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Appendix: Overview of the documents in the corpus of Coptic protection letters

Edition	Date	Provenance	Material	Protectee	Protector	Intermediary	Short description
BKU II 298 ⁷³⁰	VII- VIII?	Egypt	pottery	Kyriakos?	Addressee: monastic/clerical authority ("Your Paternity" l. 2)	Sender?	Fr. (Fragmentary) The sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> .
BKU III 356	VII- VIII?	Middle Egypt: Hermopolite	papyrus	NN male singular	NN singular		No instruction legible but there is space for one (fr.). Promise not to do harm to the protectee, nor to let anyone do harm to the protectee, nor let harm befall the protectee. Mention of signing with a ring.

⁷³⁰ Included because it seems to be a letter asking a monastic or clerical authority to issue a protection letter: ll. 1-3: + ⲕⲣⲓⲁⲕⲟⲥ ⲙⲉⲛ[...] | ⲧⲉⲕⲙⲏⲧⲉⲓⲱⲧ ⲁⲓⲧ ... | | ⲛⲧⲉⲧⲛⲧⲓ ⲛⲁⲟⲣ[ⲟⲥ ...]: "+ Before all things... Your Paternity... that you issue a promise (*logos*). Moreover, the verb ἀποκαθίστα, "to pay a deficit, to reimburse expenses" (Foerster, *Wörterbuch*, 80) on l. 7 points to a plausible context for a protection letter.

BKU III 357	VII- VIII?	Middle Egypt: Hermopoli te	papyrus	Daminos son of Mena	NN singular		Promise not to ask. Limitation: one year (from today). Exception: four <i>keratia</i>. Provenance of protectee in Greek, as well as an amount of money (exception).
BKU III 473	VII- VIII?	Middle Egypt: Hermopoli te	papyrus	NN: male singular	Fr.: opening: “we”; Penōte, then signatures: Enōch, Ma(kare) (?), B(asile) (?), Iōhannēs		Fr. Signatures “I sign this <i>logos</i>” on the verso. Instruction with “your house” legible on recto l. 6. Oath sworn by “God the Almighty and the wellbeing of those who rule over us”.
Cromwell, Recording village life, p. 245-247, no. 9	late 720s, likely 727/72 8	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	NN ? and? Ammonios	Georgios and Aron <i>meizonēs/me izoterōi</i> of Kastron		Fr. Instruction not legible, Promise not to prosecute. Opening line (internal address) written in Greek. Written by scribe Aristophanes.

		Paulos (Dra' Abu el-Naga): monastic centre						
O. DanKopt. 36	VII- VIII?	West Thebes, Dra' Abu el-Naga: Deir el- Bachit monastery = Apa Paulos	pottery	Solomon	Mōysēs		Instruction to come and work for Seueros. Promise to not let... (fr.)	
O. Lips. Copt. II 103⁷³¹	VI- VIII?	Larger Theban area: Hermionthi s, Apa		? Pl	Dux	?	Fr. Letter in which a <i>logos</i> of the <i>dux</i> is mentioned. The letter mentions movement to North and South, the <i>logos</i> is probably related to that.	

⁷³¹ Included based on the restitution by the editor [... λο]ροϛ μαλΟΥϛ (l. x+1) and the mention of travel to the South (l. x+12).

		Ezekiel Monastery						
O. Lips. Copt. II 170	VI- VIII?	Larger Theban area: Hermonthi s, Apa Ezekiel Monastery		“our brother Sourous”	? Not mentioned in the letter	Sabinos, Apadios, Patermouthès = senders, also intermediarie s: they "received" the logos for the protectee	The senders tell the addressee not to be afraid and to come to the village that night, as they have received a <i>logos</i> for him.	

O.Crum VC 008	698 or 728; Crom well Villag e Scribe 698 or 713	Western Thebes: Djeme and a monastery (maybe Apa Paul/Deir el-Bachit) around it are involved	papyrus	Community of monks: “the holy brethren of the monastery and all those that are with them”	<i>lashanes</i> Severus and Johannes; stoichei: ex- lashane Athanasios, s. Papnoute, Zebedaeus, s. George, Constantine, s. Solomon, whole <i>koinon</i> (community/ college of village authorities) of Djeme	Instruction: stay in their “holy place”, promise against harm and imposition of taxes beyond what their “fathers” paid. Oath sworn by God the Almighty and the wellbeing of those who rule over us. Written by scribe Psate.
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O.Crum VC 009	698 or 728; Crom well Villag e Scribe 698 or 713	Western Thebes: Djeme and a monastery (maybe Apa Paul/Deir el-Bachit) around it are involved	papyrus	Community of monks	<i>lashanes</i> Severus and Johannes/the <i>dux</i> ?	Fr. Shorter than O.Crum VC 8. Mentions an order of the <i>dux</i> . Instruction to come and stay in their place. Promise of protection against prosecution on account of anything. Oath sworn by God the Almighty and the wellbeing of those who rule over us. Written by scribe by Psate.
O.Crum VC 010	VIII, first half	Theban area	pottery	Johannes	Epiphanius and Athanasius	Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, one <i>holokottinos</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: this (fourth) year. Exception: "this" <i>holokottinos</i> .
O.Crum VC 011	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	? Singular	Fr. Promise not to let any one prosecute the protectee on account of anything, promise not to arrest the

