Athens. Accounts of the Poletai: Selling of a Confiscated Property at Athens and Leasing of the Laurion Mines

Description: intact stele of Pentelic marble (dimensions: h:0.922 m w:0.36-0.404 m d:0.097-0.132 m); it is crowned with a flat-topped moulding on the curved surface of which there is a painted band of egg and dart.

Layout: stoichedon (39 letters)

Letters: Attic-Ionic, retaining the old *ο* for *ου* (four times he wrote *Νάπηι*, twice *Νάπει*); inconsistent use of interpuncts and abbreviations by curtailment

Origin: Athenian Agora

Dating: 367/6 BC (see l. 1 *ἐπὶ Πολυζήλο ἄρχοντος*)

Findspot: found in Athens, on May 25, 1938, beneath the floor of the Tholos in filling of the late 4th and early 3rd centuries BC

Current location: Museum of the Ancient Agora, Athens, inv. no. I 5509

Reference Edition: M.K. Langdon, *Agora* XIX P5 with slight modifications

Other Editions: Crosby 1941, 14-27; *SEG* 12 100; J. Pouilloux, *Nouveau Choix* 26; Lambert 1998[2], 314-320, T10 (ll. 16-35); P.J. Rhodes, R. Osborne, *GHI* 36

Photographs: Crosby 1941, 15; *Agora* XIX, pl. 8

Bibliography: Thompson 1940, 59-60 (for the findspot); Young 1941, 28-30; Crosby 1950, 189-297; Fine 1951, 150-153; Finley 1952, 111-113 et alibi; Finley, 1953, 473-491; Hopper 1953, 200-254; Hopper 1961, 138-151; Eliot 1962, 92-99; M. Guarducci, , *EG* II, 206-211; Austin, Vidal-Naquet 1982, 301-306, no. 95 (Italian translation by M. Menghi, revised by B. Bravo); Osborne 1985, 5-6, 52, 112-115; Ito 1986, 453-461; Kalcyk 1986, 463-468; Hallof 1990, 406-426; Davies 1994, 201-212; Langdon 1994, 253-265; Ustinova 1996, 240; Aperghis 1997-1998, 1-20; Oliver 2000, 61-65; Migeotte 2003a, 100-101 (Italian translation by U. Fantasia); Kakavoyannis 2005; Harris 2006, 163-206 (or. published in Harris 1988, 351-381); Papazarkadas 2011, 165 n. 12, 201; Schneider 2012, 55-68

Ἐπὶ Πολυζήλο ἄρχοντος πωληταί
Πολύευκτος Λαμπτρεύς, Δεινίας Ἐρχιεύς, Θεαῖος
Παιανιεύς, Θεότιμος Φρεάρριος, Ἀριστογένης Ἰφ-
ιστιάδης, Γλαύκων Λακιάδης, Κηφισοκλέης Πειρα-
5 ιεύς, Νικοκλέης Ἀναφλύστιος, οἷς Ἐξήκεστος Κοθ-
ωκίδης ἐγραμμάτευεν, τάδε ἀπέδοντο παραλαβόν-
τες παρὰ τῶν ἕνδεκα Φαίακος Ἀφιδναίο καὶ συναρ-
χόντων· Μονιχιῶνος δεκάτηι ἱσταμένο, Θεόμνηστ-
ος Δεισιθέο Ἰωνίδης ἀπέγραψεν Θεοσέβος τοῦ Θε-
10 οφίλο Ζυπεταιόνος οἰκίαν Ἀλωπεκῆσιν δημοσία-
ν εἶναι, ἣι γείτων βορρᾶ(θεν)· ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδάλειον
φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον νοτόθεν· Φίλιππος Ἀγ-
ρυλῆ(θεν), ἁλόντος Θεοσέβος ἱεροσυλίας καὶ οὐχ ὑπομ-
είναντος τὴν κρίσιν· ὅσωι πλείονος ἀξία ἢ ὑπόκε-

