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INTRODUCTION

This is the second fascicle of our online abnormal hieratic reading book, made possible through the generous cooperation of Guillemette Andreu of the Louvre. She not only allowed us to use the Louvre material, but also provided us with beautiful and razorsharp colour photos that will allow colleagues and students to blow them up to just about any size. The photos were made by Georges Poncet. Cary Martin checked the English. Thanks!

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DOC. 8 | P. Louvre E 7847

[Palimpsest. This scribe also wrote doc. 9 and 15; see E. Bresciani (ed.), Acta Demotica: Acts of the Fifth International Conference for Demotists (Pisa, 4th-8th September 1993), EVO 17 (1994), p. 115ff. For the transcription of P. Louvre E 7847, see p. 27]

Date : Year 19 II šmw 25 of Amasis (October 29, 552 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts (1995), p. 120-124, 260 and plate VIII

Content : The choachyte Djekhy son of Tesmont pays a share of a business partner to the servant of the Place of Truth Pakharkhonsu son of Namenekhamunip, whose land both men had worked in the previous year.

- L. 2: dd: The vertical stroke normally following dd in abnormal hieratic looks peculiar.
- L. 2: sdm: Compare this early demotic writing, albeit with the abnormal hieratic tusk and man with hand to mouth determinative, with the same sign written in abnormal hieratic in doc.
 7 l. 8.
- *L*. 2: *m*³*c*.*t*: The transcription of the second sign is uncertain.—Cf. *l*. 6, where *m*³*c*.*t* seems to end with a clear *t*.
- L. 2: P3-hr-Hnsw: The ligature hn is identical to n3-n (for n3) in the same line and also to the city determinative and plural strokes in Niw.t in doc. 1 l. 2 (at the end).—Cf. Möller, Paläo-graphie, II (1927), p. 64 no. XV.
- *L.* 2-3 : *N3-mnh-Imn-Ip*: Note that the scribe uses the early demotic writing of *Imn* here and in his father's name in *l.* 9-10. In *Htp-Imn* in *l.* 3 he writes *Imn* in abnormal hieratic.
- L. 4: Di-sw-Mnt: The n of Mnt and the s representing sw form a single horizontal line touching s3, which is the oblique stroke at the beginning of the line. The same was done in doc. 9 l. 4 and 15 l. 3, both written by the same scribe.
- *L*. 4: *mtr*: The writing is abnormal hieratic, although the sign for the double throwing stick is uncommon.—Cf. *mtr* in *l*. 8.
- **L.** 5: $p_3 sh$: Compare p_3 here with p_3 in P_3 -hr-Hnsw in l. 2, at the beginning of l. 6 and at the end of l. 6 $(p_3 sh)$.
- **L.8**: sp: Written with a clear book roll determinative, which is identical to the flesh determinative in $h_{i}.t(=i)$ in *l*. 4 and 8.
- *L.* 9: *sp*: See Vleeming, *The Gooseherds of Hou* (1991), p. 229-230 § 67.
- *L.* 11 : *P3-di-Imn-Ip*: the scribe's son—who signs doc. 8 as a witness and apparently worked at his father's office to learn the trade—writes *Imn* in his own name in abnormal hieratic.

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DOC. 9 | P. Louvre E 7848

[This scribe also wrote doc. 8 and 15; see E. Bresciani (ed.), Acta Demotica: Acts of the Fifth International Conference for Demotists (Pisa, 4th-8th September 1993), EVO 17 (1994), p. 115ff. For the transcription of P. Louvre E 7848, see p. 28]

Date : Year 12 I šmw 21 of Amasis (September 27, 559 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts (1995), p. 93-99, 250-253 and plate IV

Content : Two parties of choachytes come to an agreement about the ownership of a tomb (or the right of access to it) following an attempted hostile takeover. The issue will be settled by taking an oath in front of Khonsuemwasneferhotep when there is a full moon.

