

Author: MARIO C.D. PAGANINI

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

### I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Egypt
ii. Nome	Alexandria (I.00)
iii. Site	Alexandria

### II. GENERAL REFERENCE

i.a. Full reference (original language)	τὰ ἐν Ἀλεξανδρείᾳ [πολιτεύματα] (P.Tebt. III.1 700, ll. 37-38)
i.b. Full reference (transliterated)	<i>ta en Alexandreia [politeuma]ta</i>
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 <a href="#">CAPInv. GR-51</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
------------	------------

### IV. TERMINOLOGY

i. Descriptive terms	πολίτευμα, <i>politeuma</i>
----------------------	-----------------------------

### 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 restoration [πολιτεύματα, <i>politeumata</i> 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.
<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>	Probable
<b>Note</b>	Given the context of the passage (where other private institutions are mentioned as being object of the Royal decree: <i>synodoi</i> and <i>gymnasia</i> ), it seems very likely that the <i>politeumata</i> , which are here referred to, were private associations.