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CAPInv. GR-50: ta en Alexandreia [politeuma]ta

I. LOCATION

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

II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a.	**Full reference (original language)**	τὰ ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ [πολιτεύμα]τα (P.Tebt. III.1 700, ll. 37-38)
i.b.	**Full reference (transliterated)**	*ta en Alexandreia [politeuma]ta*
ii.	**Reference context**	Royal Decree (quoted in the papyrus in ll. 22-55) establishing that the land of certain associations, gymnasia, and politeumata, were confiscated and put to auction by the government (cf. also CAPInv. GR-51, CAPInv. GR-52, CAPInv. GR-53, and CAPInv. 746).

III. DATE

i.	**Date(s)**	125 (?) BC

IV. TERMINOLOGY

i.	**Descriptive terms**	πολίτευμα, *politeuma*

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. CAPInv. 746)
	Online Resources	P.Tebt. III.1 700 TM 5311 AGRW ID 20614
i.a.	**Source type(s)**	Papyrological source(s)

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

VIII. NOTES

i. Comments	The restoration [πολιτεύμα]τα, *politeumata* seems certain on the basis of the other mention in the text in l. 43. 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.
iii. Bibliography	Otto, W., and Bengtson, H. (1938), *Zur Geschichte des Niederganges des Ptolemäerreiches. Ein Beitrag zur Regierungszeit des 8. und 9. Ptolemäers*. München.

IX. EVALUATION

i. Private associations	Probable
Note	Given the context of the passage (where other private institutions are mentioned as being object of the Royal decree: *synodoi* and *gymnasia*), it seems very likely that the *politeumata*, which are here referred to, were private associations.

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