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P.LOND. III 1274C: SALE OF A CALF

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A brown papyrus which preserves the right and upper part of a document. The right hand edge is slightly broken. The back is blank. The measurements of the fragment are 6 x 9.6 cm. The writing is along the fibres. The text is described as a fragment of the first-second centuries A.D. It is a sale of calf in the form of an ὁμολογία (ll. 1-3 date; ll. 3-5 place of the concluded document; ll. 5-9 the parties of the agreement; ll. 9-14 the terms of the sale). The seller is Paternouthis and the buyer is Stotoetis. The price is lost. The sale took place in Polydeukeia, a village of the Arsinoite nome. This is the only example so far where this village is connected with sale of cattle; see A. Jördens, *Sozialstrukturen im Arbeitstierhandel des kaiserzeitlichen Ägypten*, *Tyche* 10 (1995), pp. 79-81. At the end there is an appendix in which references to prices of calves in the papyri are listed; cf. P.Cair.Cent. 62, p. 353; H.-J. Drexhage, *Preise, Mieten/Pachten, Kosten und Löhne im römischen Ägypten*, St. Katharinen 1991, S. 301-304.¹

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Tafel VI

1 [Ἔτους]υ Αὐτοκράτορος
 [Καίσαρος] Δομιτιανοῦ Σεβ[αστοῦ]
 [Γερμανικο]ῦ Χοιᾶχ [.] - ἐν Πολ[υδευκείᾳ]
 [τῆς Θεμ]ίστου μερίδος τοῦ Ἀρσινοεῖ-
 5 [του νομοῦ.] Ὁμολογεῖ Πατερμουῦθις
 ὡς ἐ]τῶν τεσσαράκοντα
] ἐξ ἀρι(στερῶν) Στοτοῆτι
 ὡς ἐ]τῶν πεντήκον[τα
 δε]ξιῶι πεπρακέν[αι
 10] .. ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόν-
 [των]ων κτηνῶν μόσχον
 το]ῦτον τοιοῦτον ἀναπόρρ[ι-]
 [φον καὶ ἀπέχειν τὸ]ν ὁμολογοῦντα Πατερ-
 [μουῦθιν ἐκ πλήρου]ς τὴν τιμ[ὴν

Year [...] of the Emperor [Caesar] Domitianus Augustus Germanicus, Choiach [..], in Polydeukeia of the division of Themistos of the Arsinoite nome. Paternouthis [son of NN] aged about 4[0 with a scar on ...] on the left side agrees that he has sold to Stotoetis [son of NN] aged about 5[0 with a scar on the] right [...], from his own cattle a calf [...] just as it is, not liable to be rejected, and that I, the acknowledging party Paternouthis, receive the price in full ...

1-3 The document is to be dated in the month Choiach (27/28 November to 26/27 December) in a year of the reign of Domitian between A.D. 81 (first year) and A.D. 95 (15th year; in November/December 96 Domitian was already dead).

As there is space for only one digit after the month name, the most probable date is 27/28 November (Choiach 1) to 6/7 December (Choiach 10).

6-14 In the lost part of the papyrus we suggest the following supplements at the beginning of each line:

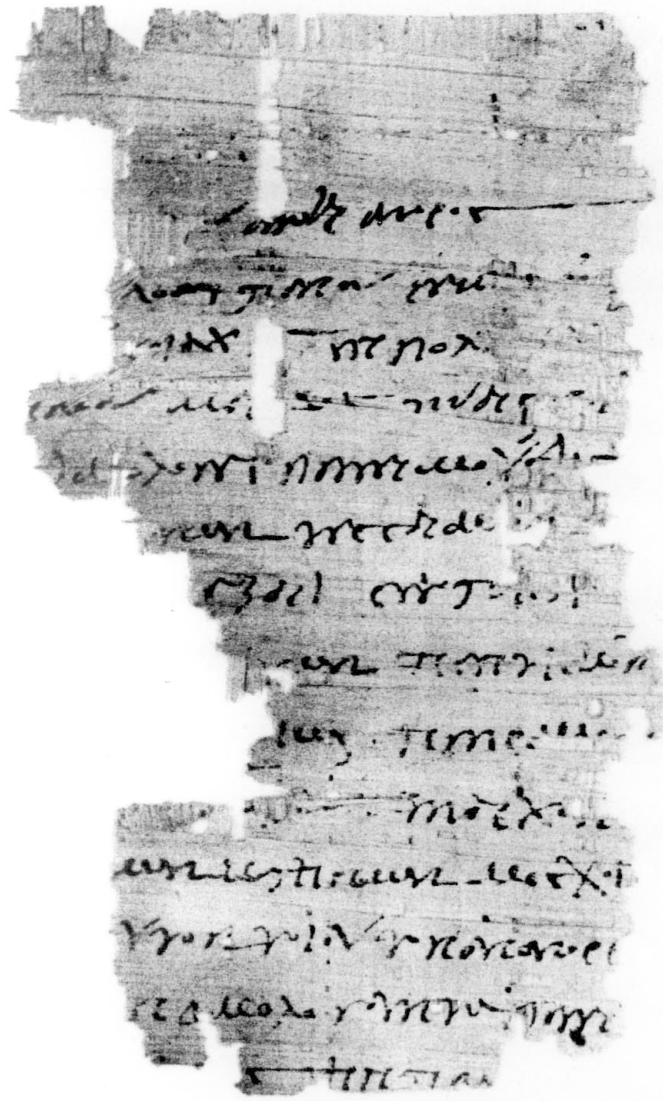
¹ I would like to thank Dr. Scot McKendrick, Curator of Manuscripts in the British Museum, who kindly gave me the permission to publish this text here.