- **L. 1**: *P3-di-Wsir*: The elongated vertical stroke in the divine determinative—cf. the same determinative in *Pr-*^c*3*</sup> and *T*:*h-ms*—occurs more often in abnormal hieratic. This may simply be the falcon's beak.
- L. 1: *Tr.t=w-rt*: For the element *rt*, see Donker van Heel, *Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts* (1995), p. 250-252 n. *a*.
- L. 2: P_3 -di-Dhwt: The name is damaged, but compare H_3^{c} =w-s-(n)-Dhwt in l. 3.
- L. 3: dmd: See Vleeming, The Gooseherds of Hou (1991), p. 245-246 § 84.
- L. 3: s: See Vleeming, The Gooseherds of Hou (1991), p. 233-234 § 70. It may be written in different ways.—Cf. doc. 2 l. 8 and 9 l. 3 and 4.
- *L*. 3 : *hrd.w*: Written with the sitting child above plural strokes only.
- L. 3: *Imn-i.ir-di=s*: The element *Imn* seems to be the abbreviated abnormal hieratic form.—Cf. the note to doc. 8 *l*. 2-3 (*N3-mnh-Imn-Ip*).
- L. 4: Dd-hy: The scribe uses the same uncommon sign after h in doc. 8 /. 3 and doc. 15 /. 3. The transcription s is open to debate. It could also be this scribe's highly personal way to write i.
- *L*. 4 : *inn di*: See doc. 2 note to *l*. 10.
- L. 5: Hnsw-m-W3s.t-Nfr-htp: Note that the sign for nfr seems to be followed by just an f. The same was done in doc. 15 l. 5-6.
- *L*. 5 : $\delta p(=i) sw$ (?): The last sign of this line seems to defy any attempt to transcribe it. The same applies to the first word of *l*. 6.
- *L*. 6: i(w)-*tn*: Proposed in class by Petra Hogenboom. The transcription on p. 29 should be changed accordingly.
- L. 6: is: See Donker van Heel, Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts (1995), p. 253 n. i. It may be simple ns, that is sometimes written is—for which see Erichsen, Demotisches Glossar (1954), p. 227—or iw=s. For iw=s written is, see the note to doc. 17 col. I l. 9 (i(w)=s).

[NOTES CONTINUED ON P. 29]

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DOC. 10 | P. Louvre E 7851 recto

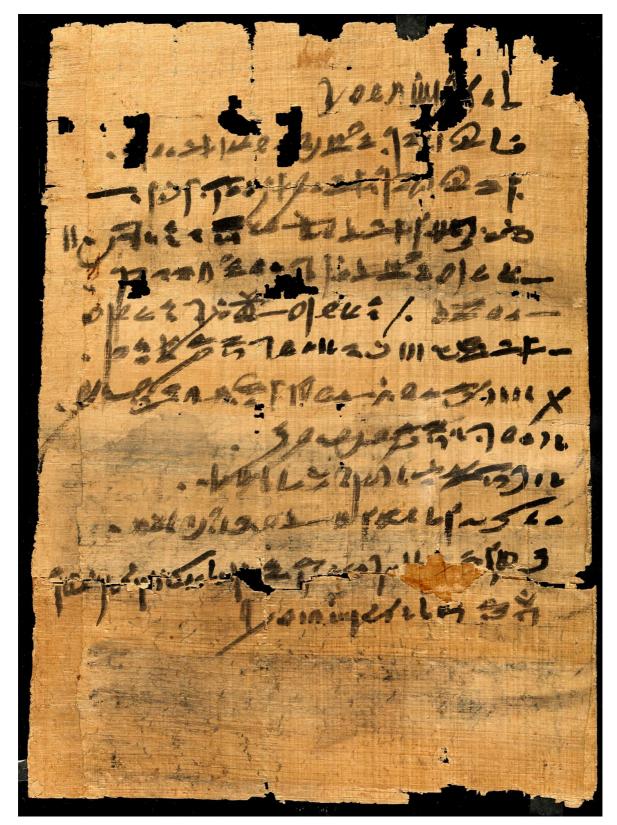
[On the same day this scribe also wrote doc. 11 on the verso of this papyrus]

Date : Year 26 IV pr.t 14 of Taharka (September 16, 665 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, 'Papyrus Louvre E 7851 recto and verso: Two more land leases from the reign of Taharka', in *RdE* 50 (1999), p. 135-144 and plate XIII-XIV

Content : The choachytes Hetepamun and Amunpayfit lease some land from a Mrs Heramunese, who will receive 25 percent of the harvest.