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ιται Σμικύθωι Τειθρασίωι∶Η𐅄 δραχμῶν,κλητῆρ(ες) Δι-
ογείτων Ἀλωπεκῆθεν, Φιλοίτιος Ἰωνίδης· Κιχωνί-
δης Διογείτονος Γαργήτ(τιος) καὶ κοινὸν φρατέρων Με-
δοντιδῶν ἐνεπησκήψατο ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἑαυτῶι κ-
αὶ τοῖς φράτερσι ἐν τῆι οἰκίαι τῆι Ἀλωπεκῆσι Η δ-
ραχμάς, ἣν ἀπέγραψεν Θεόμνηστος Ἰωνί(δης) Θεοσέβος
εἶναι Ζυπετα(ιόνος) ἥι γείτων βορρᾶ(θεν) ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδά-
λε<ι>ον φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον, νοτόθεν Φίλιππ-
ος Ἀγρυλῆ(θεν), «ἀποδομένο ἐμο<ὶ> καὶ τοῖς φράτερσιν τὴ-
ν οἰκίαν ταύτην Θεοφίλου Ζυπε(ταιόνος)∶τὸ πατρὸς τοῦ Θεο-
σέβος»· ἔδοξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. Ἴσαρχος Φίλωνος Ζυπ-
ε{∶}ται(όνος)∶ἀμφισβητεῖ ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἑαυτῶι ἐν τῆι οἰ-
κίαι τῆι Ἀλωπεκῆσι ἣν ἀπέγραψεν Θεόμνηστος Δε-
ισιθέο Ἰωνίδης, «θάψαντος ἐμῦ Θεόφιλον ὃ ἦν ἡ οἰκ-
ία καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα τὴν Θεοφίλο» ΔΔΔ∶δραχμάς. ἔδοξ-
εν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. Αἰσχίνης Μελιτε<ὺς> καὶ κοινὸν ὀ-
ργεώνων ἐνεπεσκήψαντο ἐν τῆι οἰκίαι ἣν ἀπέγραψ-
εν Θεόμνηστος Ἰωνίδης ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἑαυτοῖς∶
ΔΔΗΗΗ δραχμάς, «πριαμένων ἡμῶν τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτ-
ην παρὰ Θεοφίλου τούτο τοῦ ἀργυρίο ἐπὶ λύσει». ἔδ-
οξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι. ὠνητὴς Λυσανίας Παλαθίωνο-
ς Λακι(άδης) 𐅄ΔΔΓ τούτο τὴν προκαταβολὴν τὸ πέμπτον
μέρος ἔχει ἡ πόλις καὶ τὰ ἐπώνια καὶ τὰ κηρύκεια
καὶ Σμίκυθος Τειθράσιος τὰς πεντήκοντα καὶ ἑκ
ατόν· ἀθρόον κατὰ τὴν ἀπογραφήν. (vac.)
(vac.)
μέταλλα ἐπράθη ἐπὶ τῆς Ἱπποθωντίδος πρώτης, Δε-
ξιακὸν ἐν Νάπει ἐπὶ Σκοπιᾶι, ὧι γεί(των) πανταχόθεν Ν-
ικίας Κυδαν(τίδης), ὠνη(τὴς) Καλλίας Σφήττι(ος) ΔΔ∶Διακὸν ἐπὶ Λα-
υρείωι, ὧι γεί(των)∶πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόντος τὰ χωρία τὰ Ἐξω-
πίου, δυομένο τὸ ὄρος, ὠνη(τὴς) Ἐπιτέλης ἐκ Κερα(μέων) ΔΔ· ἐπὶ
Σουνίωι ἐν τοῖς Χαρμύλο παίδων, ὧι γεί(των)∶βορρᾶ(θεν) Κλε-
όκριτος Αἰγι(λιεύς), νοτό(θεν)∶Λεύκιος Σουνι(εύς), ὠνη(τὴς)∶Φείδιππος
Πιθεὺς ΔΔ∶Ποσειδωνιακὸν ἐν Νάπηι τῶν ἐκ τῆς στή-
λης ἐν τοῖς Ἀλυπήτου, ὧι γεί(των) Καλλίας Σφήττι(ος) καὶ Δ-
ιοκλέης Πιθεύς, ὠνητὴς Θρασύλοχο<ς> Ἀναγυρά(σιος)∶Χ𐅄
Ἀγνοσιακὸν τῶν ἐκ τῆς <σ>τήλης, ὠνη(τὴς)∶Τελέσαρχος Αἰξ-
ω(νεὺς)∶Χ𐅄 Ἀρτεμισιακὸν τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης ὠνη(τὴς)∶Θρασύλ-
οχος Ἀναγυρά(σιος)∶Η𐅄 ἐπὶ τῆς Ἀντιοχίδος δευτέρας ἐπ-
ὶ Λαυρείωι αὐτὸ καὶ τὰς κατατομάς, ὧι γεί(των)∶βορρᾶ(θεν) Δ-
ιοπείθης Εὐωνυ(μεὺς)∶καὶ Δημοστράτο κάμινος Κυθηρ(ρίο), ν-
οτό(θεν) τὸ Διοπείθος ἐργαστήριον καὶ ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἀμαξι-
κὴ καὶ ἡ χαράδρα ἡ Θορικίων∶ὠνη(τὴς)∶Κηφισόδοτος Αἰθ-
α(λίδης) ΔΔ∶Δημητριακὸν ἐν τοῖς Τιμησίου ἐν Νάπηι, ὧι γε-