O.Crum VC 064	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Camelherd er Sabinos and his camel	Sender: Iōannēs, “your son”	Addressee: priest Apa Mōysēs	protectee, positive promise of help. Possible reference to flight: 1. 2 (ἀκνω[for ἀκνωτ; you fled). Addressee had asked sender for a <i>logos</i> for Sabinos and his camel. The sender now sends the <i>logos</i> within his reply to the addressee. External address. Instruction to come home and work with camel. Promise to not allow harm to befall the protectee. Signature and date.
O.Crum VC 075	VII-VIII?	Said to come from Deir el- Bakhit = <i>topos</i> of Apa Paulus.	pottery	NN jar maker	Addressee priest Apa Paham / Sender (will uphold <i>logos</i>)	Sender Iōhannēs <i>lashane</i> of Trakatan	The sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the jar maker. The sender promises that he will uphold the <i>logos</i> and that no harm will befall the protectee. The sender will return the jar maker to the <i>topos</i>. Urgency of the matter repeated.

O.Crum VC 082	VII- VIII?	Egypt	Pottery	Pkōl	Addressee: my holy lord father Apa Abraham, who is asked to issue the protection letter / Sender: lashane who “signs this <i>logos</i> ”	Sender: <i>lashane</i> Witness: Philoxenus, priest	After having discussed other topics, the sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee, with instruction in the third person: “that he comes”. The sender then signs with the formulary of protection letters. Epistolary external address: “Give to ... from...”. The letter ends with a witness statement.
O.Crum VC 106	VII- VIII?	Egypt	pottery	NN Singular	NN Addressee	NN Sender	Fr. Letter possibly about a litigation. Possibly description of the situation, then the sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for someone, incl. probably the instruction in the third person to “dwell in his house”.

O. GurnaGor eckl 69	VII- VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	monk Haron	all the brothers of the <i>koinotés</i> = college of village authorities		Instruction. Promise not to prosecute. Limitation: on account of anything from these the taxes (lit. gold). Exception: a <i>trimission</i> more (lit. again).
O. GurnaGor eckl 70	VII- VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Kurikos and his children	Elisaïos the <i>lashane</i> and Ioannes his brother		Instruction. Promise not to transgress against the protectee. Positive promise that the protectee is free to go to his place if he does not come to an agreement with the protector, in a conversation.
O. GurnaGor eckl 71	710- 730	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Addressee Psis?	three <i>lashane</i> ; Johannes, David and Maenkhnout	Addressee Psis?	Fr. letter. A <i>logos mpnoute</i> is mentioned twice, the second time towards the end of the letter, right before the epistolary address and a final greeting. No instruction, and positive promise to “not overlook the good”. Not clear if the addressee of

							the letter is an intermediary or the protectee.
O.GurnaGor eckl 72	VII- VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Sender	NN <i>lashane</i>	Addressee/br other of the addressee	Fr. The sender asks the addressee for help to obtain a <i>logos</i> . The addressee's "brother" should talk with the <i>lashane</i> .
O.MedinetH abu Copt. 136	VII- VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Sender Petronius; Pkamoul, "and all my men and all my goods"	<i>lashane</i> + whole village	Addressee Apa Koukle	The sender wants the addressee to go to the <i>lashane</i> and get <i>logoi</i> for the sender and Pkamoul. The sender mentions he receives a <i>logos</i> each year. "Send it to me tomorrow, quickly."
O.Mon.Cyr. 5 ⁷³²	VII- VIII	Theban area, Sheikh abd el- Gurna,	pottery	Thanaël and Onnophrios	monk Abraham = addressee	Arsenius = sender	Sender asks addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee.

⁷³² Corrections by Delattre, "Nouveau", 418-419.

		Monastery of Kyriakos TT 65	pottery	NN Singular	Arsenios = Sender?	?	Letter mentioning a <i>logos</i> . The sender will accompany the protectee home.
O.Mon.Cyr. 6	VII-VIII	Theban area, Sheikh abd el-Gurna, Monastery of Kyriakos TT 65					
O.Mon.Phoi bammon 4	VII-VIII?	Theban area, Apa Phoibamm on monastery (NOT deir el-bahari)	pottery	Elias and his children	Leontios and Ezeikeel		Instruction to come home, go to work. Promise that no evil will befall the protectee.

O.Saint-Marc 322	VII – VIII, first half?	Theban area, <i>Topos</i> of Saint-Marc. Qurnet Mura'i	pottery	Isak and his wife and children	<i>lashanes</i>		No promise clause, but instruction to go and do something related to rent or work of the protectees wife and her sister. With epistolary address.
O.Saint-Marc 323	VII – VIII, first half?	Theban area, <i>Topos</i> of Saint-Marc. Qurnet Mura'i	pottery	NN man singular	Sender? Kolō...from Djeme		Fr. Not clear whether this document is related to the protection letters. Contains words that could be part of promise clauses (of the type “that no evil will befall you”).
O.Vind.Copt .66	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery	Isak (and his wife)	Senders Enoch, Andreas, Jacob	Apa Psente (= addressee) ?	Fr. Document related to Isak and his wife. The link with protection letters: the verso mentions a <i>logos</i> for them, with promise: that no one will ask them (anything).

