

Olbia. Letter of Apatorios

Description: rectangular lead tablet folded three times, broken at the left corner (dimensions: h:8.5 w:15.8)

Layout: the text of the letter is quoted left to right in the interior face, while the address is engraved in the exterior face

Letters: archaic ionic alphabet

Origin: Olbia (North shore of the Black Sea)

Dating: late VI century BC

Findspot: Olbia, agora

Current location: unknown (somewhere in Russia or Ukraine)

Reference edition: Dana 2004

Other editions: Vinogradov 1981, 19; Santiago 2006; Dana 2007, 75-76, no. 3; Ceccarelli 2013, no. 5

Photographs: Dana 2004, 5 (facsimile); Dana 2007, 75 (facsimile)

Translations: Wilson 1997/1998, 38-40 (English); Dana 2004, 6 (French); Dana 2007, 76 (French); Ceccarelli 2013, no. 5 (English)

Bibliography: Bravo 1977, 58, no. 62; Jeffery, Johnston, *LSAG²*, 430, 479 no. H, 480; Vinogradov 1997, 84, note 84; Wilson 1997/1998, 38-40; Vinogradov 1999, 140; Faraguna 2002, 246 ff.; Gavriljuk 2003, 80; L. Dubois, *BE* 2005 366; Eidinow, Taylor 2010, no. E5; Ceccarelli 2013, 338

A (exterior of the tablet)

Ἄπατόριος

Λεάνακτι

B

Λήνακτι Ἀπατόριος : τὰ χρήματα σισύλημαι ὑπ' Ἡρακ-
λείδεω τῷ Ε[ό]θήριος : κατὰ δύναμιν τὴν σὴν : μὴ ἀπολέ-
σω τὰ χρήματα : τὰ γὰρ χρ[ήμ]ατα σὰ ἐφάμην ἔναι : καὶ Μένω-
ν : ἔφατό : σε ἐπ[ι]θῆναι ἐωμυτῶι : καὶ τ[άχ]
5 θηκας καὶ π[ρὸ]ς ἔφατό {σ'} ἐμοὶ σὰ τὰ χρήματα ἐνῆν : ιὰν ἐπιθε-
ίης διφθέρια π[ρὸ]ς Ἡρακλείδην καὶ Θαθαίην : τὰ χρήματα σ-
έο ΥΣ ὀπό[σσ], [ἀποδ]όσε· κενοὶ γάρ φασιν : ὅ τι σὸν ἔχοσιν ἀποδώ-
[σεν] τὸ : συλη[θὲν ὅλ]ον ἐπτὰ καὶ εἴκοσιν στατῆρες· (vac.)
[Τί(?) θε]λήσεις; περὶ τῶν οἰκιτέων Θυμώλεω
10 [. c. 10-11. Εὸ(?)]θυμίωι : αὐτῶι μοι οὐκ οἶδα ἢν {Ε} γένηται εὖ (vac.)

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