- 6 The name of Patermouthis' father.
 7 A number following τεσσαράκοντα of the preceding line, and then a phrase such as οὐλή μετώφ] ἐξ ἀρι(στε-
 ρῶν).
 8 The name of Stotoetis' father.
 9 A number following πεντήκοντα of the preceding line, and then a phrase such as οὐλή ἀντικνημῖφ δε]ξίωι.
 10 The dative of the buyer's name or the pronoun αὐτῶ, and then probably a reference to the market-place, ἐν ἀγορῶ.
 11 A phrase like ὑπαρχόν[των αὐτῶ βοϊκ]ῶν κτηνῶν or ὑπαρχόν[των αὐτῶ ταυρικ]ῶν κτηνῶν. This phrase is quite
 similar to P.Lond. II 282, 11-13 (A.D. 69) ἀπὸ τῶν ὑπαρχόν[των] αὐτῶι ὄνικῶν κτηνῶν ὄνον.
 12 The gender, the age, the colour or other special feature of the animal; cf. P.Mich. IX 523, 13 (Karanis; A.D. 66) μόσχον
 τέλειον πυρρόχ(ρουν).
 15 ff. The amount in drachmas and the non-aggression clause, i.e. καὶ μηδὲν ἐγκαλεῖν τὸν ὁμολογῶντα etc.
 12-13 For the clause το]ῦτον τοιοῦτον ἀναπόρρ[ιφον see A. Kränzlein, τοῦτον τοιοῦτον ἀναπόρρ[ιφον in den Eselerkauf-
 urkunden aus dem kaiserzeitlichen Ägypten, Grazer Beiträge 12/13 (1985-1986), pp. 225-234.

Appendix: References to prices of calves (μόσχοι) in the papyri

no.	document	date	kind of document	provenance	attributes of the calf	number of animals	price
1	P.Hamb. II 173, 2	241 B.C.	order to pay	Oxyrhynchite	λευκοί	2	540 dr.
2	P.Cair.Zen. III 59370, 7-8	240-239 B.C.	account of calves	Philadelphia		11	720 dr.
3	P.Cair.Zen. III 59435, 4	III B.C.	private letter	Philadelphia		?	600 dr.
4	P.Cair.Zen. IV 59595	III B.C.	private letter	Philadelphia		1	200 dr.
5	BGU XIII 2335	A.D. 42-43	cheirographon	Arsinoite	πυρρός	1	
6	P.Lond. III 1274 c	A.D. 81-96	homologia	Arsinoite		1	
7	P.Sarap. 8, 4	A.D. 102-103	cheirographon			1 δάμαλις + 1 μόσχος	
8	BGU III 986	A.D. 118-38	receipt of a sale	Arsinoite	σιτόχρους	1	3[.]0 dr.
9	P.Oxy. IV 729	A.D. 139	lease of vineyard	Oxyrhynchos		3 βόες + 5 μόσχοι	2500 dr.
10	BGU XIII 2293, 8- 11	A.D. 147-155	tax receipt			1	100 dr.
11	P.Sarap. 59, 23	II A.D.	list of expences			?	44 dr.
12	P.Mert. II 86 (= P.Choix 23)	A.D. 296	receipt			1	6600 dr.
13	SB XIV 11432	III A.D.	receipt of a sale	Oxyrhynchos	αίμόχρωμος	1	1 tal + 3000 dr.
14	P.Sakaon 54, 19	IV A.D.	list of sales	Arsinoite		2	1333 tal.

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