O.Vind.Copt . 67	738	Theban area	pottery	NN	Athanasios and Joannake		Fr. End of protection letter: Signatures by protectors and scribal signature (priest and <i>hegoumenos</i> Nōhe) + date.
OTorino S 5945+S 5937 (unpublished)	709, 724, or 739	“Valley of the queens”: Dayr el- Rumi	pottery	NN singular	Elias and Petros (maybe those of P.KRU 9.8-10)		End of protection letter. Promise not to allow anyone to prosecute the protectee with anything evil. Signatures, date, scribal signature (Theodōros. Editor: unlikely that this is Theodoros son of Psate who wrote <i>SB Kopt.</i> V 2265).
OTorino S. 5911 (unedited)	VII- VIII	“Valley of the queens”: Dayr el- Rumi	pottery	Philotheos and wife and children	Sender ..., son of Abraham (?); but signature and promise clauses are in plural; signed by ...l and Ezekiel.	Addressee: Apa Biktōr (most probably) Victor II, abbot of the monastery of Phoibammon in Theban	After epistolary address from sender to addressee follows the text of the protection letter for the protectee. Instruction (come to your house). Promise: will not ask anything of you. Exception: <i>diagrafon</i> tax. Date in Greek.

							Sender might be ...!?	area, early VIII century	
P. Bawit Clackson 65	VIII	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli te nome, Bawit, Apa Apollo monastery	papyrus	?			Our father who writes = superior of the monastery		Fr. On l. 3 possibly start of <i>eis plogos mpnoute</i> formula (variation), or mention of a <i>logos (mpnoute)</i> .
P. Köln ägypt. II 25	VIII	Middle Egypt, Apa Apollo monastery Bawit	papyrus	Apollo ("his son")	Daniel (superior of the monastery: "It is our father who writes")		Instruction to come to the protector's hermitage (lit. "grave"). The protectee should bring wine. Conversation between protector and protectee. Date in Greek.		

P. Lond. Copt. 1227	VIII	Lower Egypt, Delta?	papyrus	Georgi ? = addressee	<i>koinon</i> of Thmui? = sender		Legal document recognizing the receipt of taxes by Georgi, with reference to a <i>logos mproute</i> .
P. Mon. Epiph. 120	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	pottery	Zael	?	?	Text not edited, only description available. Seems to quote from a protection letter.
P. Mon. Epiph. 265	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	pottery	priest?	? Two people		Text not edited, only description available. Possibly: promise clause with exception: the protectee needs to pay his share.
P. Ryl. Copt. 289	VII- VIII	?	papyrus	Youths, fled from the monastery	Addressee: x, archimandrite of a monastery?	Sender: Sarapamon, of community of "rock" of Apa Thomas (sender)/ deacon Germanos	The sender asks the addressee to authorize that the protectees receive a protection letter. They had fled from the monastery, convincing sailors to take them North. The sender had sent a deacon to find the protectees.

P. Ryl. Copt. 385	VIII, recto: first half, verso: second half	?	papyrus	Vinedresser s	Addressee (... and Silas)	Sender Shenoute	After other topics, the sender mentions that the vinedressers have fled, but that he will not issue a <i>logos</i> for them/give them a <i>logos</i> . The addressee(s) should find new vinedressers.
P. Heid. XI 490	VIII	Hermopolites	papyrus	Man sing. <i>shai</i> <i>oulogos naf</i>	Severos?	Sender: Abū Diya'	Fr. The sender asks the addressee to write a <i>logos</i> for someone.
P. Katoennati e 685/1 (unedited)	600- 631	Found in: possibly in or near Apa Epiphanius <i>topos</i> in	papyrus	Papnoute, son of Johannes of Psjelch	Bishop Pesynthios	Stefanos, <i>lashane</i> or city official	The sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee.

P. Stras.Copt. 66	Early VIII	Western Thebes.	pottery	x, s. Konstantinos	?	Fr. Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, followed by protection letter. (Probably) Written by scribe Psate.
Pap. Congr. XXIII (Vienna 2001) p. 176-177 (= P. Akoris 36)	VII- VIII	Middle Egypt, Hermopolites, Akoris	papyrus	Djedjoi of Tehnè	Papnoute <i>apè</i> van Tehnè	Fr. Instruction not legible. Promise not to arrest, promise not to let anyone prosecute the protectee. Oath sworn by God the Almighty.
Pap. Congr. XXIII (Vienna 2001) p. 177 (= P. Akoris 54)	VII- VIII	Middle Egypt, Hermopolites, Akoris	papyrus	? Markos, Daniel?	? Singular	Likely the end of a protection letter. Exception of one <i>holokottinos</i> . Limitation of this year. Oath sworn by God the Almighty and on the head of those who govern over us.

Pap. Congr. XXIII (Vienna 2001) p. 178 (= O.Ashm. Copt. 3)	VIII	Theban area	pottery	Apadios	Damianos and Phoibamon		Instruction to come and ... Promise to not prosecute the protectee.
SB Kopt. I 38	VII-VIII?	Egypt	papyrus	“Your honored brotherhood”	?		Fr. A letter which contains a protection letter.
SB Kopt. I 39	VII	Egypt	papyrus	?	?		Fr. <i>logos mpnoute</i> mentioned on l. 3.
SB Kopt. II 914	VII, first half?	Oxyrhynchos?	papyrus	pious brother Papa, ape of Oxyrynchos (?)	<i>proestōs</i> Ananias		Instruction to come, the protector will speak with the protectee. Promise that no evil will befall the protectee. Signature of protector and date written in Greek.

