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

Edition	Date	Provenanc e	Material	Protectee	Protector	Intermediary	Short description
BKU II 298 ⁷³⁰	VII-VIII?	Egypt	pottery	Kyriakos?	Addressee: monastic/clerical authority ("Your Paternity" 1. 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 protegee, nor to let anyone do harm to the protegee, nor let harm befall the protegee. 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: + ḥjopn MEN [...] | TEKMNTWΩ[...] | NTETN† n̄xor[oc ...]: “+ Before all things... Your Paternity... that you issue a promise (*logos*). Moreover, the verb ἀνοκαοῖCTA, “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: Hermopolite	papyrus son of Mena	Daminos NN singular	Promise not to ask. Limitation: one year (from today). Exception: four <i>keratia</i> . Provenance of proteetee in Greek, as well as an amount of money (exception).
BKU III 473	VII-VIII?	Middle Egypt: Hermopolite	papyrus NN: male singular	Fr.: opening: “we”; Penōte, then signatures: Enōch, Ma(kare) (?), B(asile) (?), Iōannēs	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>meizones/me izoteroi of Kastron</i>	Fr. Instruction not legible, Promise not to prosecute. Opening line (internal address) written in Greek. Written by scribe Aristophanes.

				Memnonion (Djeme)	
O.Bachit o. Nr.	734/5- 738	Theban area, Deir el-Bachit (?); but Delattr e (oral comm unicati on): 728/72 9 or 744/74 5	pottery Psate and Ter... Anatolios	Pisrael and Anatolios	Fr. Promise of protection against harm (from proteetee and any one), promise of protection against asking anything. Exception (?) $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ gold coin (in numbers (Greek) and in words).
O.Bachit 1800	VII- VIII?	west thebes, Deir el- Bachit = Apa	pottery ?	?	Fr. l. 2 start of <i>ēs plogos mnipnoute</i> formula, l. 3 part of a word grammatically congruent with verbs in instruction clause.

	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	Mōysès	Instruction to come and work for Seueros. Promise to not let... (fr.)
O. Lips. Copt. II 103 ⁷³¹	VI- VIII?	Lager Theban area: Hermonthi s. Apa	? Pl	Dux ?	Fr. Letter in which a <i>logos</i> of the <i>dux</i> is mentioned. The letter mentions <i>movement to North and South, the</i> <i>logos</i> is probably related to that.

⁷³¹ Included based on the restitution by the editor [... ἀο]ροὶ μαογά (l. x+11) and the mention of travel to the South (l. x+12).

O. Lips. Copt. II 170	VI-VIII?	Ezekiel Monastery	Larger Theban area: Hermonthi s, Apa Ezekiel Monastery	“our brother Sourous”	? Not mentioned in the letter	Sabinos, Apadios, Patermouthèς = senders, also intermediarie s: they "received" the logos for the protecee	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.
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O.Crum VC 008	698 or 728; Crom well Villag e Scribe	Western Thebes: Djeme and a monastery (maybe Apa Paul/Deir el-Bachit) around it are involved	papyrus of monks:	Community “the holy brethren of the monastery	<i>lashanes</i> Severus and Johannes; stoichei: ex- lashane Athanasios, and all those that are with them”	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	Western Thebes: Djeme and a monastery (maybe Apa Paul/Deir el-Bachit) around it are involved	papyrus of monks	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 and Athanasius	Epiphanius and Athanasius	Tax receipt for <i>dīagrafón</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 protegee on account of anything, promise not to arrest the

					protectee, positive promise of help. Possible reference to flight: 1. 2 (ἀκνο[for ἀκνωτ: you fled].
O.Crum VC 064	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery Camelherd er Sabinos and his camel	Sender: Ioannès, “your son”	Addressee: priest Apa Môysès 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 protegee. 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 Iôhamnès <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 protegee. 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 protegee, 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.GumaGor ecki 69	VII-VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	monk Haron	all the brothers of the <i>koinotès</i> = college of village authorities	Instruction. Promise not to prosecute. Limitation: on account of anything from these the taxes (lit. gold). Exception: a <i>trimesion</i> more (lit. again).
O.GumaGor ecki 70	VII-VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Kurikos and his children	Elisaios the <i>lashane</i> and Ioannes his brother	Instruction. Promise not to transgress against the protegee. Positive promise that the protegee is free to go to his place if he does not come to an agreement with the protector, in a conversation.
O.GumaGor ecki 71	710-730	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Addressee Psis?	three <i>lashane</i> : Johannes, David and Maenkhout	Fr. letter. A <i>logos imphoute</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 protector.
O.GumaGor ecki 72	VII-VIII	Theban area: Hermitage MMA 1152	pottery	Sender	NN <i>lashane</i> Addressee/brother 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	<i>lashane</i> + Petronius; whole village Pkamoul, “and all my men and all my goods”	Addressee Apa Koukle 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- Guma,	pottery	Thanaël and Omnophrios	monk Abraham = addresser	Arsenios = sender for the protegee.

