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Other edition: Mitteis, *Chrest.* 106

Other translation: Johnson, *Roman Egypt*, pp. 357-358

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Other text on the same papyrus: BGU 4.1184 below the text

Sale contract for papyrus (*synchoresis*)

October 19, 19 BC

(a) *Addressee*

¹ To Achaïos, who is in charge of the tribunal in the court,

(b1) *Party 1*

² from Sponsus, the son of Lupus,

(b2) *Party 2*

and from Arabion, the son of Didymos, and from Dionysodoros, ³ the son of Herakleides, and from Apollonios, the son of Eirenaios, and from Herakleides, the son of Apollonios, ⁴ and from Sarapion, the son of Dorion, and from Herakleides, the son of Hermoneikos, and from A..., the son ⁵ of Soterichos, and from Ammonios, the son of Hermias, all eight being Persians of the *epigone*.

(c) *Agreement proper*

⁶ Concerning the contract agreed upon to be made, those around Arabion ⁷ agree that they will pay to Sponsus the price they owe to him ⁸ for the papyrus (?; BL 3.17) they purchased from him ..., one Ptolemaic silver talent ⁹ and 3,680 drachmas without interest in four ¹⁰ equal payments by giving on the fifth of Hathyr of the present ¹¹ 12th year 2,420 silver drachmas, ¹² on the fifth of Tybi likewise 2,420 silver drachmas, ¹³ likewise on the fifth of Mecheir 2,420 silver drachmas, and the remaining 2,420 drachmas ¹⁴ of the whole sum on the fifth of Phamenoth on the same 12th year, ¹⁵ while skipping no payment, ¹⁶ and they agree that they will do these things without a trial and any dispute,

(d) *Penalty clause*

¹⁷ or else they agree that they are immediately liable to seizure, or the one of them who will be available, ¹⁸ and be held under arrest until they pay immediately on the day they skip a payment ¹⁹ the aforesaid sum of one silver talent and ²⁰ 3,680 drachmas or the amount they will owe (*at that time*) along with half as much again ²¹ and for the time that has passed (*the deadline*) the two drachmas (*per 100 drachmas per month*) interest in accordance with the statute, ²² while the right of execution (*of the claim*) belongs to Sponsus from all ²³ the debtors who are each other's guarantors for payment and from one of them and from whomever of them he chooses ²⁴ and from all their belongings just as if by virtue of a legal decision, ²⁵ while all safe-conducts (*and*) every kind of protection they adduce are ineffective.

(e) *Request for registration*
|²⁶ We request (*registration*)

(f) *Squiggle of the scribe*

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(g) *Date*
|²⁷ Year 12 of Caesar (*Augsutus*), Phaophi 22.