SB Kopt. II 915	VIII	Egypt	papyrus	Camelherd er Theona	scriniarius and dioiketès Mèna.		Permission to work with the bishop camels for a year, but in the form of a protection letter.
SB Kopt. II 916	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Psan, his son Ieremias, anyone belonging to you	Petros		No instruction. Promise not to ask, nor to seize. Limitation: <i>démotion</i>
SB Kopt. II 917	VII- VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Thomas, s.o An...	Merkourious and Theodōros, <i>lashanes</i> of Djeme		Instruction to come home. Promise to not prosecute. Limitation: “my” instalment. Exception: two <i>trimessia</i> .
SB Kopt. III 1365 ⁷³³	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Charachte	Biktōr the <i>lashane</i> of el- Tod		Letter with several formulae from the protection letters (instruction, negative and positive promise clause, mention of settling), but without the

⁷³³ Corrections in Delattre, “Bemerkungen”, no. 520.

SB Kopt. III 1366	?	Coptite nome, Deir el- Gizaz, Apa Samuel monastery	pottery	Iohannes	Makarios			<i>eis plogos mpnoute</i> formula nor a signature from the protector. Address: “Give...to...” Fr. Instruction to come to a field.
SB Kopt. III 1367	VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Shenoute (son of) Joannes	Georgios			Instruction to appear. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: the instalment. Exception: one <i>trimesion</i> .
SB Kopt. III 1368	728	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Jerèmias s.o. Basileios and children	<i>meizonas</i> = <i>lashanes</i> Georgios and Aron (of Kastron Memnonion = Djeme)			Instruction to come home and appear. Protectee had fled. Promise not to do harm, not to prosecute. Limitation: this instalment. Exception: ½ <i>holokottinos</i> . Date written in Greek. Written by scribe Aristophanes.

SB Kopt. V 2223	VI-VII	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli te	papyrus	Jeremias “our son”	Priest Dionysios		Instruction to come to the monastery. Promise to not cause harm.
SB Kopt. V 2224	VI-VII	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli te nome	papyrus	Timotheos “my brother”	Biktōr		Instruction to come and go to work(shop). Promise not to arrest, nor to hit.
SB Kopt. V 2225 ⁷³⁴	VII	Theban area (TT65: monastery of Cyriacus)	pottery	? Plural and their wives	? Singular		Fr. Instruction to dwell (in your house). Promise that no harm will befall the protectee.
SB Kopt. V 2226	VI- VIII?	Theban area, possibly <i>topos</i> of	pottery	A man	<i>Pronoëtes</i> Patese and Himai, “in name of the <i>topos</i> ”	Priest Iōhannēs	The sender, a priest, excludes the addressees, estate managers, from Holy Communion, since they had disrespected the protection letter they had issued for someone.

⁷³⁴ Reedition of O.Mon.Cyr. 38 in Delattre, “Nouveau”, 415–419.

		Epiphanius						
SB Kopt. V 2227	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery/li mestone	Akas	<i>lashane</i> Apa Biktōr			Instruction to come and stay home. Promise that no harm will befall the protectee.
SB Kopt. V 2228	VIII: beginning	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Kolnēue (?)	Petros and Pesynthios			Coptic protection letter, but without promise clause. Instruction to “come to your house” and a mention of <i>dioikēsis</i> , a tax. Written by scribe Psate.
SB Kopt. V 2229	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	NN, man of Djeme	? Singular			Fr. Instruction to come. Promise not to prosecute
SB Kopt. V 2230	VIII (737 or 767?)	Theban area	pottery	Zacharias and your son Johannes	Theon			Instruction to come and stay home. Promise that no harm will befall the protectee.

SB Kopt. V 2231	VII- VIII?	Theban area?	pottery	Iōan and your children	? “I, P...”		Instruction to come and stay home. Promise that no harm will befall the protectee, and not to allow anyone to... (lost).
SB Kopt. V 2232	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Psyros, s.o. Elias	Petros and Swai		Instruction to come home. Promise not to cause harm to the protectee, nor to let anyone else to cause harm to him, nor to let anyone prosecute him.
SB Kopt. V 2233	729	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Shenute s.o. Petros and Stephanos	Geōrgiō and Pesate		Instruction to come home. Promise not to prosecute the protectee, and affirmation that protectors are in agreement with the protectee. Written by scribe Aristophanes.
SB Kopt. V 2234	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Priest of Terkōt, and people with him	? Singular	<i>Kurios</i> (Lord) Apa Apion and Abraham	Promise that no harm or violence (or: injustice) will befall the protectee. The intermediary had informed the protector that the protectee had “gone away” (= flight?). Instruction clause possibly lost.

