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Sale of two thirds of two slaves (*synchoresis*)

Note

|¹ Copy.

Addressee

|² To Eudaimon a former *kosmetes*, priest, *archidikastes*, and officer in charge of the *chrematistai* and the other courts,

Party 1

|³ from Iulia Demarion with as guardian assigned to her according to Roman custom Lucius Arruntius Longus,

Party 2

and from her |⁴ siblings, Marcus Iulius Valerianus and Iulia Aphrodous with as guardian assigned to her according to Roman |⁵ custom her son Marcus Sentius Aquila.

Agreement proper

We agree with one another on the following terms: given that Marcus Iulius Valerianus |⁶ and Iulia Aphrodous, now that they have been persuaded by Iulia Demarion and have received from her both from hand to hand |⁷ (and) from the house (*in cash*) and as a payment through the bank of Marcus Claudius Sabinus the sum of the price agreed upon, |⁸ one thousand five hundred silver drachmas in imperial coinage, and now that they have been satisfied in all respects, (they agree that) they have sold to Iulia |⁹ Demarion on the spot of the (two) slaves belonging to them, Iulius Valerianus and Iulia Aphrodous, and to her, Iulia Demarion, |¹⁰ (and) deriving from the inheritance of their other brother who has died, Marcus Iulius Gemellus, a veteran, in accordance with the copy they |¹¹ made of his belongings(?) based on the Latin will he made, (a copy made) in the presence of the overseers (of the will) in the fifth year of Antoninus Caesar |¹² the lord, in the month of Dystros, (the two slaves being) Asklepous and Unio, natives of Alexandria, (sold) at the buyer's risk(?), and being |¹³ free from epilepsy and skin disease(?), jointly owned with Iulia Demarion herself, the two thirds belonging to them, Marcus Iulius Valerianus and |¹⁴ Iulia Aphrodous, and (they agree that) from now on Iulia Demarion, now that she has received the slaves Asklepous |¹⁵ and Unio and now that she has paid the statutory fee for them, can control them and |¹⁶ lord it over them, and has the right to sell (the slaves) to others and make arrangements and contracts about them as she chooses |¹⁷ without hindrance, and (they agree that) there is no claim left for Marcus Iulius Valerianus and Iulia Aphrodous themselves nor for anyone else acting on their behalf |¹⁸ on the slaves Asklepous and Unio, on the basis of whatever legal argument in any way, |¹⁹ and (they agree that) they, both Marcus Iulius Valerianus and Iulia Aphorouos individually and both of them together, guarantee the claim for (Iulia) Demarion, and (they agree that) Iulius Valerianus |²¹ and Iulia Aphrodous will immediately remove anyone |²⁰

who goes after or lays claim to the slaves Asklepous and Unio or a part of them, at their own expense (but only) up to two thirds, or else, apart from the fact ^{|22} that the things agreed upon remain effective, (they agree) to pay on mutual security the sum of the price plus a 50% (penalty) as well as ^{|23} the damages and expenses and the statutory fine (*to the state*), just as if by virtue of a legal decision.

Description of the slaves

And the slaves are: Asklepous, ^{|24} said to be fifteen years old, with a scar on her right calf, and Unio, said to be eight years old, without distinguishing marks, just as Iulia Demarion received, ^{|25} concerning Asklepous, the contract (*synchoresis*) of registration in the name of Iulius Gemellus dated to the third ^{|26} year of Antoninus Caesar the lord, in the month Germanicus, by which the slave was identified as Asklepias (*corrected from*: Asklepous), and concerning Unio, ^{|27} the copy of the contract (*synchoresis*) of registration in the name of Iulius Gemellus of the sale of the slave Unio himself and of another slave girl ^{|28} dated to the same third year, in the month Germanicus, and the previous owners' documents (*asphaleiai*) concerning the slaves,

Pro memoria about other matters

^{|29} while the buyer retains her claim on the sellers and the sellers retain their claim on her in regard to whatever (else) they have ^{|30} between each other, (and) while Iulia Demarion's rights are not diminished with regard to the guarantee of the two thirds of (two) other slaves that were registered by them, on account of which ^{|31} they are about to enter into (another) contract (*synchoresis*) on the present day, viz. Euphrates and Herakleia.

Request for registration

We request (registration).

Date

In the seventh year of the Imperator ^{|32} Caesar Titus Aelius Hadrianus Antoninus Augustus Pius, Mecheir 25 (*BL 2.2.*, p. 122).

Note of the clerk

Apollonios: it has been registered.

Note on the back

Copy of the sale of (two) slaves that Iulia Demarion (contracted) with her siblings ... (*BL 2.2.*, p. 122).