- L. 1: For the date, see *l*. 13 and doc. 11 *l*. 1. Note that the dating style is purely abnormal hieratic, suppressing the name of the reigning king and reserving *l*. 1 for the dating. In doc. 11, however, the same scribe continued to write directly after the dating in *l*. 1.
- L. 2: The scribe uses different writings of *Imn* in *Htp-Imn* and *Di-Imn-p3-Cnh*.
- *L.* 2: *ss*: As is often the case, this multifunctional sign is used for a whole range of abnormal hieratic signs and sign groups.—Cf. doc. 7 second note to *l*. 1.
- *L*. 2: *Di-Imn-p3-cnh*: See also doc. 11 *l*. 1 and 12 *l*. 1 (badly damaged).
- *L*. 4 : *Hr-Imn-Is.t*: Note the awkward writing of *h* and *r*, which also occurs in doc. 13 *l*. 2.
- L. 5: *sh*: The transcription of the first sign is very uncertain.—Cf. doc. 14 note to *l*. 6.
- L. 5: hnn: The same word occurs in doc. 11 /. 3.
- L. 6-7 : For the reading problems in these lines, see RdE 50 (1999), p. 140 n. f.g.
- *L*. 7: *nty*: The scribe forgot to write the expected dot to complete *nty*, so that it has become identical to the numeral 5 in doc. 12 recto *l*. 3.
- *L*. 7 : The last group in this line is probably simply *r*=*w*.
- *L*. 8 : $\frac{1}{4}$: See doc. 11 *l*. 4: *i p*3*y*=*f* $\frac{1}{4}$. This scribe sometimes does not distinguish between *i* and *iw*, but this is often the case in abnormal hieratic.
- L. 8: For the-still unread-title of the scribe, see RdE 50 (1999), p. 140 n. j.
- **L. 9**: lw=n: The scribe wrote double *n*, as in sp=n in *l*. 4.
- L. 9: *it*: The reading is problematic. See Donker van Heel, Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts (1995), p. 274-275 n. *i* and Vleeming, The Gooseherds of Hou (1991), p. 237-238 § 75.
- L. 10 : Some of the signs and sign groups are hardly recognisable—e.g. *dd* and *irm(=t)*)—but this is a standard clause.—Cf. doc. 11 *l*. 5.
- L. 12 : m sh NN: The witness wrote m sh instead of the expected m-b3h, for which see RdE 48 (1997), p. 84 (D). This entire line can be restored from doc. 11 l. 7. Note the absence of the divine determinative in Dd-Mnt-iw=f-nh. The suppression of the divine determinative in personal names is an abnormal hieratic feature that did not survive into early demotic.



P. Louvre E 7851 recto (© Musée du Louvre | Photography by Georges Poncet)

DOC. 11 | P. Louvre E 7851 verso

[On the same day this scribe also wrote doc. **10** on the recto. Some of the notes that are relevant to doc. **11** are found there]

Date : Year 26 IV pr.t 14 of Taharka (September 16, 665 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, 'Papyrus Louvre E 7851 recto and verso: Two more land leases from the reign of Taharka', in *RdE* 50 (1999), p. 135-144 and plate XIII-XIV

Content : The choachyte Hetepamun leases some land from a female landlord, who will receive 25 percent of the harvest.

- *L.*1: Instead of reserving *l*. 1 for the dating formula—as one would expect in an abnormal hieratic text—the scribe dipped his pen and decided to continue in the same line.
- L. 2: *s.hm.t*: The reading is not immediately obvious, but see doc. 10 *l*. 4 (beginning).
- $L. 2: \tilde{s}p(=i) n=t: n=t \text{ is almost a mere dot.}$
- L. 2: 3h: The transcription of the first sign is highly uncertain.—Cf. doc. 14 note to l. 6.
- **L. 3**: n rn NN: The r + n ligature is indistinguishable from the nw pot (twice) in <u>hnn</u>.
- L. 3: *i* sk3=f: Exceptionally written with two determinatives. Although the text on the recto reads *šp=n n=t t3y dni.t 2 n 3h htp Wsir* only, *šp ... i sk3* is probably meant there as well.
- *L*. 4 : *wd3.t*: More clearly written in doc. 10 *l*. 7.
- *L*. 5: $i p_3 nty iw(=i) ir=f n n_3 it (?) r=f$: Note that this clause is much more boldly written in doc. 10 *l*. 9. For n_3 , see the note to doc. 5 *l*. 2 (n_3 - r_{33}).
- *L*. 5 : *dd*: Almost looks like a large *b*, but the context is certain.
- *L*. 6 : For the name of the scribe, see doc. 10 *l*. 11.