SB Kopt. V 2235	VIII	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli tes nome?	papyrus	? singular, has fled	? Someone with a ring seal		Instruction to come to your house. Promise not to cause harm to the protectee, and not to let anyone ... (lost). "I seal this <i>logos</i> with my ring.)
SB Kopt. V 2236	VIII- IX	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli tes nome	papyrus		We, Kuriakos (s.o.) Shenoute, Anobion (s.o) Ermias and Kosma (s.o.) Phoilemōn, "remaining men"; the <i>koinotēs</i> Tbake npestratē (?)		Fr. Issued by the <i>koinotēs</i> (village community/college of village elites) of Tbake npestratē (?). The names of individual protectors are legible, as well as the <i>eis plogos mpnoute ntoutk</i> formula. The wife of Abraham is mentioned, as protector? protectee?, and the back of the papyrus probably contains an address (fragmentary).
SB Kopt. V 2237	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Iakkōbos	?		Fr. Instruction clause "Come to your house".

SB Kopt. V 2238	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	<i>lashane</i> Paham		End of Coptic protection letter, promise not to let anyone prosecute the protectee.
SB Kopt. V 2239	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Mathios	Soldier Kolluthos		Instruction to appear, wander/return, and receive “your share” in gold. Promise not to prosecute.
SB Kopt. V 2240	VII- VIII	Theban area	papyrus	Phoibamm ōn s.o. She...	<i>diolkètēs</i> Palōts		Instruction to (come to) your house and do your work, mention of harvest (fr.). Protection against asking (above “your fair share”), arrest, harm: from anyone (I will not let anyone...). The protectee had fled. Oath by Almighty God.
SB Kopt. V 2241	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Ganah	Kalè		Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask anything, except for an immaculate <i>holokottinos</i> . Written “for him” by Paulos.
SB Kopt. V 2242	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Ieremias s.o. Esdra	<i>apè</i> Papnoute		Instruction to come home. Promise to not ask anything, except for “one share/portion”. Written by Patapè.

SB Kopt. V 2243	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Haraw (and son? verso)	? Plural	Pow, betaalt belasting voor Haraw	Instruction to “come” and give a <i>holokottinos</i> to Pow, who had paid taxes for the protectee. Promise clause on verso (signature and date on recto): no arrest “because of your son” this year.
SB Kopt. V 2244	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Woman and her daughter	? Singular		Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask anything of protectee, except for daughter’s <i>démosion</i> tax.
SB Kopt. V 2245	VII- VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Joseph, s.o. Petros	Leontios and the meizonēs (?) = <i>lashanes</i> of Kastron Memnonion (Djeme)		Instruction to come home. Promise to not prosecute, except for the <i>diolkésis</i> tax.
SB Kopt. V 2246	729	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	? Singular	? Plural		(Fr.), instruction and promise clause are lost. Mention of payment: “until you pay this <i>holokottinos</i> ”. Written by

								scribe Aristophanes. Date and scribal signature in Greek.
SB Kopt. V 2247	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	? Plural	Klautès, Kyriakos, Kamoul, Èpate			Beginning lost. The protectee had fled. Promise not to ask the <i>diagrafon</i> tax nor <i>díplè</i> except for the <i>démosion</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2248	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Èlias, s.o. Petros (?)	? Singular			Instruction to come home. Promise not to prosecute. Exception: another <i>trimission</i> . Mention of “Lord, the <i>dux</i> ”.
SB Kopt. V 2249	728/72 9	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Peshate, s.o. Èlias, man of Djeme	<i>meizonēs</i> = <i>lashanēs</i> Geōrgiō and Aarōn (of Kastron Memnonion - Djeme)			Instruction to come home. Promise not to prosecute. Exception: ½ <i>trimission</i> . Written by scribe Aristophanes.

SB Kopt. V 2250 + 2251	VII- VIII	Theban area: Deir el-Bachit	pottery	Iōhanēs s.o. Iakōb	Pisraēl and Anatolios		Instruction to appear. Promise not to ask anything. Exception: οὐσινη (ζυγή): “a pair” (?).
SB Kopt. V 2252	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Dēmētrios, s.o. Psyre	Markos		Instruction to appear. Promise not to do harm, nor to require anything from the protectee. Exception: εὐσινη (ζυγή): “a pair” (?).
SB Kopt. V 2253	IX?	Theban area	pottery	monk Psmo	priest and <i>hegoumenos</i> of the mountain of Djeme Kyriakos		Instruction to appear. Protectee had fled. Promise not to do harm, and to not allow that harm befalls the protectee. Protector will be in agreement with the protectee on everything. Promise not to ask anything. Exception: three <i>keratia</i> . The protectee also needs to give a <i>trimission</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2254	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Petros	lashane Pekōsh		Instruction to come home and “do service”. Promise not to let anyone transgress against the protectee on

SB Kopt. V 2255	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Patermoute, s.o. Tapeu (?)	Isak		account of anything. Limitation: this year.
SB Kopt. V 2256	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	? singular	? singular		Instruction to come home and stay. Promise that no harm will befall the protectee. Limitation: this year. Fr. Instruction to come. Promise not to ask anything from the protectee. Limitation: this year. Oath sworn by God the Almighty.
SB Kopt. V 2257	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Samou(el)	Papè		Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: the entire year. Content exception (εἰμήτε; except for) lost. Oath sworn.
SB Kopt. V 2258	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	Parchon		Fr. Instruction to come. Promise not to prosecute (? fr.). Limitation: this year.
SB Kopt. V 2259	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	Azarias and the whole community/c ollege of		Fr. Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask. Limitation: until next year.

