

**Papyrus no:** B ??? (no number on fragment)

**Date:** 1st-2nd century A.H./7th-8th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 21 cm. x 18 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Letter forms characteristic of the early papyrus period. The stroke of *dāl* bends back at the top. Medial 'ayn is 'V'-shaped. The loops of *šād* and *ṭā'* are horizontally extended. The *hastae* lean to the right.

**Content**

Document recording the receipt of various quantities of money and goods. Each item is introduced by 'So-and-so received' (... قبض). The amounts are expressed in *dīnārs* and *irdabbs*. *Fuṣṭāṭ* is mentioned.

**Papyrus no:** B8

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 22 cm. x 21 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both on side only, written in reddy-brown ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Text missing in places due to the detachment of some the papyrus fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Part of the witness clauses relating to a legal document. Most of them appear to have been written by the same scribe and are not autographs.

**Papyrus no:** B12

Two pieces

**PIECE A**

**Date:** Shawwāl, 169 A.H.

**Physical description:** 13.5 cm. x 8.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink with a fine pen, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Official receipt of *jizya* tax. The document records that the tax was received by the accountants (*āmil*) in Fustāt. Dated Shawwāl, 169 A.H. The amount is expressed in Greek numerals at the bottom.

**PIECE 2**

**Date:** 2ndA.H./8th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 14 cm. x 9 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Written with fine pen. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth. Similar hand to that of piece 1.

**Content**

Small fragment containing two lines from an account some kind.

**Papyrus no:** B13

Two pieces

### PIECE 1

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 19 cm. x 16.5 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

#### **Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šīn* normally has teeth.

#### **Content**

Document of testimony. Text is missing on the left side. Records a testimony made before a judge concerning a sum of 500 dīnārs. Opens: شهد عند القاضي المفضل  
... بن فضالة

### PIECE 2

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 12 cm. x 10 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

#### **Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šīn* normally has teeth. The stroke of final *yā'* is extended backwards.

#### **Content**

Fragment of an official document confirming receipt of rent (كرى). Contains sigla resembling rosettes that are common in official receipts.

\**Papyrus no.* B59

*Date:* 180 A.H.

*Physical description:* 26 cm. x 15 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final *'alif* generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. Initial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. *Dāl/dāl* in some cases approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Document of lease. Opens .. هذا ما اكرى . The object leased is an apartment (بيت) in an enclosure (دار). The lessee is stated to be solvent and able to pay with his own money (بماله مملو عليه). The period of the lease was three months. The witnesses are reported to have written their testimonies by their own hand.

\**Papyrus no:* B63

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 25 cm. x 23 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final *'alif* normally extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sin/ṣin* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Record of debt. Opens with the formula *ḍakara fulān ... 'anna..* 'So-and-so mentioned that...', rather than *'aqarra 'anna .....* The debt includes both money and wheat. Closes with witness clause.

**Papyrus no:** B94

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

3 pieces written by the same hand.

**Physical description:** 16 cm. x 5 cm., 16.5 cm. x 6.5 cm., 16.5 cm. x 6.5 cm. All written on one side only, written in black ink, parallel to the fibres, 16, 13 and 15 lines.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Documents of sale concerning the purchase of dromedary camels (هجين). The all open ... هذا ما اشترى ...

\**Papyrus no:* B95

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

3 pieces written by the same hand.

**Physical description:** 16.5 cm. x 6 cm., 17 cm. x 7 cm., 10.5 cm. x 7 cm. All written on one side only, written in black ink, parallel to the fibres, 16, 15 and 10 lines.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Documents of sale concerning the purchase of dromedary camels (هجين). The all open ... هذا ما اشترى ... Written by same scribe as the documents in B94.

\**Papyrus no*: B111

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 19.5 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text*:

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Quittance. Yazid ibn Yazid releases Ša'yūn the Jew from a debt of ten dīnārs.

Opens: براءة لشعيون اليهودى من عشرة الدينانير دفعها الى يزيد بن يزيد. He calls witnesses to this.

Closes with a statement that the document was written by Yazīd ibn Yazīd.

*\*Papyrus no:* B118

*Date:* Muḥarram 262 A.H.

*Physical description:* 24.5 cm. x 22 cm. Writing on one side only, both sides, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

*Script*

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/ḍāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

Document recording debt in trefoil. It is stated that two men owe a certain Sha'bān ibn Muḥammad 1,300 baskets of trefoil. The document was written by Sha'bān ibn Muḥammad in his own hand in Muḥarram, 262 A.H. There are no witness clauses.

\**Papyrus no:* B134

*Date:* Jumādā I, 280 A.H.

*Physical description:* 32 cm. x 15 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 18 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

*Script*

Final *'alif* usually does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has no teeth.

