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Oxyrhynchus (found), AD 295

Sale of a slave (*synchoresis*)

Date

Under the consuls Nummius Tuscus and Annius Anullinus.

Addressee

To Aurelius Hermanoubis alias Ammonios, *archidikastes* and officer in charge of *chrematistai* and the other courts,

Party 1

from Aurelius Andronikos son of Maximus from the splendid and most splendid city of the Oxyrhynchites

Party 2

⁵ and from Marcus Aurelius Erotianos alias Dioskoros, councilor of the most splendid city of the Alexandrians, son of Erotianos, former *beneficiarius* of the prefect of Egypt, the son of ..., of the Sosikosmian tribe and the deme of Althaea, while Marcus Aurelius Gaius alias Marcellus son of Herminos alias -ammonios, of the Sosikosmian tribe and the deme of Althaea join in guaranteeing this conveyance and order that it be done with his assurance.

Agreement proper

Aurelius ¹⁰ Erotianos alias Dioskoros, with his co-guarantor Aurelius Gaius alias Marcellus, agrees and acknowledges that he has sold and conveyed to Aurelius Andronikos his slave called Lesboula surnamed Maura, Mauretanian by birth, imported by sea, without warranty and being free from epilepsy and leprosy, for the price agreed upon of x silver talents and three thousand silver drachmas of imperial coinage, which Aurelius Erotianos alias Dioskoros has received on the spot ¹⁵ from Aurelius Andronikos in full from hand to hand (*in cash*), so that from now on Aurelius Andronikos, having taken delivery of the slave Lesboula surnamed Maura, who was examined in accordance with what has been decreed, and having paid for the slave the tax due on slaves, can control and lord it over her and has the right to sell her to others and to deploy her and to make contracts about her as he pleases without impediment, while no claim on the slave is left to the seller ²⁰ ... in any way, the obligation to guarantee (the sale) resting upon the seller and the guarantor perpetually. And (they agree that) by mutual guarantee and either of them will at once repel and prosecute at their own expense anyone who will go after (Aurelius Andronikos) in any way whatsoever or makes a claim on account of the slave. Or else they (agree that they) will pay ²⁵ the sum of the price they have received as well as all the damages and expenses, just as if by virtue of a legal decision.

Description of the slave

The slave is about thirty(+) years old ... with scars between the eyebrows and on the lower lip as far as the middle of ... on the wrist of the right(?) hand and on the side of the shin of the right(?) foot, in respect of whom the seller has delivered to the buyer the deed of sale that had been made to him and the certificate of examination which they have completed(?) also ... ³⁰ under which the sailing ... on day 20(+), ... of Marcus Aurelius Agathos ...

Stipulatio

The buyer Aurelius Andronikos asked whether this had been rightly and fairly done, and the seller Aurelius Erotianos alias Dioskoros, and the guarantor Aurelius Gaius alias Marcellus gave their assent.

Request for registration

We request (registration).

Date

In the eleventh and tenth year (respectively) of our lords Diocletianus and Maximianus and the third year of Constantius and Maximianus the most noble Caesares, (all) Augustus, on Payni 24.

Subscription of the clerk

Aurelius Adelphios: it has been registered.

Date of registration

Year 11 and 10 of our lords Diocletianus and Maximianus, (both) Augustus and year 3 of Constantius and Maximianus the most noble Caesares, (both) Augusti ...