SB Kopt. V 2260	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Iōb, s.o. ...	village officials (<i>koinotēs</i>) Apadios	Fr. The protectee had fled. Promise not to agree to..., not to do harm to the protectee, not to...(lost). Limitation: mention of the <i>démotion</i> of the eleventh year. Exception: NCΔ but content lost. Mention of a <i>holokottinos</i> and a tax instalment (<i>katabolē</i>).
SB Kopt. V 2261	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Biktōr, s. Èlias	<i>lashane</i> Shenētōm of Longine	Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask anything (incl. bread and “service”). Exception: what the protectee owes to the <i>shaliou</i> . Limitation: until the tax burden for the second instalment is distributed. Promise not to assign taxes to the protectee. Promise to treat the protectee fairly. Promise to not let

								anyone dissolve the <i>logos</i> . Mention of “great men” (ll. 18-19)
SB Kopt. V 2262	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Markos, wife and children	<i>lashane</i> ...oute			Instruction to go North and South. Promise to not let harm befall the protectee. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: this year. Mention of a <i>trimesion</i> , probably an exception. Written by ...pōn, s.o. Elisaïos. Verso: oath.
SB Kopt. V 2263	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	Pachōm			Fr. Instruction to pay each year. Promise not to prosecute. Mention of a liturgy, of an exception, of an instalment. Towards the end again the <i>eis plogos mpnoute ntoutk</i> formula, and an instruction to “gather your dates”.
SB Kopt. V 2264	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	? Singular	Antōnios and Swai			No instruction. Promise to not prosecute. Limitation: eighth (indiction) year. Written by scribe Iōannes.

SB Kopt. V 2265	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Iōannēs, s.o. Samuel	<i>diolketeis</i> Zebedaios and Swai	Promise not to prosecute. No instruction. Limitation: this year. Exception: ½ <i>holokottinos</i> . Written by scribe Theodoros.
SB Kopt. V 2266	VIII, first quarter	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Senouthios, s.o. Patermoute	ape Senouthios; Joseph and Pheu	Promise not to prosecute. No instruction. Limitation: this year. Exception ½ <i>trimission</i> . Written by scribe Psate.
SB Kopt. V 2267	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	? Singular	? Singular	Promise not to let anyone overpower/harass the protectee. Promise not to ask anything “by law”. No instruction. Exception: two <i>holokottinoi</i> (of a?) tax instalment.
SB Kopt. V 2268	VIII, 708	Theban area	pottery	Daniël	<i>lashanes</i> Abraam and Seuërus	Promise not to ask anything. No instruction. Limitation: this sixth year. Exception: 1 <i>holokottinos</i> and 1 <i>trimission</i> . Oath sworn by God Almighty to uphold the <i>logos</i> . Written by scribe Psate (?)

SB Kopt. V 2269	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Ramesseu m	pottery	Theophilos and all his brothers	? Singular	Fr. No instruction. Mentions a father and mother, and buying and selling: related to property, probably inheritance dispute. Exception of one golden <i>holokottinos</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2270	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Jere]mias and ...kos(?)	?	Fr. Promise not to arrest. No instruction.
SB Kopt. V 2271	VII- VIII	Theban area, Deir el-Bahari, Phoibamm on monastery (<i>SB Kopt.</i> V 2271)/Dje me (<i>TM</i>)	pottery	Mèna	<i>lashane</i> Swai	Instruction to “come”, the protector will talk with him. If the result of the conversation does not please the protectee he can leave. Written by Niharau, deacon.

SB Kopt. V 2272	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Andreas	Mōysēs and Theokxis		Instruction to come to the protector and come to a settlement. If not, the protectee can leave to his “place”.
SB Kopt. V 2273	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s topos	pottery	? Singular	priest Lilou		Instruction to wait in his house, the protector will find the protectee in the village. The protectee should pay 5 <i>holokottinoi</i> , and two parties will each pay another 5 <i>holokottinoi</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2274	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Kouloudj	<i>Prōtos</i> (head of monastery)		Two texts on outside, one on inside of <i>ostrakon</i> . One text on the outside has the formulary of a protection letter. Instruction to come South and reach a settlement. Promise not to let anything be taken from the protectee. The other text on the outside has similar instruction and promise, with limitation: “nor on account of taxes nor debts”. The text on the inside seems to be a letter from the <i>prōtos</i> to

SB Kopt. V 2275	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Stephanos, Papnouthe, Shenoute and Démétrios	Iōsèph and Pheu			Kouloudj. Mention of assigning of taxes and the <i>démotion</i> . Promise not to do harm and not to allow anyone to do harm to the protectee.
SB Kopt. V 2276	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Deir el-Bahari, Apa Phoibamm on monastery	pottery	Iakōb, s.o. K...	Apa Biktōr			Permission to till a plot of land, with at the end protection letter formulary. Promise not to ask (something/anything?) until a certain month (Pauni).
SB Kopt. V 2277	VII- VIII?	Middle Egypt, Hermopoli te nome	papyrus	Farmer Mōèsès	Lady Marou			Additional document to a <i>mishthōsis</i> (lease contract). Protection letter formulary: <i>eis plogos mpnoute nttook</i> . Permission to till a plot of land for three years.

