

CAPInv. 620: t[g]ry' klhwn dy bmdynt bbl

i. Geographical area	The Near East and Beyond
ii. Region	Syria
iii. Site	Palmyra

i.	Full name (original language)																		[ ]	(IGLS XVII.1 16, l. 3-4)
ii.	Full name (transliterated)	<i>t[ɡ]ry' klhwn dy bmdynt bbl</i>																		

i. Date(s)	24 AD
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ii. Name elements	Geographical:	Babylon
	Professional:	"All the merchants in the city of Babylon"

<b>i. Source(s)</b>  <b>Note</b>	IGLS XVII.1 16 (AD 24)  See also PAT 1352
<b>i.a. Source type(s)</b>	Epigraphic source(s)
<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Honorary inscription with bilingual Aramaic-Greek text. The Aramaic text is followed by a shorter Greek version that has only the Demos of the Palmyrenians honour Maliku; according to Yon 2012, it was added later, on a different occasion.

i.c. <b>Physical format(s)</b>	Base of a column
ii. <b>Source(s) provenance</b>	Temple of Bel at Palmyra

## X. ACTIVITIES

iii. <b>Worship</b>	The inscription was found in the temple of Bel and refers positively to that structure. This suggest worship by the group.
<b>Deities worshipped</b>	Bel
iv. <b>Honours/Other activities</b>	The group has dedicated a statue to Maliku, a member of the Bene Komare, a) because he has supported them, and b) because he has helped to build the temple of Bel.

## XII. NOTES

iii. <b>Bibliography</b>	Yon, J.-B. (2012), <i>Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie XVII.1: Palmyre</i> . Beyrouth.
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## XIII. EVALUATION

i. <b>Private association</b>	Probable
<b>Note</b>	Assessing the degree of merchant-organization at Palmyra is difficult. In general, I have excluded from the inventory the considerable number of inscriptions set up by the members of caravans for their respective <i>synodiarches</i> . These groups were probably united solely by the shared experience of travelling. In this case, however, nothing militates against seeing the "merchants in the city of Babylon", who honour a benefactor of both themselves and the city, as a professional association. The support given to the merchants seems to have surpassed a one-time event such as leading a caravan.