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In the course of reediting the fragment of the so-called "Herpyllis Romance" (P. Dubl. C verso [P<sup>2</sup> 2621]), I had occasion to examine the untranscribed texts that were written on the front of that papyrus roll, a photograph of which is published with the editio princeps in *Rendiconti della Reale Accademia dei Lincei* ser. 5, vol. 6 (1897) 91-96. Three-fourths of the front — the total dimensions of which are 18.5 x 34.5 cm.— is taken up by an account bearing, near the end of its first column, the titlature of Trajan, Ἀὐτοκράτορος Καί[σαρος Ἰ Νέρουα Τρ]αιανοῦ Σεβαστοῦ Γερμανικοῦ. But in the bottom right corner, a piece from another papyrus, measuring 16.2 x 5.7 cm., has been patched in, probably at the time when it was reused, to repair a flaw in the roll. This scrap is upside down with respect to the account as well as the "Herpyllis Romance" on its back. It contains section § 126 from Demosthenes' *Against Meidias*, written along the fibers in a rather carelessly formed upright above medium size. While the handwriting is not handsome, it is fluent, so there is no reason to believe that this was a student's exercise. In style it is comparable to *GMAW*<sup>2</sup> pl. 57 (= *P. Oxy.* 25.2435 recto, *Acta Alexandrinorum* [?]), assigned to the first half of the first century AD. No margins remain; in line 7 a space is used to punctuate (οὐτώκει οὐκ), and apart from tremata no other lectional signs occur. For a list of the published papyri of Demosthenes, see *P. Yale* II pp. 35-6. The text, which was collated with Butcher's OCT and the Budé of J. Humbert and L. Gernet, shows one minor variant from the major mss. (line 7).

§ 126	τη]ν λη[τουργίαν καὶ το σὼμ υβρι]σθην [καὶ παντ ἐπιβου] λευ]ομενος τροπ[ον] [καὶ πασχων]
4	κακῶ]ς ἐκπεφευγα ἀκ[ηκοατ ὦ ἀνδρες Ἀθην]αῖοι καὶ παραλείπω δ[ε] πολλὰ οὐ γὰρ ἰ]σῶς ραῖδιον παντ[εῖν ε χει δ] οὐτώκει οὐκ ἐστ[ε] φ ὁ τῶ
8	τῶν] πεπραγμένων [ἐγὼ μόνος ἡδι κημ]αὶ ἀλλ ἐπὶ μὲν [τοῖς εἰς τὸν χο ρον γ]εγενημένοις ἀ[δικημασιν ἡ φυλ]ῆ τὸ δεκάτον μερῶ[ς υμῶν σὺ νηδι]κῆται ἐπὶ δ[ε] οἱς ἐμ ὑ
12	βρισε κ]αὶ ἐπεβούλευεν [οἱ νόμοι δι σοὺς εἰς ἐκ]άστος υμῶν [ὥς ἐστὶν ἐφ ἀπασι δε] τούτοις ὁ θεο[ς] ὡς χορηγός
16	ἐγὼ κα]θ'εἰς τῆ[κεν καὶ τὸ τῆς

οειαο ο]τιδηποτ[ εστι το σεμνον  
 και το δα]μονι[ον

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1 τη]γ ληι[τουργιαν : judging from line 6, iota adscript would have been written.

6 ραῖδιον : either the top loop of the ρ has now disappeared, or the scribe copied rho as iota.

7 ουτωσει, i.e. οὔτωσί pap. : οὔτως codd.; εστ[αι, i.e. ἔστ[αι pap., on the basis of spacing (?) :  
 ἔσται A : ἔστ' SF.

11 τὸ δέκατον AYF : δέκατον S.

14 εἶς ἕκ]ατος S<sub>1</sub>F : ἕκατος SAY