⁷³² Corrections by Delattre, “Nouveau”, 418-419.

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

O.Saint-Marc 322	VII – VIII, first half?	Theban area, <i>Topos of Saint-Marc.</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 of Saint-Marc.</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.VindCopt .66	VII-VIII	Mura'i	pottery	Isak (and his wife)	Apa Psente (= addressee) Enoch, Andreas, Jacob ?	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.VindCopt .67	738	Theban area	pottery	NN	Athanasiοs and Joannake	Fr. End of protection letter: Signatures by protectors and scribal signature (priest and <i>hegoumenos Nōhe</i>) + 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 protee with anything evil. Signatures, date, scribal signature (Theodorōs. Editor: unlikely that this is Theodoros son of Psate who wrote SB Kopt. V 2265).
OTorino S. 5911 (unedited)	VII- VIII	“Valley of the queens”: Dayr el- Rumi	pottery	Philotheos	Sender ... son of and wife and children but signature and promise Victor II, clauses are in plural; signed by ...J and Ezekiel.	Addressee: Apā Biktōr (most probably) Instruction (come to your house). Promise: will not ask anything of you. Exception: <i>diagrafōn</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 mnpnoue</i> formula (variation), or mention of a <i>logos (mnpnoue)</i> .	
P. Köln ägypt. II 25	VIII	Middle Egypt, Apa Apollo monastery Bawit	papyrus Apollo	Daniel (“his son”) (superior of the monastery: “It is our father who writes”)	Instruction to come to the protector’s hermitage (lit. “grave”). The protegee should bring wine. Conversation between protector and protegee. 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 mpnoue</i> .
P. Mon. Epiph. 120	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphaniu <i>s 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 <i>s topos</i>	pottery	priest?	? Two people	Text not edited, only description available. Possibly: promise clause with exception: the protegee needs to pay his share.
P. Ryl. Copt. 289	VII- VIII	?	papyrus	Youths, fled from the monastery	Addressee: x, archimandrit of a monastery? Sender: Satrapamon, of community of “rock” of Apa Thomas (sender)/ deacon Germanos	The sender asks the addressee to authorize that the protegees 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 protegees.

					who is looking for the protectors.	
P. Ryl. Copt. 385	VIII, recto: first half, verso: second half	?	papyrus	Vinedresser Addressee S (... 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	Hermopoli tes	papyrus	Man sing. <i>shai</i> <i>oulogos naf</i>	Severos? 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 Epiphaniu s <i>topos</i> in	papyrus	Papnouite, 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 protegee.

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

Pap. Congr. XXII (Vienna 2001) p. 178 (= O.Ashm. Copt. 3)	VIII	Theban area	pottery	Apadios and Phoibamon	Damianos	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 mpnoue</i> mentioned on 1. 3.
SB Kopt. II 914	VII, first half?	Oxyrhync hos?	papyrus	pious brother Papa, ape of Oxyryncus (?)	<i>proestōs Apa Ananias</i>	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	VII-VIII	Egypt	papyrus	Camelherd er Theona	scrinarius and dioketès Mëna.	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	Petros	No instruction. Promise not to ask, nor to seize. Limitation: <i>démotion</i>
				Ierennias, anyone belonging to you		
SB Kopt. II 917	VII-VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Thomas, s.o An...	Merkourious and Theodòros, <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	Biktör 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.

