

## 1155. LETTER OF THEONAS.

19.4 × 15.5 cm.

A. D. 104.

A letter sent from Alexandria to a pastophorus of the temple of Isis. It is written in a rude hand and in very vulgar Greek.

Θωνᾶς Ἀπίωνι τῷ φιλά[τῳ]  
 πλ[ίστ]α χ(αίρειν). γινώσκιν σε [θέ-  
 λω ἔτι εὐθὺς ἐπιβέβη-  
 κα ἰς Ἀλεξάνδρην, εὐ-  
 5 θέως ἔμελκε ἐμοὶ περὶ  
 τοῦ πράγ[α]ματος οὐ με ἡ-  
 ρώτηκες. εὔρον τὸν ἄν-  
 θροπον καλῶς πράσ(σ)οντα  
 τὰ μεγάλα. ἀσπάζου  
 10 πάντες τοὺς φίλους.  
 αὐτὸ τὸ πρόγραμ(μ)α τοῦ  
 ἡγεμόνος ἔπενψά σοι  
 ἵνα ἐπίγοις πρὸς τί σοί 'στι.  
 ἔρρωσ(σ)ο.  
 15 (ἔτους) ζ' Αὐτοκράτορος Καίσαρος Νερο(ύ)α  
 Ταλιανοῦ Σεβαστοῦ Γερμανι(κο)ῦ  
 Δακικοῦ Παχὼν α.

On the verso

ἀπόδος ἰς τὸ Ἴσιν Ἀπίωνι  
 παστοφόρῳ

In the reverse direction

20 παρὰ Θεωνᾶτος.

1. 1. Ἀπίωνι.  
 16. 1. Τραιανοῦ.

3. 1. ὄτι.  
 20. 1. Θεωνᾶτος.

8. First ο of ἀνθροπον corr. from ω; 1. ἄνθροπον.

'Theonas to his dearest Apion, many greetings. I wish you to know that as soon as I arrived at Alexandria I immediately attended to the matter about which you asked me. I found the man prospering in the main. Greet all my friends. I send you the actual

proclamation of the praefect in order that you may hasten to do what concerns you. Good-bye. The 7th year of the emperor Nerva Trajanus Augustus Germanicus Dacicus, Pachon 1. (Addressed) Deliver to Apion, pastophorus, at the Iseum, from Theonas.'

1. *Θωνᾶς* : on the verso *Θεωνᾶς*, i. e. *Θεωνᾶς*, which is the usual form.
3. *ἐπ(ε)ί* cannot be read.
5. *ἐμελκε* for *μεμέληκε* is an odd form.
6. *πράγματος* seems to have been intended rather than *προγράμματος* (l. 11).
12. The praefect in office at this date was C. Vibius Maximus ; cf. P. Amh. 64.
13. *τί* is for *δ, τι* ; cf. note on 1119. 22-3.
19. On the pastophori, who were of lower rank than the *ιερείς*, cf. Otto, *Priester und Tempel*, i. pp. 94-8, ii. p. 152, P. Tebt. 299. 68, note.

## 1156. LETTER OF ANUBION.

11.3 × 8.6 cm.

Third century.

Part of a letter apparently from an agent or steward to his employer, concerning the purchase of some fodder.

Χα[ίρ]ε, κύριέ μου  
 Ἄντᾶ, π(αρά) Ἄνουβίωνος.  
 προσῆλθέν μοι Σαραπί-  
 ων ὁ ἀπὸ Φιλονίκου  
 5 ὡς ἔνεκεν ὀλίγων σι-  
 ταρίων εἰς πρᾶσιν·  
 [ἐὰ]ν οὖν θέλῃς αὐτῶ  
 [δοῦ]ναί [τι] καὶ ἀντὶ τῆς τιμῆς  
 [καὶ] τὸ πάτημα παρ' αὐ-  
 10 [τοῦ] λαβῖν, ἐπὶ μέλλο-  
 [με]ν χόρτου χρίαν ἔχιν.  
 [ἔπε]μψα οὖν αὐτὸν πρὸς  
 [σὲ ἴ]να τοκοῦν σοι μετ' αὐ-  
 [τοῦ] π[οιή]σῃς . [ . . ]ν . . [ .

On the verso

15 τῶ ἀρίσ[τῶ] πᾶτ[ρω]νι Ἄντᾶ

5. κ of *ενεκεν* corr. from ν. 8. [δο]ναι added above the line. 13. l. δοκοῦν or τὸ (δο)κοῦν.