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Contract for the return of a payment made for a slave intended as a gift (*synchoresis*)
October 23, 5 BC

(a) *Addressee*

|¹ To Protarchos,

(b1) *Party 1*

|² from Himeros, the son of Ptolemaios, of the deme of Zeus,

(b2) *Party 2*

and from |³ Quintus Caecilius Kastor.

(c) *Considerans*

Since Quintus happens |⁴ to have received from his patron, |⁵ Quintus Caecilius Oinogenes, abroad, |⁶ to deliver to Himeros here (*in Alexandria*) as a gift the slaves Philetairos, Phaithros, |⁷ Bassos, and Vitulus (*crossed out: and Optatus*), |⁹ but the shipment was made by mistake in the name of Quintus |¹⁰ Caecilius Kastor himself, |¹¹ and he transferred by deed |¹² to Himeros without taking any payment in the |¹³ 23rd year of Caesar (*Augustus*) through the |¹⁴ notarial office the four slaves listed and yet another slave, Optatus, after having been paid for Optatus by banker's draft |¹⁵ through the bank of Asklepiades |¹⁶ (*crossed out: Sarapion*) 1,200 silver drachmas,

(d) *Return of payment for one slave*

|¹⁷ Himeros now agrees |¹⁸ that he has received from Quintus Caecilius Kastor |¹⁹ through the same bank of Asklepiades (*crossed out: Sarapion*) the |²⁰⁻²¹ 1,200 drachmas paid to him (*Kastor*) by banker's draft for Optatus, |²⁹ because Optatus was sent to Himeros by |³⁰ Oinogenes as a gift, |²³ (*crossed out: and*) he agrees that neither he nor anyone else on his behalf will proceed against Quintus |²⁴ Caecilius Kastor concerning these things or the confirmation (*of the transfer*) |²⁵ of the five slaves in any way, |²⁶ or else, apart from the fact that the things agreed upon are effective, |²⁷ Himeros agrees that, when he transgresses (*any of these provisions*), he is liable to the damages and the statutory penalty (*to the state*).

(e) *Date*

|³¹ Year 26 of Caesar (Augustus), Phaophi 26.

(f) *Scribal note*

To be corrected.