

## CAPInv. GR-51: *hai en Alexandriaia synodoi*

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Alexandria (L00)
iii. Site	Alexandria

### II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a. Full reference (original language)	αἱ ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ σύνοδοι (P.Tebt. III.1 700, ll. 37-38)
i.b. Full reference (transliterated)	<i>hai en Alexandriaia synodoi</i>
ii. Reference context	Royal Decree (quoted in the papyrus in ll. 22-55) establishing that the land of certain associations, gymnasia, and <i>politeumata</i> , were confiscated and put to auction by the government (cf. also <a href="#">CAPInv. GR-50</a> , <a href="#">CAPInv. GR-52</a> , <a href="#">CAPInv. GR-53</a> , and <a href="#">CAPInv. 746</a> ).

### III. DATE

i. Date(s)	125 (?) BC
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### IV. TERMINOLOGY

i. Descriptive terms	σύνοδος, <i>synodos</i>
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### V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	P.Tebt. III.1 700 (124 BC; the Royal Decree must have been produced before 2 Thoth = 24 September 125 BC, when the sale of some properties belonging to an association in the Arsinoite nome, object of the decree, took place; cf. <a href="#">CAPInv. 746</a> )
Online Resources	<a href="#">P.Tebt. III.1 700</a> <a href="#">TM 5311</a> <a href="#">AGRW ID 20614</a>
i.a. Source type(s)	Papyrological source(s)

<b>i.b. Document(s) typology &amp; language/script</b>	Royal Decree of Ptolemy VIII Euergetes II concerning the confiscation and sale by auction of properties belonging to gymnasia, <i>politeumata</i> , and (other) private associations.
<b>i.c. Physical format(s)</b>	Papyrus.
<b>ii. Source(s) provenance</b>	Tebtynis, from crocodile mummies (no. 2 and 3).

## VIII. NOTES

<b>i. Comments</b>	The precise reasons for the promulgation of the decree are not clear: the passage is fragmentary and unclear, but it seems that the ownership of property of certain associations had given rise to problems which were to be fixed by alienating those properties from their owners. According to Otto and Bengtson 1938: 67-69, the measure was aimed against those associations and groups who had supported Cleopatra II against Ptolemy VIII Euergetes II during their strife to power.
<b>iii. Bibliography</b>	Otto, W., and Bengtson, H. (1938), <i>Zur Geschichte des Niederganges des Ptolemäerreiches. Ein Beitrag zur Regierungszeit des 8. und 9. Ptolemäers</i> . München.

## IX. EVALUATION

<b>i. Private associations</b>	Certain
<b>Note</b>	The terminology used ( <i>synodoi</i> ) and the ownership of real estate make it certain that we have here a private association.