					<i>eis plogos mpnoue</i> formula nor a signature from the protector. Address: “Give...to...”
SB Kopt. III 1366	?	Coptite nome, Deir el-Gizzaz, Apa Samuel monastery	pottery	Iohannes Makarios	Fr. Instruction to come to a field.
SB Kopt. III 1367	VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Shenoute (son of) Joannes	Instruction to appear. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: the installment. Exception: one <i>trimession</i> .
SB Kopt. III 1368	728	Theban area, Djeme	pottery s.o.	Jeremias Basileios <i>meizones</i> = <i>lashanes</i> Georgios and Aron (of and children Kastron Memnonion = Djeme)	Instruction to come home and appear. Protectee had fled. Promise not to do harm, not to prosecute. Limitation: this instalment. Exception: $\frac{1}{2}$ <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 protegee.
SB Kopt. V 2226	VI-VIII?	Theban area, possibly <i>topos</i> of	pottery	A man	<i>Pronoētes</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 Reediton of O.Mon.Cyr. 38 in Delattre, “Nouveau”, 415-419.

		Epiphanius				
SB Kopt. V 2227	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery/li mestone	Akas Biktōr	<i>lashane Apa</i>	Instruction to come and stay home. Promise that no harm will befall the protector.
SB Kopt. V 2228	VIII: beginning	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Kolnèue (?) Pesynthios	Petros and 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 Djeme	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 protector.

SB Kopt. V	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	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	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	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, Hermopolites nome?	papyrus ? singular, has fled	? Someone with a ring seal	Instruction to come to your house. Promise not to cause harm to the protector, and not to let anyone ... (lost). “I seal this <i>logos</i> with my ring.”
SB Kopt. V 2236	VIII- IX	Middle Egypt, Hermopolites 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 mpanoue ntootk</i> formula. The wife of Abraham is mentioned, as protector? proteetee?, 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 protegee.
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	<i>dioikètès</i>	Palōts		Instruction to (come to) your house and do your work, mention of harvest (fr.). Protection against asking (above “your fair share”), arrest, hamm: from anyone (I will not let anyone...). The protegee 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 belasting voor Haraw	Pow, betaalt belasting voor Haraw	Instruction to “come” and give a <i>holokottinos</i> to Pow, who had paid taxes for the protegee. 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 protegee, except for daughter’s <i>dēmosion</i> tax.	
SB Kopt. V 2245	VII-VIII	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Joseph, s.o. Petros	Leontios and the meizones (?) = <i>lashanes</i> of Kastron Memnonion (Djeme)	Instruction to come home. Promise to not prosecute, except for the <i>dioikēsis</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, Épate	Beginning lost. The protegee had fled. Promise not to ask the <i>diagrafon</i> tax nor <i>diplé</i> except for the <i>dēmosion</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2248	VII-VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Èlias, s.o. Petros (?)	Instruction to come home. Promise not to prosecute. Exception: another <i>trimession</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	Instruction to come home. Promise not to prosecute. Exception: $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>trimession</i> . Written by scribe Aristophanes.

SB Kopt. V	VII-	Theban pottery area: Deir el-Bachit	Iôhanès s.o. Iakôb	Pisraël and Anatolios	Instruction to appear. Promise not to ask anything. Exception: οΥCΙKH (ζωνή): “a pair” (?).
SB Kopt. V	VII-VIII?	Theban pottery/li mestone area, Djeme	Dèmètrios, s.o. Psyre	Markos	Instruction to appear. Promise not to do harm, nor to require anything from the proteatee. Exception: εΥCΙRH (ζωνή): “a pair” (?).
SB Kopt. V	IX?	Theban pottery area	monk Psmo	priest and <i>hegoumenos</i> of the mountain of Djeme Kyriakos	Instruction to appear. Protegee had fled. Promise not to do harm, and to not allow that harm befalls the proteatee. Protector will be in agreement with the protegee on everything. Promise not to ask anything. Exception: three <i>keratia</i> . The protegee also needs to give a <i>trimession</i> .
SB Kopt. V	VII-VIII?	Theban pottery area	Petros	lashane Pekôsh	Instruction to come home and “do service”. Promise not to let anyone transgress against the protegee on

					account of anything. Limitation: this year.
SB Kopt. V 2255	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery s.o. Tapeu (?)	Isak	Instruction to come home and stay. Promise that no harm will befall the protee. Limitation: this year.
SB Kopt. V 2256	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	? singular	Fr. Instruction to come. Promise not to ask anything from the protee. Limitation: this year. Oath sworn by God the Almighty.
SB Kopt. V 2257	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Samou(el)	Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: the entire year. Content exception (ΕΙΜΗΤΕ: 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 Fr. Instruction to come home. Promise not to ask. Limitation: until next year.