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DOC. 12 | P. Louvre E 7852 recto

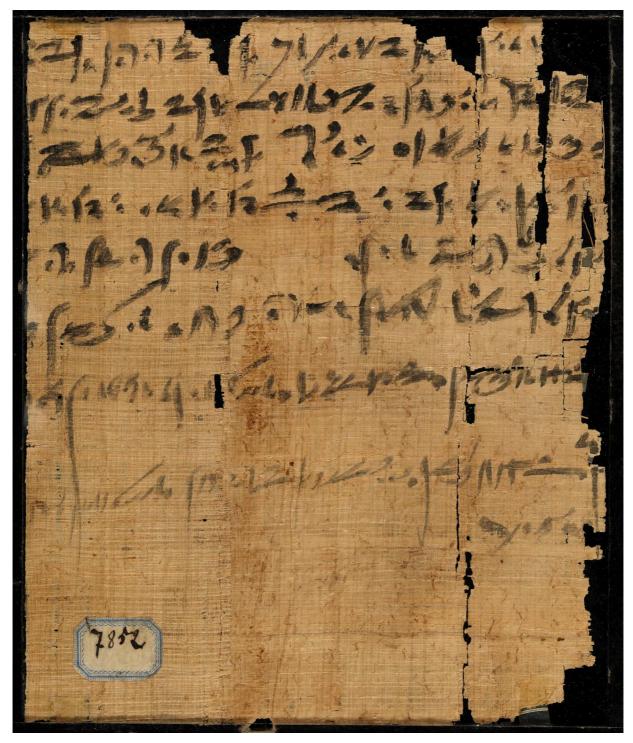
[Doc. 12 apparently predates doc. 13 and 14, both written in year 19 of Taharka.— See RdE 48 (1997), p. 83-85]

Date : Prior to year 19 of Taharka (c. 675 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, 'Papyrus Louvre E 7852: A land lease from the reign of Taharka', in RdE 48 (1997), p. 81-93 and plate VIII

Content : Presumably a land lease, in which five men—mostly choachytes—allot several plots of land to an anonymous man.

- L.1: The dating is probably lost, so that the first line on the photo is actually *l*. 2.
- L. 2: Di-Imn-p3-snh: Only the left part of the abbreviated abnormal hieratic writing of Imn is visible directly after the first lacuna. Of snh only the first sign is left (cf. snh Imn in l. 6), but note the same name in doc. 10 l. 2 and 11 l. 1. The absence of the divine determinative in abnormal hieratic personal names is common.
- *L.* 2 : *hn^c* occurs three times in this line (once much damaged). By isolating *hn^c* it becomes easier to distinguish between the personal names mentioned.
- L. 2: *Imn-p3y=f-it*: More clearly written in doc. 10 l. 3.
- L. 2: Pn-iwiw: Note that the element iw is here identical to nty in l. 7.
- L. 3 : P3-mr-mš^c: Reading proposed by Parker, Saite Oracle Papyrus (1962), p. 20 (19b), but doubtful.
- L. 3 : 'r-n-Imn: Doubtful, but compare doc. 13 /. 2.
- *L*. 4 : *Dd-Hr-iw=f-'nh*: This reading seems improbable.
- L. 4: *dmd s* 5: See Vleeming, *The Gooseherds of Hou* (1991), p. 245-246 § 84 and p. 233-234 § 70.
- *L*. 5 : *sh nmh*: *nmh* is written with just the sitting child.
- *L*. 6-7 : *rh*: In both cases the sitting man with hand to mouth determinative of *rh* seems to be preceded by the tusk sign.



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DOC. 12 | P. Louvre E 7852 verso

Drawing of a horse's head.



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DOC. 13 | P. Louvre E 7856 verso

