15346.9 (88/9) $\left.\pi \varepsilon \rho \dot{\iota} \kappa \dot{\mu} \mu \eta v\right] \Psi \varepsilon v \alpha \rho \psi \varepsilon ́ v \eta c \imath$
     ठv́o.

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ My thanks to Graham Claytor for comments on this note, and to Ben Henry for the composite clipping.
    ${ }^{5}$ BL VIII 461 records the correction proposed in Tyche 1 (1986) 182 'gegen Z.P.E. 49 (1982), S. 115, Anm. 1', but this 'gegen' is gratuitous, as the Tyche article contains no reference to the reading proposed in ZPE 49.
    
    
    

