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Sale of a slave (*synchoreisis*)

Addressee

To ... *archidikastes* and officer in charge of the *chrematistai* and the other courts,

Party 1

from Aurelius Serenianus alias Artemidoros and however he is known,

Party 2

and from Marcus Aurelius Apollonios ... of the most splendid city of the Alexandrians, |⁵ of the ... tribe and the deme of Althaea, to whom it was granted, following the petition submitted to ... the most distinguished prefect of Egypt, to conduct business by right of(?) ... , because he is impeded by the loss of his deeds ... with his own assurance his race, age, and distinguishing marks ... according to the indicated(?) permission, a copy(?) of which petition |¹⁰ ... incorporated in an inspection document he registered in the ... record office in the present year in Payni, and (from) Marcus Aurelius Athanasios alias Nilos, councilor of the same city, son of -on alias Heron the son of Hermanoubas, of the Sosikosmian tribe and the deme of Althaea, who guarantees this conveyance (*katagraphe*) jointly with him.

Agreement proper

Aurelius Apollonios, with Aurelius Athanasios |¹⁵ alias Nilos as co-guarantor, agrees and acknowledges that he has sold and conveyed to Aurelius Serenianus alias Artemidoros his slave called Alypios, Cretan by birth, without warranty (and) free from epilepsy and leprosy, for the price of twelve siver talents of imperial coinage, which Aurelius Apollonios has received on the spot from Aurelius Serenianus alias Artemidoros through the exchange bank of ... , which is in the Epsilon district near the ... , |²⁰ ... so that from now on Aurelius Serenianus alias Artemidoros, having paid for (the slave) the tax due on slaves ... on the present day, can control and lord it over him and has the right to sell him to others and to deploy him and to make contracts about him as he pleases, and the seller (agrees that) neither he nor anyone else on his behalf is to go after him or his representatives in any way. And the seller himself |²⁵ and his guarantor (agree to) guarantee the sale perpetually with every guarantee, and (they agree that) either of them will at once repel and prosecute at their own expense anyone who will proceed in any way whatsoever or will make a claim on account of this (slave) or a share of him Or else, apart from the fact that what has been agreed upon remains effective, they agree that they will pay on mutual surety the sum of the price as well as all the damages |³⁰ and expenses, just as if by virtue of a legal decision.

Description of the slave

The slave Alypius is said to be eighteen years old and has scars ... on the side of the shin of his right foot, and in respect of him the seller ... has handed over to the buyer the indicated inspection document of the permission ... the above-mentioned slave. The slave was examined in accordance with what has been decreed ...

Stipulatio

And ³⁵ the buyer Aurelius Serenianus alias Artemidoros asked whether this had been rightly and fairly carried out and done, and Aurelius Apollonios the seller and Aurelius Athanasios alias Nilos the guarantor gave their assent.

Date

In the sixth year of Emperor Caesar Gaius Aurelius Valerius Diocletianus and in the fifth year of Emperor Caesar Marcus Aurelius Valerius Maximianus, both Germanicus Maximus Pius Felix Augustus, Epeiph x.

Note of the clerk

Aurelius ..., in charge of *synchoreseis* in the *katalogeion* (office of the *archidikastes*): it has been registered.

Date of registration

Year 6 of Valerius Diocletianus and year 5 of Valerius Maximianus, our lords Augusti, Epeiph 12.