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2. Dizionario 3, p.165 and 2, p. 221 regards the cities Kunσυν and Ἰersonκίου which are attested in P.Oxy. XIV 1749, 8 and 7 respectively (IV A.D.) as the cities in Middle Egypt. The document is an account for transporting ψ[πί]βαται from Chaereou (near Alexandria) to Nikiou (near the apex of the Delta, on the west), Herakleous polis and Kynon polis. It provides the following piece of information: The naπλον from Chaereou to Nikiou is 1 tal. 2000 dr., from Chaereou to Herakleous polis 1 tal. 3000 dr., from Chaereou to Kynon polis 2500 dr. The two latter amounts do not make sense in the context if one assumes the cities Herakleous and Kynon polis in Middle Egypt: The difference of 1000 dr. between the fare to Nikiou and Herakleous and the amount of 2500 dr. itself as a fare to Kynon are too small. However, if we consider Kynon and Herakleous polis as the cities in the Delta, we can explain these fares. From the above mentioned cities the nearest to Chaereou is Kynon polis (in the middle of the triangular area of the Delta) and the most distant is Herakleous (near the base of the Delta, on the east).

3. In P.Oxy. XXIV 2415, 9 instead of ἀπὸ τοῦ Κυνοπολ(ίτου) read ἀπὸ τοῦ Ἄνω Κυνοπολίτου; cf. also l. 29.

4. In P.Lugd.Bat. XI 26, 5 and Verso 1, (cf. J. Bingen, CE 38 (1963), p.166 and BL 5, p. 63) a place named Kunσυ seems to be considered by the editor as a village in the Oxyrhynchite nome (although his commentary is not very clear in this respect), but the mention of a strategos in Verso 1 (although Kunσυ is to be connected not with the στρατηγός, but with the name Ἰερακύμμονι) may indicate a capital, and this could only be the capital of the Kynopolete nome. Moreover, we need not write Kunσυ(ψ), as the form Κυνοὶ is well attested in the beginning of the fourth century A.D.; see N. Litinas, Κυνοὺς πόλις and Εὐεργέτες, APF 40/2 (1994), p.149.

5. In PSI X 1119, 18 instead of διαθήκην ἡ[περ] | ἐλύθη read διαθήκην ἡ [κοί] | ἐλύθη; for the phrase διαθήκην κοί λαυθεῖσα cf. P.Oxy. IV 715, 18; ibid. IX 1208, 11; ibid. XIV 1721, 13; is it also in PSI X 1101, 10 ἀρχολούμενος [τῇς ἐλυ[.]...[.]] διαθήκη πολλοί to read τῇ κοί λαυθεῖσα διαθήκη; All these examples come from Oxyrhynchos, but cf. the same phrase without κοί in SB VI 9296, 22 and P.Foud I 36, 14, both from Oxyrhynchos and SPP XX 29, 13 from the Heracleopolite nome.

6. πρός (δραχμάς); in most of the cases in this phrase the word δραχμαῖ in this phrase is denoted by its usual symbol. Only in P.Gen II 101, ii 27; P.Hamb. II 192, 21; P.Lond. VII 2017, 7; P.Mich. III 173, 21; ibid. XI 625, 5; P.Oxy. X 1269, 26; ibid. L 3560, 23 is it attested written out fully and it is always in the accusative; so πρός (δραχμῶν) in P.Bub. 4, 55, 7 and πρός (δραχμαί) in PSI V 529, 5 should be corrected to πρός (δραχμάς). Note that until the first century A.D.² the phrase πρός ἀργυρίου δραχμάς is also attested.

7. In P.Sakaon 54, 13 πόλον μού[λον λ]ευκοῦ is a possible restoration, because mules, as well as donkeys, camels etc. were described by their colour; see O. Montevecchi in Aegyptus 19 (1939), p. 41 and CPR VI 2, p. 19 for the colours of donkeys.