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ί(των)⁝Νικίας Κυδαν(τίδης)⁝νοτό(θεν) Διοκλέης Πιθεύς, ὠνη(τὴς) Δήμων Ἀ-
γρυ(λῆθεν)⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐν Μαρωνέαι Ἑρμαικόν, ὧι γεί(των) Διοφάνης Σου-
νι(εὺς)⁝ὠνη(τὴς)⁝Φιλῖνος Σουνι(εὺς)⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐπὶ τῆς Οἰνείδος τρίτης,
ἐπ[ὶ] Λαυρείωι Θεογνίδειον ἐκ τῆς στήλης, ὧι γεί(των) τ-
ὸ Ἐξωπίο χωρίον, ὠνη(τὴς)⁝Καλλίας Λαμπτρ(εὺς) Ⅎ ἐπὶ τῆς Κεκ-
ροπίδος τετάρτης, ἐπὶ Σουνί<ω>ι ἐν Νάπει Πυρρίει-
ον, ὧι γεί(των) πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος)⁝Καλλίας Ἀλωπ(εκῆθεν), δυομέ(νο) Νικ-
ίας Κυδαν(τίδης), ὠνη(τὴς) Καλλίας Σφήτ(τιος) ΔΔ⁝Θορικοῖ Ἀρχηγέτε-
ιον ἐν τοῖς Δημοφίλου, ὧι γεί(των)⁝βορρᾶ(θεν)⁝καὶ νοτό(θεν) Δημό-
φιλος, ὠνη(τὴς) Κηφισοφῶν Συβρί(δης) ΔΔ⁝ἐν Νάπηι ἐν τοῖς χω-
ρίοις τῆς Χαρμύλο⟦[.. ? ..]⟧υ γυναικός, ὧι γεί(των)⁝τὸ χωρίον τ-
ῆς γυνα<ι>κὸς τῆς Ἀλυπήτο, βορρᾶ(θεν) Τελέσων Σο<υ>νι(εὺς)⁝πρὸ-
ς ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος)⁝χωρίον Τελέσωνος Σουνι(εύς), δυομένο Ἐπ-
ικράτης Παλλη(νεὺς)⁝ὠνη(τὴς)⁝Ἐπικλέης Σφήτ(τιος)⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐπὶ τῆς Αἰγη-
ίδος πέμπτης, Ἀρχηγέτειον καὶ τὰς κατατομάς, στ-
ήλην οὐκ ἔχον, Βήσησιν ἐν τοῖς Κηφισοδότο καὶ Κα-
λλίο, ὧι γεί(των) πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόν(τος)⁝Καλλίο Λαμπ(τρέος)⁝πύργος κ-
αὶ οἰκία, βορρᾶ(θεν)⁝τὸ{ι} Κηφισοδότου ἐργαστή(ριον)⁝νοτό(θεν) τὸ Ἀ-
ρχηγέτειον, ὠνη(τὴς)⁝Κηφισόδοτος Αἰθα(λίδης)⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐπὶ τῆς Λεω-
ντίδος ἑβδόμης, ἐπὶ Σουνίωι ἐπὶ Θρασύμωι Κεραμ-
εικόν, ὧι γεί(των)⁝Διοπείθης Εὐωνυ(μεὺς)⁝ὠνη(τὴς) Ἀλεξίμαχος Πή-
ληξ⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐπὶ Σουνίωι ἐν Νάπηι ἐν τοῖς Χαρμύλο παίδ-
ων, ὧι γεί(των) βορρᾶ(θεν)⁝Πύρρακος Αἰγι(λιεύς)⁝νοτό(θεν)⁝Λεύκιος Σουν(ιεύς),
ὠνη(τὴς)⁝Φείδιππος Πιθεύς⁝ΔΔ⁝ἐπὶ τῆς Ἐρεχθείδος ἐνά
της, ἐπὶ Σουνίωι τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης Λευκίππειον Β-
ήσησι, ὠνη(τὴς) Χαιρέδημος Ἀγνού(σιος)⁝Hⅎ (vac.)

