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Sale contract for a slave (*synchoresis*)

Before April 7, 13 BC

(a) *Addressee*

To Protarchos, who is in charge of the tribunal,

(b1) *Party 1*

|² from Philotera, the daughter of Antiochos, a citizen, with as guardian (*space for name left blank*),

(b2) *Party 2*

|³ and from Laodike, the daughter of Lysias, a Macedonian, with |⁴ as guardian her brother Marcus Sulpicius Protarchos.

(c) *Receipt of payment and transfer of the slave*

Concerning the points at issue, |⁵ Laodike agrees that she has received from Philotera in cash and not through a bank |⁶ the sum agreed upon and that she (*Laodike*) has transferred to her (*Philotera*) her female slave, |⁷ whose name is Mousa, born in Egypt, and whose age and physical description are given below, |⁸ whom Philotera has also received unexceptionably except in case of epilepsy |⁹ or an external claim, once she (*Philotera*) has paid the tax on slaves, (*and*) she (*Laodike*) agrees that Philotera herself has control over and is master of |¹⁰ the slave and that she can transfer (*the slave*) to others and dispose legally (*of the slave*) however she wants |¹¹ and that no legal action is left for Laodike nor for anyone else on her behalf |¹² with regard to the slave, and that she (*Laodike*) also backs up the sale and that |¹³ she will immediately remove anyone who wil proceed against her (*Philotera*) at her own expense,

(d) *Penalty clause*

and if she (*Laodike*) transgresses any of these (*provisions*), |¹⁴ apart from the fact that the things agreed upon are effective, she (*Laodike*) agrees that she will also pay Philotera in addition |¹⁵ the sum along with half as much again and the damages and expenses and another |¹⁶ 500 silver drachmas as a penalty and the statutory penalty (*to the state*; BL 1.93) just as if by virtue of a legal decision, |¹⁷ while the flight and death of the slave from now on will not be held against |¹⁸ Laodike.

(e) *Memorandum about another contract*

Philotera has handed over (*to Laodike*) the contract in her (*Philotera*'s) name that she held.

(f) *Description of the slave*

¹⁹The slave Mousa is allegedly thirty-five years old, of medium height, of honey-colored complexion, ²⁰with a long face, a straight nose, and a scar on the right cheek.