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The papyrus with which I am here concerned is one of a small collection formed, I think some 15-20 years ago, by the late E. P. Warren. In the absence of provision for the systematic publication which had been contemplated by the owner, I am permitted by his executors to edit the texts piecemeal as opportunity offers; and I am very glad to be able to include in a volume dedicated to M. Victor Loret the following specimen, which though much disfigured by mutilation is not without some historical interest.

It is a petition addressed to L. Silius Satrianus, *vir egregius*, by a citizen of Antinoë, C. Valerius Marinus, who was involved in a dispute over some property and had been authorized to make application to Satrianus (ll. 23-25). Marinus thereupon took the requisite steps and presented a petition (ll. 16-37), setting out the facts of the case and requesting that his opponent, Sar..., who lived in the Arsinoïte nome (l. 12) and seems in the absence of the petitioner to have taken the law into his own hands, should be sent for. Satrianus by a subscription (ll. 5-6, 37-39) directed the local strategus to safeguard the interests of the fiscus pending a settlement, but gave no further order; and he was presently approached by Marinus in a second petition (ll. 1-14), in which the facts were recalled and the request for a decision was repeated.

The question arises, who was this L. Silius Satrianus, whose name is, apparently, otherwise unrecorded? Can he be a hitherto unknown praefect of Egypt? The first petition of Marinus bears the date Pachon 17 of the 4th year of Marcus and Verus, i.e. May 12, A.D. 164. M. Annius Suriacus was still praefect at the beginning of the previous year, and T. Flavius Titianus had succeeded to the office before August, A.D. 164. If therefore the second petition of Marinus followed the first at a short interval, the possibility that Satrianus intervened between Suriacus and Titianus is not excluded on chronological grounds. But what can be gleaned from the papyrus about the subject

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of dispute may be taken to point in another direction. Section 18 of the *Gnomon of the Idios Logos* reads : — *τὰς κατὰ πίσ[ιν γεινομένας κληρονομίας ὑπὸ Ἑλλήνων εἰς Ῥωμαίους ἢ ὑπὸ Ῥωμαίων εἰς Ἕλληνας ὁ Θεὸς Οὐεσπασιανὸς [ἀ]νέλαβεν, οἱ μέντοι τὰς πίσ[ε]ις ἐξ(ο)μολογησάμενοι τὸ ἥμισ[υ ε]ἰλήφασι.* One of the parties in this present case bears a Roman name; and to the passage just quoted these is evident resemblance in his statement in ll. 18 sqq. : — *ἀντικατέσ[την . . . πρὸς Σ.] τινα περὶ πίσ[εως . . . ἦν?] ἐξομολογήσαμενος . . . κληρονομι]κῷ δικαίῳ εἰς ἐμὲ κατήντησ[ε . . . ὑπάρχον]τά μοι κατὰ τὸ τῆς ἐξο[μολογηθείσης πίσ[εως δίκαιον(?).* Apparently then the matter was one which would come within the competence of the idiologus; and since it was referred by the lower authority to Satrianus because a *πίσ[ις* was involved (ll. 24-25), the view that his office was that of idiologus has at least a certain plausibility. No valid objection can be based on the mention of the *ταμεῖον* in ll. 6 and 39; cf. Plaumann, *Der Idioslogos*, pp. 30-1.

The papyrus, which was evidently folded from the bottom upwards, measures 26×9.4 cm. A large piece is missing on the right-hand side, and possibly this has partially survived in some other collection, though the irregularity of the broken edge is doubtless due to worms. The extent of the loss can be gauged from ll. 2, 17, 36-37, where the supplements are assured; those suggested elsewhere claim no more than a sufficient measure of probability. Though well written, and signed by the petitioner (l. 40), it is clear from the numerous corrections in ll. 7-12 that the document is only a draft.

Λουκίωι Σειλίω[ι] Σ[ατριανῶι τῷ κρατίσ[τῳ πρὸς τῷ ἰδίῳ λόγῳ(?)
παρὰ Γαίου Οὐαλερίου Μ[αρείνου Ὀσειραντινοείου τοῦ καὶ
Μαρκιανείου. ἀνέτεινά [σοι, κύριε ἐπίτροπε, βιβλείδιον τῇ ιζ
τοῦ Παχὼν μηνὸς το[ῦ ἐνεσ[τῶτος(?) δ ἔτους, οὗ ὑπογραφή·
ὁ σ[ρατηγὸς φροντιε[ῖ ἕως ἂν τὸ πρᾶγμα πέρας λάβῃ μηδὲν
ἐπὶ περιγραφῇ τοῦ τ[αμείου γείνεσθαι. [[ἐγὼ δὲ τούτοις ἀ-]]
[[κολούθως πρ̣ο̣ς̣.[. . . . . ἀναφόριον τῷ σ[ρατηγῷ(?) Οὐε-]]
[[γέτῳ ἀνέδω[κα δηλώσας ὅτι οὐ μόνον . . . . .]]
[[ἀλλὰ καὶ ηπ. .[about 35 letters
[[κύρ[ιε
[[το.]] ἐπεὶ οὖν [[μετ[— 33 —