SB Kopt. V 2278	VII- VIII?	Theban area, dra about el- naga	limestone	Patlôle	Phaustos		Fr. Protection letter formulary: <i>eis plogos mpnoutē ntōotk</i> , permission to till plot of land of the protector.
SB Kopt. V 2279	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Camelherd David	<i>pronoētēs</i> Golthè	Apa Philotheos, <i>proēstos</i> of Apa Georgios monastery.	Permission to use a camel, with protection letter formulary. Instruction to go “North and South”, promise to not ask.
SB Kopt. V 2280	695? or 725?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Patermute, s.o. Abraham	<i>lashanes</i> Seberos and Iōhannēs		Tax receipt for the <i>diagrāfōn</i> tax, one <i>holokottinos</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise that he will not be prosecuted on account of anything in that year and to not let anyone prosecute on account of anything. Exception: the <i>holokottinos</i> paid. Written by scribe Komes. No instruction.

SB Kopt. V 2281	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Ananias, s.o. Psès	? Singular		Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, one <i>holokottinos</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise that protectee will not be prosecuted on account of anything. No instruction. Written by scribe Psate (?)
SB Kopt. V 2282	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Zacharias, s.o Daueid	? singular		Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, two <i>trimessia</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise that protectee will not be prosecuted on account of anything. No instruction.
SB Kopt. V 2283	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Ananias, s.o. Andreas	<i>apè</i> Dauèit		Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, one <i>holokottinos</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise to not ask anything other than the “2.5 portions”. No instruction. Written by scribe Psate (?)
SB Kopt. V 2284	VIII, first half	Theban area	pottery	Kollouthos, s.o. Paam	Zekelios s.o. Phib, <i>apè</i> Samouèl		Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, ½ <i>holokottinos</i> and one <i>trimession</i> , second instalment, with added

SB Kopt. V 2285	VII- VIII (<i>SB</i> <i>Kopt.</i> V: VIII, first half)	Theban area	pottery	Kyra	? Singular	Kyra's son Mèna	protection letter (fr.). Written by scribe Psate. No instruction. Instruction (permission?): live in your son's house. Mention of a guarantee.
SB Kopt. V 2286	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Petros	Taammonikos, who imposed taxes	Apadios (refused to be protector), sender and receiver (monastic or clerical authority)	Letter on a protection letter to be issued for a third person, with report on a conversation who should issue the protection letter (person who imposed taxes on the protectee).

SB Kopt. V 2287	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Samouël	Andronikos (?) (s.? ...) Mena	sender Samouël (different from protectee), addressee Apa Pesnte	Sender asks addressee to ask Andronikos to issue a <i>logos</i> for Samouël (protectee), who should come so that Andronikos/Apa Pesnte confers with the protectee about the protectees imprisoned son. Indirect speech makes it unclear who is meant. Address.
SB Kopt. V 2288	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Johannes, s. Patermouth ios	addressee: Apa Iakōb	senders: <i>Iashanes</i> van Trakata, Iōannēs, Pisrēel and Saua	Senders ask addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee. The senders want to speak with the protectee, who should also speak with the <i>actuarius</i> . Mention of a <i>logos</i> written in name of Mena, bishop of Koptos. Mention of friends who received a <i>logos</i> and came home (possibly indirect speech). Address.
SB Kopt. V 2289	VII- VIII?	Theban area, tomb of Puyemre =	limestone	Pdjui	Addressee: Apa Paulos	sender P...m	Letter starts with many politeness formulas. The protectee had asked the sender to ask the sender to issue a

		EI Khokha, TT 39					<i>logos</i> for him (fr.). Protectee is characterized as “poor”. Address.
SB Kopt. V 2290	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Pdjoui, and his son, and Pateese?	Addressee Priest NN	Sender NN	Fr. Sender asks the addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee. Instruction clause in third person pl. “I have underwritten” + date. Address.
SB Kopt. V 2291	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Theophilos	Addressee <i>proestōs</i> Papa Èlias (receiver)/als o sender Iakōb	Iakōb (sender)	Starts with external address: “Give to...” . Sender asks addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protectee, and promises to uphold the <i>logos</i> . Instruction in third person: “that he comes to his house”. Ends with signature by sender.
SB Kopt. V 2292	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Triphanios	Addressee NN: monastic/cler ical authority (“Your Paternity”)/	Sender NN	Sender asks addressee to issue <i>logos</i> for protectee. Instruction in third person. Promise to uphold the <i>logos</i> , promise in third person: no one will ask anything of the protectee.

SB Kopt. V 2293	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	A...phei, man of O...?	addressee NN?/ Geōrgios, who signs at the end (= sender?)	Sender (Geōrgios?)	Exception: the addressee (can ask something of the protectee).
SB Kopt. V 2294	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	papyrus	Children of Andreas, s.o. Kalasire (?)	Sender NN, who signs the letter/ <i>logos</i> Addressee: monastic/cler ical authority, who is asked	Sender NN, who will respect the <i>logos</i> .	Fr. Request to issue a protection letter. Promise clause in third person: sender will not allow anyone to prosecute the protectee, and promises to respect the <i>logos</i> . "I have underwritten". Date in Greek + Geōrgios signs in a second hand. Fr. Probably request to issue a <i>logos</i> . Mention of respecting the <i>logos</i> . The request is also valid as <i>logos</i> : "I have underwritten this letter with the value of a <i>logos</i> ". Date in Greek, signature in second hand.