Translation:
In the archonship of Polyzelos the poletai Polyeuctus of Lamptrae, Deinias of Erchia, Theaeus of Paeania, Theotimus of Phrearrhii, Aristogenes of Iphistiadae, Glaucon of Lakiadae, Kephisocles of Piraeus, and Nicocles of Anaphlystus, to whom Exekestos of Kothokidae was secretary (*οἷς Ἐξήκεστος Κοθωκίδης ἐγραμμάτευεν*), sold the following (*τάδε ἀπέδοντο*), having taken them over from the Eleven – Phaeax of Aphidna and his fellow magistrates (*παραλαβόντες παρὰ τῶν ἕνδεκα Φαίακος Ἀφιδναίο καὶ συναρχόντων*).
At the beginning of Mounichion, on the 10th (*Μονιχιῶνος δεκάτηι ἱσταμένο*), Theomnestus son of Deisitheos of Ionidae registered as public property (*ἀπέγραψεν ... δημοσίαν εἶναι*) the house of Theosebes son of Theophilus of Xypete at Alopeke, of which the neighbours (*οἰκίαν ... ᾗ γείτων*) are, on the north (*βορρᾶ*), the road leading to the sanctuary of Daedalus and the sanctuary of Daedalus (*ἡ ὁδὸς ἡ ἐς τὸ Δαιδάλειον φέρουσα καὶ τὸ Δαιδάλειον*), and, on the south (*νοτόθεν*), Philippus of Agryle, having Theosebes been convicted of theft of sacred property (*ἁλόντος Θεοσέβος ἱεροσυλίας*) and having not awaited judgement (*καὶ οὐχ ὑπομείναντος τὴν κρίσιν*). The amount (is) larger than the money pledged as security by Smikythus, that is 150 drachmas (*ὅσωι πλείονος ἀξία ἢ ὑπόκειται Σμικύθωι Τειθρασίωι: Hⅎ : δραχμῶν*). Witnesses to the registration (*κλητῆρ(ες)*): Diogeiton of Alopeke and Philoetius of Ionidae.
Kichonides son of Diogeiton of Gargettus and the group (*κοινόν*) of the phrateres of the Medontidae put in a prior claim (*ἐνεπησκήψατο*) that there was a debt of 100 drachmas to himself and the members of the phratry on the house at Alopeke (*ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἑαυτῶι καὶ τοῖς φράτερσι ἐν τῆι οἰκίαι τῆι Ἀλωπεκῆσι Η δραχμάς*) which Theomnestus of Ionidae registered as public property, on the grounds that it was the property of Theosebes of Xypete of which the neighbours were on the north, the road leading to the sanctuary of Daedalus and the sanctuary of Daedalus, and, on the south, Philippus of Agryle, «Theophilos of Xypete, the father of Theosebes, having sold on condition of release this house (*ἀποδομένο ... τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτην*) to me and to the members of

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the phratry». It was decided that the debt was owed (*ἔδοξεν ἐνοφείλεσθαι*).
Isarchus son of Philo of Xypete claims a debt of 30 drachmas owing to him on the house at Alopeke (*ἀμφισβητεῖ ἐνοφείλεσθαι ἑαυτῶι ἐν τῆι οἰκίαι τῆι Ἀλωπεκῆσι*) that Theomnestus son of Deisitheus of Ionidae registered as public property, «since I buried (*θάψαντος ἐμοῦ*) Theophilus, to whom the house belonged (*ὃ ἦν ἡ οἰκία*), and the wife of Theophilus». It was decided that the debt was owed.
Aeschines of Melite and the group (*κοινόν*) of orgeones put in a prior claim (*ἐνεπεσκήψαντο*) on the house that Theomnestus of Ionidae registered as public property that a debt was owing to them of 24 drachmas, «since we bought this house on condition of release from Theophilus for this money (*πριαμένων ἡμῶν τὴν οἰκίαν ταύτην παρὰ Θεοφίλου τούτο τοῦ ἀργυρίο ἐπὶ λύσει*)». It was decided that the debt was owed.
Purchaser: Lysanias son of Palathion of Lakiadae for 575 drachmas. Of this the city has the fifth part (*τούτο ... τὸ πέμπτον μέρος ἔχει ἡ πόλις*) as deposit (*τὴν προκαταβολήν*) along with the sales tax and herald's fee (*καὶ τὰ ἐπώνια καὶ τὰ κηρύκεια*), and Smicythus of Teithras has the 150 drachmas. In one payment in accordance with the registration (*ἀθρόον κατὰ τὴν ἀπογραφήν*).