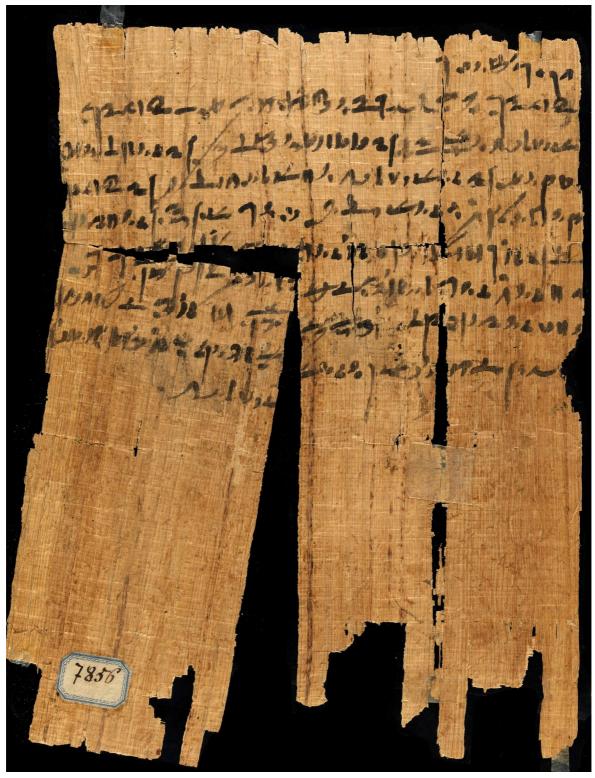
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Date: Year 19 II 3h.t 4 of Taharka (March 12, 672 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, 'Papyrus Louvre E 7856 verso and recto: Leasing land in the reign of Taharka', in *RdE* 49 (1998), p. 91-102 and plate XII-XIII

Content : The choachyte Arenamun son of Heryesnef addresses five peers about an endowmentland they will work together, so this is probably an agreement between six business partners rather than a land lease.

- L. 1: 3h.t: Written in full, as opposed to the much abbreviated writings in doc. 7 l. 1 and 17 col. I l. 1. The first line of the text is reserved for the date, suppressing the name of the reigning king, which is customary in abnormal hieratic.
- L. 2: ^c*r*-*n*-Imn: Cf. doc. 12 /. 3. The divine determinative is usually not written in abnormal hieratic personal names.
- L. 3: [P3]-di-Imn-Ip: Note the abbreviated writing of Imn—and the full writing in l. 2—and of the p in Ip (also in l. 4 and 9).
- L. 3: P3y=w-d...: The writing reminds one of the name described by Malinine in RdE 25 (1973), p. 205 n. b.
- L. 4: [H]rw3: For this name, see doc. 17 note to col. I l. 2 (hbs).
- L. 5: *dmd* s 5: The combination *dmd* s also occurs in e.g. doc. 2 *l*. 8 and 9 *l*. 3 and 4; s in particular may show deviating forms.—See the note to doc. 12 recto *l*. 4.
- *L*. 5-6 : *p*₃*y* 3*h* [*ht*]*p*: *htp* possibly ends with the curly w and a book roll.
- L. 6: For a similar passage, see doc. 10 l. 7 and doc. 11 l. 3-4 (even with sk3).
- *L*. 7 : Cf. doc. 10 *l*. 9 and doc. 11 *l*. 5.
- L. 8: [h]3y: The reading is certain. This clause is also known from early demotic, e.g. P. Louvre E 7845 A l. 8 (554 BC), which shows a few influences of abnormal hieratic, e.g. m(-i) in the same clause about the measuring of a field. A rather damaged abnormal hieratic example is found in doc. 14 l. 6.—See Hughes, Saite demotic land leases (1952), p. 40-41 n. hh.
- **L. 9**: *Hnsw-i.ir-di-s*: The h + n ligature is indistinguishable from the abbreviated writing for *ns*, e.g. in *l*. 7 (*ns sh.w pr Imn*), and the city determinative above plural strokes in *Niw.t* in doc. 1 *l*. 2 (at the end of the line).



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DOC. 14 | P. Louvre E 7856 recto

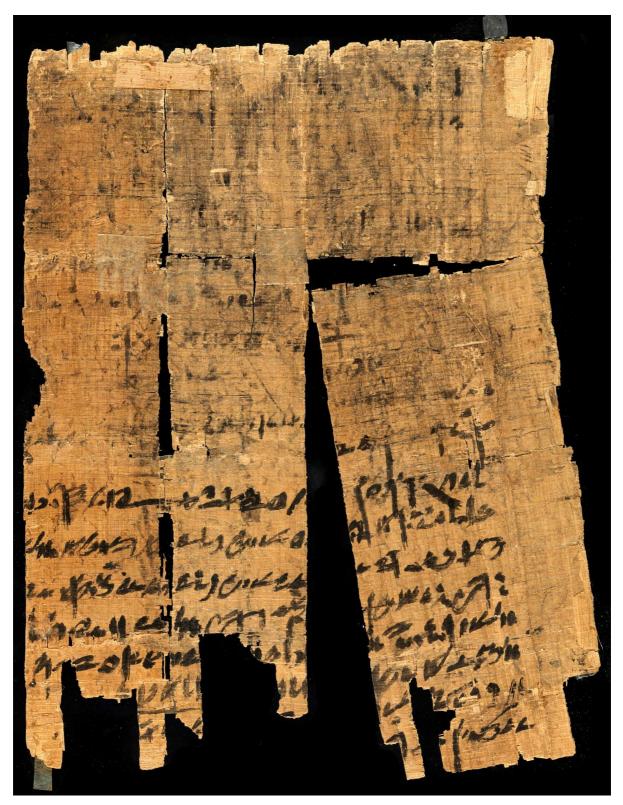
[Palimpsest, written below an erased text of probably ten lines]

