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LUCIUS SILIUS SATRIANUS

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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

τούτο
 [[βιβλίδιον]] ^{τούτο} σὺν ἄλλοις [about 30 letters
 γραφῆναι [[τῷ Ἡρακ(λείδου) μερίδος [σφραττηγῶ
 δικον ἐπὶ τὴν σὴν δ[ι]άγν[ωσιν, ἵνα τὸ πρᾶγμα πέρασ ἤδη
 λαβεῖν δυνηθῆ καὶ ᾧ εὐεργ[ετημένος. διευτύχει.
 15 ἔσσι δὲ τοῦ β[ιβλιδίου] τὸ ἀντίγραφον·
 Σειλίωι Σατριάνωι τῷ κρατί[στω] πρὸς τῷ ἰδίῳ λόγῳ(?) παρὰ
 Γαίου Οὐαλερίου Μαρείνου Ὁ[σειραντινοεῖου] τοῦ
 καὶ Μαρκιανείου. ἀντικατέσ[την] τῷ ἐνεστώτι δ(?) ἔτει
 Ἀντωνίνου καὶ Οὐήρου τῷ[ν] κυρίων Σεβασίων πρὸς Σαρ. . .
 20 τινὰ περὶ πίστεως [22 letters ἦν
 ἐξομολογησάμενος α[23 letters
 κατὰ τὰ κελευσθέντα δι[. κληρονομι-
 κῶ δικαίῳ εἰς ἐμὲ κατήνησ[εν] ἐπὶ 16 letters σφρα-
 ττηγήσαντος, κ[αὶ ἄ]πεφῆναι[το] οὕτως· ἐπεὶ τὸ πρᾶγμα περὶ πίσ-
 25 τεῶς ἐστίν, δύνασθε ἐντυ[χεῖν] τῷ κρατίστω πρὸς τῷ ἰδίῳ λόγῳ(?).
 ἐγὼ δὲ κατὰ τὸ ἀκόλουθον [κατέπλευσα εἰς Ἀλεξάνδρειαν(?)
 μηνὶ Ἀδριανῶ κῆ καὶ ὑπε[20 letters τὴν κατα-
 σποράν. ἐπεὶ οὖν, κύριε, τα[17 letters ὁ ἀντίδικός(?)
 μου ἐξετόπισεν καὶ οἰκίαν [καὶ 17 letters ὑπάρχον-
 30 τὰ μοι κατὰ τὸ τῆς ἐξο[μολογηθείσης] πίστεως δίκαιον
 ἐν τοσοῦτῳ καὶ τὰ μὴ ἐξ[24 letters ἀποδεί-
 ξω πίστι ὑποστέλλειν ἐκ[28 letters
 ἀξιῶ, ἐάν σοι δόξη, κελεῦσαι γρ[αφῆναι] τῷ τῆς Ἡρακλείδου μερίδος
 σφραττηγῶ ἐκπέμψαι τὸν Σαρ[27 letters
 35 ἐν τοσοῦτῳ δὲ μηδὲν αὐτ[ὸν] νεωτερίζειν μέχρι τῆς σοῦ τοῦ κυ-
 ρίου διαγνώσεως. διευτύχει. Γάιος Οὐαλέριος Μαρείνος ἐπιδέδω-
 κα, (ἔτους) δ̄ Παχῶν ιζ̄. ἀν[τίγραφον] ὑπογραφῆς· ὁ σφραττηγὸς
 φροντιεῖ ἕως ἂν τὸ πρᾶγμα πέρασ λάβῃ μηδὲν ἐπὶ περιγρα-
 φῆ τοῦ ταμείου γείνεσθαι.

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

On the verso

Ἐντευξις(?) × Σατριάνοῦ.

2-3. Cf. l. 17, where the first letter of Ὀσειραντινοσίου 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 λάβη 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 τῶ στρατηγῶ is suggested by τῶ αὐτῶ σίρ[ατηγῶ 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[ις. 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]κῶ followed, or e. g. δι[δοὺς τὸ ἡμισυ ᾧν, if the case was covered by *Gnomon*, § 18. 23. σίρα|τηγήσαντος : or ἐπισίρ. 27-28. Cf. *P. Oxy.*, 486. 13-14 ἐπεὶ οὖν ὁ ἀντίδικος [ο]ὕδὲ νῦν πᾶρεσίη ἢ δὲ [κα]τασπορὰ 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]ἀγν[ωσιν] follows ἐκπέμψαι, but since διαγνώσεως occurs in l. 36, some other phrase, e. g., ἵνα ἀκούσης 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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