

P.Mert. 2.59 = C.Ptol.Sklav. 1.59

ET: *P.Mert. 2*, pp. 29-30; Bagnall-Derow, *Hellenistic Period*, pp. 225-226; GT: Scholl,

C.Ptol.Sklav. 1, pp. 237-239

Plate: *P.Mert. 2*, pl. VIII

Krokodeilon polis, Arsinoite nome, 154 or 143 BC

Settlement (*synchoresis*, but not before the *archidikastes*)

Transmittal note and date

To the *xenikon praktor* in the Arsinoite nome: |² a copy of the subscription (decision) made is appended.

|³ Year 27, Tybi 17.

Date and introduction of the judgement

|⁴ Year 27, Tybi 16, in Krokodeilon polis in the Arsinoite nome.

The *chrematistai* who deal with petitions to the king, |⁵ Ptolemaios son of Ptolemaios of the deme of Krateros and Aristeus son of Ammonios, who judge cases concerning the crown, the (other) taxes, |⁶ and private matters, (two instead of three *chrematistai*) because the third, Etearchos, has suffered a slight seizure,

|⁷ when the case of Asklapon son of Dizaporis against Antigona daughter of Alketas was announced (*BL* 4, p. 49) |⁸ (and) the parties had appeared, Alketas son of Menandros being entered as Antigona's guardian, |⁹ before the delivery of the pleas, they presented to us an agreement (*synchoresis*), of which the following is a copy.

Copy of the settlement (written first in a different hand)

|¹¹ To the *chrematistai*, whose clerk (*eisagogeus*) is Artemidoros, from Asklapon son of Dizaporis and from Antigona daughter of Alketas with |¹² Alketas son of Menandros as her guardian.

Concerning the case that we have before you, which is concerned with, on the one hand, the return of the trousseau and the slave girl called Opora, |¹³ who is included in the same evaluation, and, on the other hand, the thirty talents of bronze, if no judgement replaces |¹⁴ the present one, (that) it be judged that (Asklapon) is released from the terms of the (marriage) contract and that there is no action for (Antigona) against him from now on, on condition that |¹⁵ (the objects) be returned or their value, forty-six talents four thousand one hundred (drachmas),

we agree that we have settled with |¹⁶ each other on the following conditions: the agreements that we made with each other on the fifteenth of Tybi in the twenty-seventh year |¹⁷ are effective, likewise the declaration on oath by the king concerning them; for Antigona, since she has recovered the dowry, |¹⁸ there is no action against Asklapon from the terms of the marriage contract, but he is released from them; and |¹⁹ Antigona is released from all the charges made against her by Asklapon in the petition; |²⁰ and Asklapon is to meet Antigona's father, Alketas, at Bousiris in the Herakleopolite nome by the thirtieth |²¹ of the present month, in whose presence – in order to prevent the aforementioned slave girl Opora from being misrepresented as having run away – |²² he is to produce her alive or, otherwise, pay to Antigona her value, fifteen talents of bronze, |²³ and if she has died, Asklapon is to pay her likewise fifteen talents of bronze

by ^{|24} the same time; but if, even if Asklaon is ready to produce the slave girl alive, Alketas does not ^{|25} meet him at the appointed time or does meet him and receives her alive, then (Asklaon) is released henceforth(?) ^{|26} from (paying) her value; and a copy of the agreement is to be sent to Theon, the *xenikon praktor*, ^{|27} so that, if either (Asklaon) does not pay (Antigona) all that is required or Opora is dead or dies before the thirtieth ^{|28} of Tybi, then (Theon) may grant Antigona right of execution against Asklaon for the fifteen talents in the appointed time.

Note of the scribe (written second in yet another hand)

^{|29} Read.

Copies of the subscriptions

I, Asklaon, agree to the aforewritten.³⁰

^{|30} I, Antigona, agree to the aforewritten.

^{|31} I, Alketas, am entered as the guardian of Antigona, who agrees to the aforewritten.

Judgement

^{|32} We therefore decide that their agreement is effective and that a copy of it be sent to ^{|33} the aforementioned *xenikon praktor*, as they have agreed.

Note of the clerk

^{|34} (Issued) through the clerk (*eisagogeus*) ^{|35} Artemidoros son of Isidoros.