Date : Year 19 I šmw 'rky of Taharka (November 3, 672 BC)

Publication : K. Donker van Heel, 'Papyrus Louvre E 7856 verso and recto: Leasing land in the reign of Taharka', in *RdE* 49 (1998), p. 91-102 and plate XII-XIII

Content : Perhaps a land lease.

- L. 2: Pn-Imn: The scribe uses both the extended and the abbreviated writings of Imn (P3-di-Imnm-Ip in l. 3).
- L. 2-3: R[ry] s3 Wn-nfr: This man occurs also in doc. 13 /. 3.
- *L.* **3** : ... *sw i* $p[\mathfrak{s}(?)]$: This passage is still incomprehensible to me. What was previously read as $n = f(RdE \ 49 \ (1998))$, p. 100 n. *r*) may actually be *dd* preceded by an abbreviated *i*. Reading the first group as *sn* (?) seems precluded by *st* in *l*. 5.
- L. 4: P3-tnfy: Proposed by Günter Vittmann.—See RdE 49 (1998), p. 100 n. u.
- *L*. 6: *ns*: Very abbreviated, but not uncommon.—See doc. 8 note to *l*. 2 (*Ps-hr-Hnsw*).
- L. 6: *h3y*: Only a few traces remain, but this clause occurs more often in documents dealing with the leasing of land.—See doc. 13 note to line 8 (*h3y*).
- *L.* 6: *sh*: The reading is certain, but the first sign is a mystery. It also occurs in e.g. doc. 10 *l.* 5, but the transcription proposed there (in *RdE* 50 (1999), p. 138) may be incorrect. The writing of *sh* in abnormal hieratic and early demotic still requires further study.
- *L*. 7 : *iw mn di.t(=i) md i dd.t s irm=k*: A common clause in abnormal hieratic.—See Malinine, *Choix de textes juridiques* (1953), p. 12-13 n. 14.



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DOC. 15 | P. Louvre E 7861 recto

[This scribe also wrote doc. 8 and 9; see see E. Bresciani (ed.), Acta Demotica: Acts of the Fifth International Conference for Demotists (Pisa, 4th-8th September 1993), EVO 17 (1994), p. 115ff.]

Date: Year 3 II šmw 19 of Amasis (October 27, 568 BC)

Publication : M. Malinine, 'Deux documents égyptiens relatifs au dépôt', in *MDAIK* 16 (1958), p. 219-229 (with facsimiles)

Content : The choachyte Djekhy son of Tesmont has taken an oath before Khonsuemwasneferhotep stating that some items he was keeping on behalf of Isetirdis son of Teos are no longer in his possession.