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

					anyone dissolve the <i>logos</i> . Mention of “great men” (Il. 18-19)
SB Kopt. V 2262	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery wife and children	Markos, <i>lashane</i> ...oute	Instruction to go North and South. Promise to not let harm befall the protecee. Promise not to ask anything. Limitation: this year. Mention of a <i>trimession</i> , probably an exception. Written by ...pōn, s.o. Elisaios. Verso. oath.
SB Kopt. V 2263	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery	? Singular Pachōn	Fr. Instruction to pay each year. Promise not to prosecute. Mention of a liturgy, of an exception, of an installment. Towards the end again the <i>eis phlogos mpnoute nootik</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	Iōannès, s.o. Samuel	<i>dioikeis</i> Zebedaios and Swai	Promise not to prosecute. No instruction. Limitation: this year. Exception: $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>holokottinos</i> . Written by scribe Theodoros.
SB Kopt. V 2266	VIII, first quarter	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Senouthios, s.o. Paternoute	ape Senouthios; Joseph and Pheu	Promise not to prosecute. No instruction. Limitation: this year. Exception $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>trimession</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 protegee. Promise not to ask anything “by law”. No instruction. Exception: two <i>holokottinoi</i> (of a?) tax installment.
SB Kopt. V 2268	VIII, 708	Theban area	pottery	Daniel	<i>lashanes</i> Abraam and Seuērus	Promise not to ask anything. No instruction. Limitation: this sixth year. Exception: 1 <i>holokottinos</i> and 1 <i>trimession</i> . Oath sworn by God Almighty to uphold the <i>logos</i> . Written by scribe Psate (?)

SB Kopt. V 2269	VII-VIII?	Theban area, Ramesseum	pottery and all his brothers	Theophilos ? 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 and ...kos(?)	Jere]mias ?	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 lashane 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	VII-VIII?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery/li mestone	Andreas	Möysès and Theokxis	Instruction to come to the protector and come to a settlement. If not, the protecee can leave to his “place”.
SB Kopt. V	VII-VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphanius topos	pottery	? Singular	priest Lilou	Instruction to wait in his house, the protector will find the protecee in the village. The protecee should pay 5 <i>holokottinoi</i> , and two parties will each pay another 5 <i>holokottinoi</i> .
SB Kopt. V	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery	Kouloudj of monastery)	<i>Prōtos</i> (head	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 protecee. 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

					Kouloudj. Mention of assigning of taxes and the <i>démotion</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2275	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Djemé	pottery/li mestone	Iosèph and Pheu Shenoute and Démétrios	Promise not to do harm and not to allow anyone to do harm to the protee.
SB Kopt. V 2276	VII- VIII?	Theban area, Deir el-Bahari, Apa Phoibamm on monastery	pottery	Iakōb, s.o. K...	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, Hermopolite nome	papyrus	Farmer Mōësès	Additional document to a <i>mīthōsis</i> (lease contract). Protection letter formulary: <i>eis plōgos m̄pnouē n̄tootk</i> . Permission to till a plot of land for three years.

SB Kopt. V 2278	VII-VIII?	Theban area, dra e abou el- naga	limeston e	Patlōle	Phaustos	Fr. Protection letter formulary: <i>eis plagos imnoute naotk</i> , permission to till plot of land of the protector.
SB Kopt. V 2279	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery	Camelherd David	<i>pronoētēs</i> Golthē	Apa Philotheos, <i>proēstos</i> of Apa Georgios monastery.
SB Kopt. V 2280	695? or 725?	Theban area, Djeme	pottery	Paterno, s.o. Abraham	<i>lashanes</i> Seberos and Iōannēs	Tax receipt for the <i>diagrafōn</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	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery s.o. Psès	Ananias, ? Singular	Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, one <i>holokottinos</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise that protector will not be prosecuted on account of anything. No instruction. Written by scribe Psate (?)
SB Kopt. V	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery s.o. Daueid	Zacharias, ? singular	Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, two <i>trimessia</i> , first instalment, with added protection letter: promise that protector will not be prosecuted on account of anything. No instruction.
SB Kopt. V	VIII, first half	Theban area, Djeme	pottery s.o. Andreas	Ananias, <i>apè</i> Dauoit	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	VIII, first half	Theban area	pottery s.o. Paam	Kollouthos, Zekelios s.o. <i>apè</i> Samouèl	Tax receipt for <i>diagrafon</i> tax, $\frac{1}{2}$ <i>holokottinos</i> and one <i>trimession</i> , second instalment, with added

