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CALLIMACHUS, HECALE FR. 36,2 H. = FR. 37 H.

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On p.163 of my Oxford, 1990 edition of Callimachus, *Hecale* I mentioned the possibility that οὐ]δὲν ἀ[πέβρασε (i.e. fr. 37 H., now identified with fr. 36,2) could be recognized also in fr. 22 H⁴ (238c Pf.),². If that proved correct, fr. 22 H (238c Pf.), 1] .cογ...[would preserve an earlier part of the same line as fr. 36,1 (reproduced above) - not that that would help us much at present!⁵

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the iota in line 3 but rather high, on about the same level as the higher, left-hand, trace attributed to the grave accent. This means that it is also distinctly below alpha, under the point where the lower stroke of the wedge met the back. It is so black still that it looks deliberate. If so, it is likely to be part of another lectional sign for line 3.'

Although the metrical sedes of the remnants in line 1 cannot be determined, in line 3 there might be only two letters missing before the hexameter ending (fort. ἐλα[ῶν, Lobel). It seems not unlikely that the final word in line 1 would be a noun agreeing with εἰκαίην. Since Naeke (*Callimachi Hecale* (1845), p.142) suggested κριθήν, and since one could imagine a hexameter concluding e.g.]ἔνι κριθήν, I asked Dr. Rea also about the traces in line 1. He replied 'The first letter of the line could be epsilon, I think, if there were any evidence favouring that reading, but I would not care to make any independent suggestion. I do not think that κριθήν is at all likely. There is a descender above the omicron in φαῦλον which would suit rho or iota (among others), but it is far from kappa, and the intervening remains suggest one broad letter or two slim ones.' (I mention this abortive idea in case others should be tempted to follow the same path, or be able to profit from Rea's description of the traces.)

⁴ Dr. Rea does not disagree with Lobel's account of this fragment (nor does he feel able to add anything).

⁵ A very rough estimate might be that four average-size letters would be missing between the last trace of fr. 22,1 and the first trace of fr. 36,1 H.