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CAPInv. 1505: U-EGY-044

I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area Egypt

II. NAME

i. Association with unknown name U-EGY-044

III. DATE

i. Date(s) 182 (?) - 158 (?) BC

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s) SB XXIV 16296 (Phamenoth = 6 April – 5 May 182 BC or 31 March – 29 April 158 BC)

Online Resources [SB XXIV 16296](#)
[TM 79429](#)

i.a. Source type(s) Papyrological source(s)

i.b. Document(s) typology & language/script Three complete (plus one fragmentary) Greek receipts of loan of money from an association.

i.c. Physical format(s) Papyrus.

VII. ORGANIZATION

iv. Officials If the reading and interpretation of the passage is correct, the receipts are addressed to the δημοσιάρχης, *demosiarches* Herakles (Il. 3, 9, and 14), who must have acted as treasurer and administrator of the common funds of the association.

VIII. PROPERTY AND POSSESSIONS

i. Treasury/Funds

The expression ἀπὸ τῶν κοινῶν χρημάτων, *apo ton koinon chrematon* (ll. 3-4, 10, and 14) clearly testifies the existence of common funds and a treasury, from which the money for loans to members was taken. In these three receipts the association lent a total of more than 5 talents and 8,953 drachmae of copper (the passages containing the exact figures of the loan are not entirely preserved) to three of its members. The money is said to be paid back five months after the loan was contracted (in Phamenoth = 6 April – 5 May 182 BC or 31 March – 29 April 158 BC), in the month of Mesore of the twenty-third year of an unmentioned Ptolemaic ruler (3 September – 2 October 182 BC or 28 August – 26 September 158 BC). No interest is indicated on the loan: this however does not necessarily mean that none was applied.

IX. MEMBERSHIP

ii. Gender

Men

Note

All the names recorded in the receipts and the *demosiarches* are men.

iii. Age

Adults

Note

It seems likely that the members were all adults, as they were involved in money-lending activities.

vi. Proper names and physical features

Μενεσθῆδς Χάρητος
Ἡρακλῆς δημοσιάρχης
Ἀσκληπιάδης Κασᾶτος
Ξενικός

X. ACTIVITIES

iv. Honours/Other activities

The association was involved in activities of money-lending to its members (presumably).

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association

Certain

Note

Given the character of the texts, the use of the term *koina chremata* to indicate the sources from which the loans were coming (together with the presence of the *demosiarches* – although of not certain reading and of difficult interpretation), it seems certain that we are dealing here with a private association which was lending money to its members (presumably).