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τοῦτο
[[βιβλείδιον]] σὺν ἄλλοις [about 30 letters
[[τῷ Ἡρακ(λείδου) μερίδος [στρατηγῷ
γραφῆναι [[τῷ αὐτῷ στρ[ατηγῷ . . . . . ἐκπέμψαι τὸν ἀντί-
δικον ἐπὶ τὴν σὴν δ[ι]άγν[ωσιν, ἵνα τὸ πρᾶγμα πέρας ἤδη
λαβεῖν δυνηθῇ καὶ ὦ εὐεργ[ετημένος. διευτύχει.
ἔστι δὲ τοῦ β[ιβλειδίου τὸ ἀντίγραφον·
Σειλίωι Σατριανῶι τῷ κρατί[στῳ πρὸς τῷ ἰδίῳ λόγῳ(?) παρὰ
Γαίου Οὐαλερίου Μαρείνου Ὀ[σειραντινοείου τοῦ
καὶ Μαρκιανείου. ἀντικατέσ[την τῷ ἐνεστῶτι δ(?) ἔτει
Ἀντωνίνου καὶ Οὐήρου τῶ[ν κυρίων Σεβαστῶν πρὸς Σαρ . . .
τινα περὶ πίστεως [22 letters ἣν
ἐξομολογησάμενος α[23 letters
κατὰ τὰ κελευσθέντα δι[. . . . . κληρονομι-
κῷ δικαίῳ εἰς ἐμὲ κατήντησ[εν ἐπὶ 16 letters στρα-
τηγήσαντος, κ[αὶ ἀ]πεφήνα[το οὕτως· ἐπεὶ τὸ πρᾶγμα περὶ πίσ-
τεώς ἐστιν, δύνασθε ἐντυ[χεῖν τῷ κρατίστῳ πρὸς τῷ ἰδίῳ λόγῳ(?).
ἐγὼ δὲ κατὰ τὸ ἀκόλουθον [κατέπλευσα εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν(?)
μηνὶ Ἀδριανῷ κη καὶ ὑπε[20 letters τὴν κατα-
σποράν. ἐπεί οὖν, κύριε, τα[17 letters ὁ ἀντίδικός(?)
μου ἐξετόπισεν καὶ οἰκίαν [καὶ 17 letters ὑπάρχον-
τά μοι κατὰ τὸ τῆς ἐξο[μολογηθείσης πίστεως δίκαιον . . . .
ἐν τοσούτῳ καὶ τὰ μὴ ἐξ[24 letters ἀποδεί-
ξω πίστι ὑποστέλλειν ἐκ[28 letters
ἀξιῶ, ἐάν σοι δόξῃ, κελεῦσαι γρ[αφῆναι τῷ τῆς Ἡρακλείδου μερίδος
στρατηγῷ ἐκπέμψαι τὸν Σαρ[27 letters
ἐν τοσούτῳ δὲ μηδὲν αὐτ[ὸν νεωτερίζειν μέχρι τῆς σοῦ τοῦ κυ-
ρίου διαγνώσεως. διευτ[ύχει. Γάιος Οὐαλέριος Μαρεῖνος ἐπιδέδω-
κα, (ἔτους) δ Παχὼν ιζ. ἀν[τίγραφον ὑπογραφῆς· ὁ στρατηγὸς
φροντιεῖ ἕως ἂν τὸ πρᾶγμ[α πέρας λάβῃ μηδὲν ἐπὶ περιγρα-
φῇ τοῦ ταμείου γείνεσθα[ι.

2nd hand. 40 Γάιος Οὐαλέριος Μαρε[ῖνος ἐπιδέδωκα. (ἔτους) δ(?) . . .

On the verso

Ἔντευξις(?)] × Σατριανοῦ.

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2-3. Cf. l. 17, where the first letter of Ὀσειραντινοείου is certain. That this tribe as well as that named after Matidia included a deme-name Μαρκιάν(ε)ιος was not previously known. 5. For πέρας λάβῃ cf. ll. 13-14 and *P. Oxy.*, 237, VIII, 16. 6. ἐγὼ δέ : cf. l. 26. 7-12. The letters κολουθως προσ.[, γετω ανεδω[, αλλα και ηπ..[and το are enclosed within a line which has been drawn round them; κυρ[, μετ[, βιβλειδιον, and τω Ηρακ( ) μεριδος [have been crossed through. In l. 7 τῷ στρατηγῷ is suggested by τῷ αὐτῷ στρ[ατηγῷ in l. 12, though the interlinear insertion there introduces a complication. The δ of ἀνέδω[κα in l. 8 has been altered. In l. 9 the vestiges do not suggest ἡ πίσ[τις. 19. Σαρ... : cf. l. 34. Perhaps Σαρᾶν : a short name is indicated by the space. 20-22. ἦν seems probable in the lacuna before ἐξομολογησάμενος, and possibly something like ἀ[πεγραψάμην ... δι[ὰ ... ὅσα κληρονομι]κῷ followed, or e. g. δι[δοὺς τὸ ἥμισυ ὧν, if the case was covered by *Gnomon*, § 18. 23. στρα|τηγήσαντος : or ἐπιστρ. 27-28. Cf. *P. Oxy.*, 486. 13-14 ἐπεὶ οὖν ὁ ἀντίδικος [ο]ὐδὲ νῦν πάρεστιν ἡ δὲ [κα]ταπορὰ ἐπείγει. Hadrianus (Choiak) 28 would be late for ordinary sowing; cf. Schnebel, *Landwirtschaft*, pp. 137 sqq. Perhaps therefore, e. g., ὑπέ[μεινα, ἐπιτελέσας τὰ κατὰ τὴν κ. 34. In l. 13 ἐπὶ τὴν σὴν δ[ι]άγν[ωσιν follows ἐκπέμψαι, but since διαγνώσεως occurs in l. 36, some other phrase, e. g., ἵνα ἀκούσῃς μου πρὸς αὐτόν, is preferable here. 35. Cf. e. g. P. Giessen 34. 37 μηδενὸς νεωτεριζομένου μέχρι τῆς παρ' ἐμοὶ κρίσεως.

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