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2 Very seldom later; cf. BGU VII 1573, 27; P.Oxf. 7, 9; P.Oxy. X 1269, 25.
8. In BGU XIII 2323, 3 we should supply at the end of the line [ἐπὶ καμήλῳ] because of the contrast with l. 6 ὁ σῶτρος ἡ δύσι. Moreover 4 1/2 metretes of oil were carried only by camels, not by camel foals or donkeys (see P.10 (Lam. III): in l. 7 instead of σῶτρος ἡ δύσι the papyrus has ἡ δύσι σῶτρος ἡ δύσι: in l. 9 instead of καὶ τόκους read ἔντοκους (checked on photo).

9. P.Oxf. 71 (= P.L.Bat. III): in l. 7 instead of σῶτρος ἡ δύσι the papyrus has σῶτρος σῶτρος ἡ δύσι: in l. 9 instead of καὶ τόκους read ἔντοκους (checked on photo).

10. SB XVIII 13619, 12; instead of....ξαμωτόν read [ἐπὶ Πολιτικόν]; the text is written in the same way as the θ in Σεβάθεωσ in l. 6 and ὄλλα as in ἐμβαλλομένου in l. 11 (checked on original).

11. In P.Lond. III 839, 6 (p. 140; = P.Sarap. 11) (A.D. 128) instead of πυρσον δράμα read πυρσον-χρόνῳ; cf. P.Sarap. 10, 4 which perhaps concerns the same cow. There is a horizontal stroke above and on the right of μ (checked on original).

12. In PUG III 103, 12 there is a cleruch named Σπυκῆ with his father’s name written above the line. The editor prints ‘...αμις’ with the comment (see n. ad loc.) that it is written in the nominative by mistake. From the photograph of the papyrus (Tav. XV) and the examination of the original by the editor herself, very probably the end of the name should be read as -έλμης, genitive of a name ending in -έλμης. λ before μ is the same as in Πολεμαίου in line 9. ζ and κ are clear. The beginning of the name seems to have two or three letters, which I cannot read from the photograph. Names ending in -έλμης are of Thacian origin.

13. In P.Mich. XV 711, 5 instead of Πολιτικής the well known name Πολιτική (see NB, Onomasticon, s.v.) can be read. π is clear in the beginning of the line, then the next letter is α, made with a small round head similar to that of Πολιτικής of the same line and Πάλλαντος in l.11. Moreover the letter μ normally has no loop in its left leg. At the end of the right leg of Μεν Πολιτικής. λ before μ is the same as in Πολεμαίου in line 9. ζ and κ are clear. The beginning of the name seems to have two or three letters, which I cannot read from the photograph.

14. In SB XVIII 13142, 5 instead of ἧς σῶτρος ἡ δύσιστος τῇ; read ἐν σῶτρος ἡ δύσιστος τῇ; in l. 6 instead of ἐπὶ σῶτρος, we can also read ἐν σῶτρος; in l.9 instead of τοῦ Πεβίσων, read σῶτρος ὑπ’ι Πεβίσων; in l.13 instead of κι; read κι; or τ. P.Oxy. II 247, 30-31; 249, 9-10; 250, 10-11 (all of which are property-returns) attest the phrase κατηνηκότα εἰς δεῖνα ἐν σῶτρος τοῦ δεῖνα. So, could we supply in l.13 κατηνηκότα εἰς σῶτρος τοῦ δεῖνα and in l.14 κατηνηκότα εἰς σῶτρος τοῦ δεῖνα. The text obviously refers to a testament.

15. A “Request to an Oracle?” In ZPE 111 (1996), pp. 183-185 G. Messeri-Savorelli and R. Pintaudi published P.Firenze, Museo Egiziano inv. 10082. They called the text a “domanda oracolare” and printed it as follows:

εἰ Θάλλος ὁλὰ ἐλαβεῖ ἐπέλεγοι
διὰ Τερποῦς τῆς Πολεμαίος ὑγατρός.