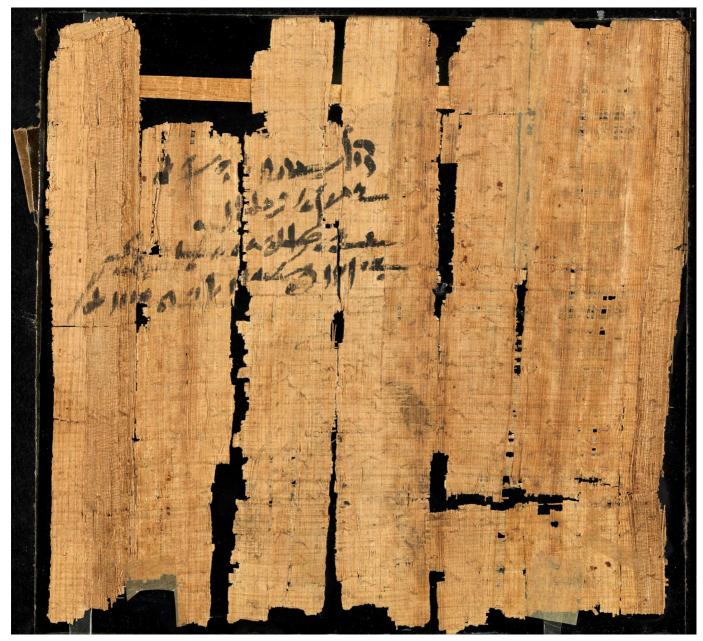
- *L*. 2 : [*Mw.t*]-*i.ir-di*(*.t*)=*s*: Malinine read [*Is.t*]-*i.ir-di*(*.t*)=*s* at the end of the line, but there seems to be no room for this. Cf. *Is.t-i.ir-di*(*.t*)=*s* at the beginning of the same line.
- L. 3: Dd-hj: The sign following h also occurs in the other instances of this name written by this scribe, viz. doc. 8 l. 3 and 9 l. 4. For the transcription 3, see Möller, Paläographie, II (1927), p. 17 no. 192 and III (1936), p. 17 no. 192 and cf. the note to doc. 9 l. 4.
- L. 3: tw(=i) ij.ț i.r=k: Malinine (p. 221) had m.[..].t-s n-k, but our reading is corroborated by a similar passage in doc. 4 /. 4-5 and doc. 18 col. I /. 4. Cf. ij in /. 8. Abnormal hieratic even seems to allow ink ij.ț i.r=, for which see P. Louvre E 7853 /. 3, in Fs. Zauzich (2004), plate XIV.
- *L*. 4 : *hr*: See doc. 7 note on *l*. 8-9.
- *L*. 4: *iw=st*: Or *iw=sn*; note the plural strokes.
- *L*. 6: *mn*: Note that the ligature of the negative arms and the evil bird is in turn seemingly ligatured with the plural strokes.
- L. 9: <u>dr=f:</u> Occurs also in doc. 9 l. 7, which was written by the same scribe.
- L. 10 : di-k mtr h3.1(-i) n p3 (nh: This is believed to be an early demotic clause that is also used by this scribe in doc. 8 l. 4-5 and by his son in doc. 6 l. 2. Abnormal hieratic scribes mostly used m ib hr, e.g. in doc. 17 col. I l. 6.
- *L*. 11 : *dd=f*: The trace looks rather high on the line but cannot be anything but the *=f*. It was omitted in Malinine's transcription (p. 223), but included in his transliteration (p. 221).
- *L.* 11 : *"nh Imn*: By now the scribe has totally lost his concentration, which becomes even more evident from Malinine's facsimile. Note that *Imn* is written in early demotic.
- *L.* 13 : [*md nb ntj hri bn iw*(=*i*) *rh st3 md n.im=w*]: Or similar, proposed by Malinine (p. 228 n. 10), but especially *md n.im=w* at the end of the line does not seem to fit the traces.
- L. 14 : The name of the scribe has broken away. It was not supplemented by Malinine nor is it to be found in Pestman, Les papyrus démotiques de Tsenhor, I (1994), p. 158-160 § 1 B, but see Donker van Heel, Abnormal hieratic and early demotic texts (1995), p. 243, and EVO 17 (1994), p. 115ff. and esp. p. 124 App. A.



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DOC. 15 | P. Louvre E 7861 verso

- [1] *`Ir.t=w-r<u>t</u> s3 Hr*h
- $[2] \qquad `n-\langle iw \rangle = w-\underline{i} 3y \ s3 \ \underline{H}r-w\underline{d}3$
- [3] N3-mnh-P3-R^c s3 Di.t-...-d.t
- [4] *Pth-i.ir-di.t=s s3 'Iw=f-'3wy*



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# NOTES TO THE TEXTS (CONT.)

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- *L*. 6 : *rmt*.*w* '3.*w*: Note the sitting man above the plural strokes.
- L. 7: rmt nb n p3 t3 dr=f: The group for t3 looks strange, but the reading is certain.
- *L*. **7-8** : *iw=w rh iy i=tn*: *tn* is either followed by the sitting man and plural strokes or *n* and plural strokes.
- L. 8: š^c <u>d.t</u>: Followed by the ending of the cartouche and the divine determinative.
- L. 8: For the signature of this scribe, which is missing in doc. 15, see also doc. 8 /. 9-10.