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Contract about the lease of land (not a *synchoresis*)  
Reign of Augustus

(a) *Prescript*

..., ..., and Alexandros, the son of Ptolemaios, ..., the three greet one another.

(b) *Considerans*

Since we have joined in a lease for the property of our paternal grandmother's father ... |<sup>2</sup> ... in the category unproductive land near the village of Syron ... of the island of Alexarchos, but near the village of Berenike in the Menelaite nome, 1,084 arouras or as many as there are, in which there is a vineyard, ..., and pastures and ..., |<sup>3</sup> and Nikomedes and Alexandros submitted in their own name the petition concerning the lease, and in this it is made clear that they paid by bank draft for the aforementioned (*arouras*) 1,000 silver drachmas at one time as a monetary gift (*to the state*) ... |<sup>4</sup> 800 drachmas as rent,

(c) *Agreement proper*

we agree that each of the three of us are partners and fellow lessees and in control of a third part of the aforementioned lease from now on and forever |<sup>5</sup> ... all, on the condition that Sextus or Nikomedes will hand in a petition to the collector of public revenues on behalf of the monetary gift (*to the state*), either the aforementioned one or whichever ... in accordance with the ... that will be ... |<sup>6</sup> ... sum and both or either of them will pay in full out of their own pocket for all expenses that will occur until they receive the document concerning the exclusive rights, and Sextus and Nikomedes will get ... |<sup>7</sup> ... they pay in full for the interest on the sum out of whatever we make, as soon as we are on the spot, from the lease in any way whatsoever, and if anything is left from the ... |<sup>8</sup> ... the lease after the payment of the sum, it will be divided into three equal and similar parts, and each of us will receive one part, and we agree that it is always done ... |<sup>9</sup> ... three parts of the things that will be produced by the lease, whether wine or grain produce, or fishing, or hunting, or cutting wood, or from anything else in any way whatsoever, using ... |<sup>10</sup> ... of the expenses that will be made because of the lease, and that each takes a third part, while Nikomedes and Alexandros are making ... the ... on behalf of the lease ... |<sup>11</sup> ... while to none of us it is permitted to set aside any of the things agreed upon that pertain to the partnership or to do anything to cause injustice to another or ...,

(d) *Penalty clause*

|<sup>12</sup> and we agree that the one who transgresses (*these provisions*) pay to the one who abides (*by them*) double the damages and expenses that result because of him and 3,000 silver drachmas as a private debt, and Sextus ...