Mines sold (*μέταλλα ἐπράθη*) during the first (prytany), of Hippothontis: 1) Dexiakon at Skopia in Nape, the neighbour of which on all sides (*παντaχόθεν*) is Nicias of Kydantidae, purchaser: Kallias of Sphettus, 20 drachmas; 2) Diakon at Laurion, the neighbour of which, to the east (*πρὸς ἡλίο ἀνιόντος*), is the land (*τὰ χωρία*) of Exopius, to the west (*δυομένο*), the mountain (*τὸ ὄρος*), purchaser: Epiteles from Kerameis, 20 drachmas; 3) at Sounion on the property of the sons of Charmylus, the neighbour of which, on the north, is Kleokritus of Aigilia, on the south, Leukios of Sounion, purchaser: Pheidippus of Pithos, 20 drachmas; 4) Poseidoniakon in Nape, (one) of those on the stele (*τῶν ἐκ τῆς στήλης*), on the property of Alypetus, the neighbours of which are Kallias of Sphettus and Diocles of Pithos, purchaser: Thrasylochus of Anagyrous, 1550 drachmas; 5) Hagnosiakon, (one) of those on the stele, purchaser: Telesarchus of Aixone, 1550 drachmas; 6) Artemisiakon, (one) of those on the stele, purchaser: Thrasylochus of Anagyrous, 150 drachmas.
During the second prytany, of Antiochis: 7) at Laurion (the mine) itself and the cuttings (*αὐτὸ καὶ τὰς κατατομάς*), the neighbour of which, on the north, Diopeithes of Euonymon and the furnace (*κάμινος*) of Demostratus of Kytherus, on the south, the workshop (*ἐργαστήριον*) of Diopeithes and the waggon road (*ὁδὸς ἡ ἁμαξική*) and the torrent (*χαράδρα*) of the Thorikians, purchaser: Kephisodotus of Aethalidae, 20 drachmas; 8) Demetriakon on the property of Timesius in Nape, the neighbour of which is Nicias of Kydantidae, on the south, Diocles of Pithos, purchaser: Demon of Agryle, 20 drachmas; 9) at Maroneia Hermaikon, the neighbour of which is Diophanes of Sounion, purchaser: Philinus of Sounion, 20 drachmas.
During the third prytany, of Oineis: 10) at Laurion the Theognideion, from the stele, the neighbour of which is the land of Exopius, purchaser: Kallias of Lamptrae, 50 drachmas.
During the fourth prytany, of Kecropis: 11) at Sounion in Nape Pyrrhieion, the neighbour of which, on the east, is Kallias of Alopeke, on the west, Nicias of Kydantidae, purchaser: Kallias of Sphettus, 20 drachmas; 12) at Thorikus the Archegeteion on the property of Demophilus, the neighbour of which, on the north and south, is Demophilus, purchaser: Kephisophon of Sybridae, 20 drachmas; 13) in Nape on the lands of the wife of Charmylus, the neighbour of which is the land of the wife of Alypetos, on the north, Teleson of Sounion, on the east, the land of Teleson of Sounion, on the west, Epikrates of Pallene, purchaser: Epikles of Sphettus, 20 drachmas.
During the fifth prytany, of Aigeis: 14) Archegeteion and the cuttings (*τὰς κατατομάς*), lacking a stele (*στήλην οὐκ ἔχον*), at Besa on the property of Kephisodotus and Kallias, the neighbour of which, on the east, is the tower and house (*πύργος καὶ οἰκία*) of Kallias of Lamptrae, on the north, the workshop of Kephisodotus, on the south, the shrine of the Archegetes (*τὸ Ἀρχηγέτειον*), purchaser: Kephisodotus of Aithaliadae, 20 drachmas.
During the seventh prytany, of Leontis: 15) at Sounion at Thrasymos Kerameikon, the neighbour of which is Diopeithes of Euonymon, purchaser: Aleximachos of Pelekes, 20 drachmas; 16) at Sounion in Nape on the property of the sons of Charmylus, the neighbour of which, on the north, is Pyrrhacus of Aegilia, on the south, Leukios of Sounion, purchaser: Pheidippus of Pithos, 20 drachmas.
During the ninth prytany, of Erechtheis: 17) at Sounion Leukippeion, (one) of those on the stele, at Besa, purchaser: Chaeredemus of Hagnous, 150 drachmas.

(English translation: Rhodes, Osborne, *GHI*, no. 36, with modifications)

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