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CAPInv. 1237: **hoi georgoi**

I. LOCATION

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| i. Geographical area | Egypt |
| ii. Nome | Arsinoites (00) |

II. NAME

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| i. Full name (original language) | οἱ γεργοί (P.Erasm. I 6, l. 9) |
| ii. Full name (transliterated) | <i>hoi georgoi</i> |

III. DATE

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| i. Date(s) | m. ii BC |
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

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| ii. Name elements | Professional: | <i>georgoi</i> |
| | Status-related: | <i>georgoi</i> |

V. SOURCES

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| i. Source(s) | P.Erasm. I 6 (mid ii BC) |
| Online Resources | P.Erasm. I 6 TM 5052 |
| i.a. Source type(s) | Papyrological source(s) |
| i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script | Greek request from an unmentioned person. |
| i.c. Physical format(s) | Papyrus. |

VII. ORGANIZATION

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| iv. Officials | The group had a γραμματεὺς, <i>grammateus</i> , named Ptolemaios. The unnamed writer of the request asked a certain Dorion to write to the <i>grammateus</i> of the farmers in order to accept payment (of a loan presumably) in barley rather than in wheat (as it must have been originally agreed upon). Dorion forwarded the message to the <i>grammateus</i> of the farmers, telling him to make sure to acknowledge when the loan (ἡ χρέσις, <i>he chresis</i> , l. 14) is repaid. It is uncertain what position Dorion occupied: according to the editors, he may have been the head/president of the farmers or a public official such as a <i>sitologos</i> , <i>komarches</i> or <i>komogrammateus</i> , as he is in a position to give orders to a <i>grammateus</i> of the farmers. |
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VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

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| iii. Income | If this text represents the internal correspondence of an association of farmers, the association was occupied in lending out (money or seeds) and gained advantages from the interest arising from the loans. |
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IX. MEMBERSHIP

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| ii. Gender | Men |
| Note | The <i>grammateus</i> is a man, called Ptolemaios. It is uncertain whether Dorion was the head of the farmers. |
| iii. Age | Adults |
| Note | Given the character of the group gathering together the farmers, it seems likely that the group was formed by adults. |
| iv. Status | All the members seemingly shared the same occupation of farmers. |
| vi. Proper names and physical features | Πτολεμαῖοι τῷ γραμματεῖ τῶν γεωργῶν |

XIII. EVALUATION

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| i. Private association | Possible |
| Note | If this text represents the internal correspondence of a group of farmers, then it is possible that they were gathered in association, with someone at their head (in this case, Dorion) who could receive requests from other members (or outsiders) concerning loans given to them from the association's coffers (or granaries) and who had a <i>grammateus</i> at his orders. The fact that Dorion does not bear any further title or identification, and the fact that the format of the request/petition is unusual, lacking the usual polite and standardised opening formulas, as well as the sarcastic tone of the text, seem to point towards an informal environment, which may agree with the internal dealings of a private association. |