					protection letter (fr.). Written by scribe Psate. No instruction.
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
					Instruction (permission?): live in your son's house. Mention of a guarantee.
SB Kopt. V 2286	VII- VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Petros	Taamnoniko s, 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 protegee).

SB Kopt. V 2287	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Samouèl (?) (s.? ...) Mena	Andronikos (different from protector), addressee Apa Pesne	sender Samouèl Address.	Sender asks addressee to ask Andronikos to issue a <i>logos</i> for Samouèl (protector), who should come so that Andronikos/Apa Pesne confers with the protegee about the protegee imprisoned son. Indirect speech makes it unclear who is meant. Address.
SB Kopt. V 2288	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery	Johannes, s. Patermouth ios	addresser: Apa Iakōb Trakata, Iōannès, Pisrēel and Saua	senders: <i>lashanes van</i> Iōannès, Pisrēel and Saua	Senders ask addressee to issue a <i>logos</i> for the protegee. The senders want to speak with the protegee, 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 =	limeston e	Pdjui	Addresser: Apa Paulos	sender P...m	Letter starts with many politeness formulas. The protegee 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	Theban area	pottery his son, and Pateese?	Pdjoui, and 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	Theban area	pottery	Theophilos <i>prostōs</i> Papa Elias (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	Theban area	pottery	Triphanios Addressee NN: monastic/clerical 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.

				also sender NN	also sender NN	Exception: the addressee (can ask something of the protegee).
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?)	Fr. Request to issue a protection letter. Promise clause in third person: sender will not allow anyone to prosecute the protegee, and promises to respect the <i>logos</i> . “I have underwritten”. Date in Greek + Geōrgios signs in a second hand.
SB Kopt. V 2294	VII-VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphanius <i>topos</i>	papyrus Children of Andreas, s.o.	Sender NN, who signs the letter/ <i>logos</i>	Sender NN, who will respect the <i>logos</i> .	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.

				(?) to issue the <i>logos</i>		
SB Kopt. V 2295	VII- VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphanius <i>topos</i>	pottery connected to Patermoute	Man NN	Sender NN 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 Anatolios?	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 my Lord Apa Pesynite	Addressee: my Lord Apa Pesynite	Sender NN Request to issue a <i>logos</i> (here: <i>logos mpnoue</i>).
SB Kopt. V 2299	VII-VIII	Theban area	pottery	? ? Singular	? ?	Fr. Letter opening l. 5: <i>εις μαροκ [:</i> start of a protection letter?
SB Kopt. V 2300	End of VII, beginning of VIII	Middle Egypt, Deir el-Balizah, 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 Pshinsön Djeme	Addressee: Elias, <i>ara of</i> 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:

				<i>dēmosian</i> tax. The protector promises to bring the protegee back in case he cannot protect the protegee (?) unclear). Zacharias signs the letter/ <i>logos</i> .
SB Kopt. V 2302	VII-VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphanius <i>topos</i>	pottery Hapion	Sender: Zacharias, Soulōmōn and Apadios Addressee: Paham and Wanafie 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 protegee in third person. The protegee should come South and settle with someone named Papas, protegee can leave if an agreement/settlement is not reached.
SB Kopt. V 2303	VII-VIII?	Theban area	pottery Samouèl and his children	NN Beginning of protection letter in the third person.

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 protegee. Instruction to come and “pray to her father”. Mention of the “great man” (l. 5).
SB Kopt. V 2305	VII-VIII	Theban area, Apa Epiphanius <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 protegee, 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: Mōsès	Pagarch (not named);	Sender Mōysès, uphold the	Promise to respect the <i>logos</i> of the pagarch. Promise to not let any harm

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

	Pmilis in Coptite nome	children and their cattle	the <i>logos</i> for them	the <i>logos</i> for them
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