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SB Kopt. V 2295	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	pottery	Man connected to Paternroute	Sender NN	Addressee NN	Sender received an oral request for a <i>logos</i> and is now sending the <i>logos</i> . Instruction in third person, start of promise (fr.).		
SB Kopt. V 2296	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	?	Addressee Pesnte (monastic/cle rical authority)	Sender priest NN	Fr. Request to issue a <i>logos</i> ? Mention of Iakōb, who is poor and imprisoned. Mention of death.		
SB Kopt. V 2297	VII- VIII/ first half VIII	Theban area: Deir el- Bachit	pottery	?	Addressee (?) Apa Zacharias	Senders (?) NN and Anatolios?	Fr. Address and mention of issuing a <i>logos</i> . Part of the Anatolios-Zacharias dossier of Deir el-Bachit: See SB Kopt. V 2251 p. 1306.		

SB Kopt. V 2298	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	NN	Addressee: my Lord Apa Pesynte	Sender NN	Request to issue a <i>logos</i> (here: <i>logos mpnoute</i>).
SB Kopt. V 2299	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	?	? Singular	?	Fr. Letter opening. l. 5: εἰς προσταγή [: start of a protection letter?
SB Kopt. V 2300	End of VII, beginn ing of VIII	Middle Egypt, Deir el- Bala'izah, Apa Apollo Monastery	papyrus	Sender: monk	Addressee: head of monastery		Protectee requests <i>logos</i> from the protector.
SB Kopt. V 2301	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Deacon Dionysios	Sender: Zacharias of Pshinsion	Addressee: Elias, <i>ara</i> of Djeme	The sender asks the addressee to find the protector and give him the <i>logos</i> , which is contained within the letter. Instruction and promise clauses with references to the protectee in third person. Instruction to come home (North). Promise that no harm will befall the protectee. Exception:

SB Kopt. V 2302	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	pottery	Hapion	Sender: Zacharias, Soulōmōn and Apadios	Addressee: Paham and Wanafre	<i>démotion</i> tax. The protector promises to bring the protectee back in case he cannot protect the protectee (? unclear). Zacharias signs the letter/<i>logos</i>. The protection letter for Hapion is written in between the address (Give to...from...) and an epistolary ending formula (Rejoice in the Lord). Instruction and promise clauses with references to the protectee in third person. The protectee should come South and settle with someone named Papas, protectee can leave if an agreement/settlement is not reached. Beginning of protection letter in the third person.
SB Kopt. V 2303	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Samouël and his children	NN		

SB Kopt. V 2304	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Thabais	sender Isak (from prison!)	Addressee: sister T... of sender	Sender writes a protection letter from prison, in third person when referring to protectee. Instruction to come and “pray to her father”. Mention of the “great man” (l. 5).
SB Kopt. V 2305	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i>	pottery	brother Kyrikos?	NN third person singular?	Addressee: Apa Enoch and Apa Johannes; Sender Samouël	The sender talks about a <i>logos</i> which had been given to him by someone who is not named in the letter. The sender asks the addressees to write to this person to respect that <i>logos</i> . Brother Kyrikos is likely the protectee, whom the addressees are asked to send.
SB Kopt. V 2307	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	? Singular	"Your paternity" = Addressee	Sender	Fr. It seems that the sender of the letter advises the addressee against issuing a <i>logos</i> for a third person (l. 6- 8).
SB Kopt. V 2309	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Addressee: Mōsēs	Pagarch (not named);	Sender Mōysēs, uphold the	Promise to respect the <i>logos</i> of the pagarch. Promise to not let any harm

					Sender Mōysès	pagarch's <i>logos</i> .	befall the protectee, promise not to let anyone do harm to the protectee.
SB Kopt. V 2310	VII- VIII	theban area	pottery	Anthase	Addressee?	Sender? Wants to talk with Anthase	Sender asks addressee to issue (? lost) a <i>logos</i> for Anthase, sender wants to speak with protectee. If Anthase is satisfied with the affair, that is good. If not, the sender will respect (? lost) the <i>logos</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2311	VII- VIII	Theban area	pottery	Paternoute	priest ...ōthios		Fr. <i>eis plogos mpnoute nttook</i> formula can be reconstructed, as well as instruction ("Come to...") and possibly exception of (one? ½?) <i>trimission</i> .
Van der Vliet, A Letter to a Bishop (O. APM Inv. 3871).	619- 629	Found: Theban area, probably Epiphaniu s topos. Written:	pottery	Philo the son of Moses, and Theodore and their wives and their	addressee: bishop Pesynthios/ Peter the lashane of Pmilis, who will respect	addressee: bishop Pesynthios/ Peter the <i>lashane</i> of Pmilis who will respect	The sender asks the addressee to issue the <i>logos</i> for the protectee, and promises to respect the <i>logos</i> . The protectees should come North, the sender will talk with them.

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