The editors translate “se Thallos ha presso tutto, estrai per mano di Terpo, la figlia di Ptolemaios” and state that the text as a request to an oracle presents some difficulties and peculiarities: The lack of the initial invocation to a god, the use of the preposition διὰ with the name of a person (priestess?), the seal, the Ptolemaic dating (third century B.C.), the provenance (Tebtynis), the request itself (for a theft).

On plate VIa, however, one can see that the text runs as follows:

Εἶ Θάλλος ὁλὰ ἐλαβεῖ τὰ ἐνοίοι-
διὰ Τερποῦς τῆς Πολεμαίο-
ω ὑγατρός.

3 It is either λ or η with a vertical stroke following, which seems to belong to the letter in line 11 corrected in μ (in the word Μόνης), or τ, σ, ε, i.e. ἄγκηλημος or ἰσίζελμημος: the former name is attested in P.Ent. 30, 6 (= CPJ I 129) (217 B.C.), but it is not certain because before there is a δε, which could be either a conjunction or a part of the name Δελλήζελμημος. The name ἰσίζελμημος is not attested, but there is the name ἰσίζελμημος, for which see CPR XVIII 3, 46n.

4 See CPR XVIII 3, 46n.
The final $v$ of the verb ελαβεν is clearly formed with the middle stroke drawn horizontally as in the papyri of the third century B.C. Then $\tau$ is undoubtful; the following letter resembles an $\alpha$ rather a $\lambda$. Then the letter $v$ is similar to $v$ of ελαβεν. Just below the final horizontal stroke of the $v$ there is a small $o$. For the phonological interchanges of the consonants and vowels in the word ενοίδια (= ενοίδια = ενοίδια), earrings, see Sven-Tage Teodorsson, The Phonology of Ptolemaic Koine, Studia Graeca et Latina Gothoburgensia XXXVI, 1977, p. 39, for $o$ -> $oi$, where two examples are cited from the papyri. In P.Petrie² I 13, 24 (238-237 B.C.) we find the same word written wrongly as ενοίδια. The addition of $-i$ to the letter $o$ is very usual in the Ptolemaic papyri; see Teodorssen, o.c., pp. 162-168 (269 examples). For the interchange of $o$ -> $oi$ see Teodorssen, o.c., pp. 160-161 (20 examples). Cf. also the form of the word ενοίτιον in papyri of the Roman period, P. Dura 30, 21 (A.D. 232), SB VIII 9882, 2, 1 (II-III A.D.). For the interchange of $\tau$ and $\delta$ see Teodorssen, o.c., pp. 177-178.

Since the case concerns a woman, a reference to jewelry could certainly suit the context. Moreover, we have to note the use of the hyperbaton ὁλα ελαβεν τα ενοίδια, which is not very often found in other papyri of the Ptolemaic period.

A result of the new reading is that the text can be understood more easily and we can translate “if Thallos received all the earrings of Terpo, Ptolemaios’ daughter”. It is an indirect interrogative sentence. This provide the following possibilities: 1. From the marriage contracts we learn that jewelry (usually earrings) was part of the dowry received by the husband. Could this piece of papyrus be a question by someone to get informed if Thallos, the husband, has received all the jewelry from his wife Terpo? In that case we can assume that this note was sent by Terpo’s parents. 2. We might suppose that the text is a personal “memorandum” written on the verso of a small piece of papyrus, leaving its recto blank. 3. A question to an oracle, but not the piece of paper itself which was given to the priests of the oracle. Rather we can assume that this question was sent to a person at Tebtynis by someone to ask the oracle there on his behalf. The former would then have been written on a new piece of papyrus and would have used the proper formula: Invocation (e.g. Κυρίῳ Σοκνοστίῳ), the question and the request (τούτῳ μοι ἔξενεγκε).

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5 Certainly the first letter of the second line is not a $\chi$ to read ενοί τα χια. This letter looks like an $\alpha$, but a form ενοια = ενοια does not give sense.


7 Cf. PSI IV 361, 3 (251-250 B.C.) παν ποιήσω το δετον (l. δετον).