*Content*

Document of sale of a slave girl. Text missing on the left side. The purchaser is Mahīn, the *muwallad*, the freedman of the 'amīr and the vendor is Ja'far ibn Muḥammad. Text opens: هذا ما اشترى همين المولد مولى الامير اطلال الله بقاءه من جعفر بن محمد اشترى منه جارية .... Dated Jumādā I 280 A.H. Closes with witness clauses, which seem to be autographs:

**Papyrus no:** B145

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 21 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in reddy-brown, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres, very faint in places. Verso, written in reddy-brown ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres, very faint places. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the verso. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

**RECTO**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a legal document. The beginning is missing. It appears to relate to some kind of debt.

**VERSO**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of an account, recording various disbursements.

**Papyrus no:** B146

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 17 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 11 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a document of sale. Opens ... هذا ما اشترى... The precise content is not clear due to the *lacunae* in the text. Refers to the testimonies of witnesses, though there are no witness clauses.

**Papyrus no:** B152

**Date:** Muḥarram 283 A.H.

**Physical description:** 26 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 12 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Document recording the sale of a slave girl. The vendor is a freedman of the *'amīr*. The slave girl is described as black and is called Maimūna. Dated Muḥarram 283 A.H. Closes with witness clauses, which appear not to be autographs.

**Papyrus no:** B224

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 22 cm. x 18.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Legal document. The top is missing. The extant text contains only the witness clauses. These are written in the same hand, and so are not the autographs of the original document. They contain the date 281 A.H.

**Papyrus no:** B237

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 19.5 cm. x 16.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth and is usually surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

**Content**

Legal document. Text is missing on the right side and the bottom. Dated 269 A.H. Seems to be a testimony concerning some monetary matter. The document shifts to subjective style (1st person) in the middle: *انى اخرت وسلمت* 'I have postponed and handed over...?'

*VERSO*

**Script**

Very large letters. Initial *bā'* has high vertical extension.

**Content**

Pen exercises in writing the *basmala*.

*Papyrus no:* B287

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 15 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 11 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, very faint, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

*Script*

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

End of a legal document. Text is missing at the top and right side. The extant text contains validity formulae (عرفاه واقرا بفهمه واشهدا) and autograph witness clauses. Dated 267 A.H.

*VERSO*

*Script*

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with teeth.

*Content*

Fragment of a legal document. Only isolated phrases are extant. Apparently concerns immobile property.

\**Papyrus no*: B327

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 24 cm. x 10.5 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto.

*Text*:

*RECTO*

*Script*

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

Document of lease. Opens: .... هذا ما اكرى The object of lease is two thirds of a room in an enclosure in Fustāṭ (ثلثي الغرفة القصوى التي في الدار الجامعة التي في فسطاط). Location of the enclosure is defined on the four boundaries. The document, which seems to be a preliminary draft, breaks off in *medias res*.

*VERSO*

*Script*

Same hand as on recto, though written more quickly.

*Content*

Letter. Opens: اكرمك الله وابقاك واتم نعمه عليك. Concerns the tenants of the room mentioned in the document on the recto. The addressee is requested to offer the tenants assistance in some way.

**Papyrus no:** B330

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 23 cm. x 16.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 10 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 7 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* often has no teeth and is surmounted by a horizontal bar.

**Content**

Fragment of a legal document. Refers to the price of something (هذا الثمن المسمى في [هذا الكتاب]) which has been paid. Closes with witness clauses, which are not autographs.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth and is, in most cases, surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

**Content**

Inventory of days of the week with notes attached to each entry.

\**Papyrus no:* B332

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 24 cm. x 15 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Receipt. Opens: ... قبض. Two parties certify that they have received 26 dīnārs  
Dated 274 A.H.

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with teeth.

***Content***

Record of payments of various sums. Each item is introduced by 'so-and-so has paid ...' (... دفع).

\**Papyrus no:* B335

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 28.5 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Document of purchase of a slave girl. Left side is missing. Opens: ... هذا ما اشترى  
The slave girl is described as جارية صفراء مولدة. Dated 261 or 271 A.H. Closes with autograph witness clauses.

**Papyrus no:** B382

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 17 cm. x 14.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Text missing on all sides. Only isolated phrases are extant. It is stated that somebody intends to leave for the town of al-Maḥalla (عازم على).  
(الخروج الى المحلة).

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a legal document. Only isolated phrases are legible. Refers to various sums of money.

**Papyrus no:** B386

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 24 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Medial *kāf* is sometimes hairpin-shaped. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a document concerning a debt. Coptic month names are used. The debt was to be repaid in instalments. Dated 260 A.H.

\**Papyrus no:* B422

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 20 cm. x 11.5 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 19 lines, parallel to the fibres + one line in right margin. Verso, written in black ink, 15 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

*Script*

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

Letter. Text opens, after *basmala*: ... ابقاك الله ياخى وحفظك ... The writer requests the addressee to make investigations concerning a certain person with whom the writer has had dealings: احببت ... ان تنظر فى انسان اعامله. Closes with the *taṣliya*.

*VERSO*

*Script*

Final 'alif usually extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sin/šīn* is written with teeth.

*Content*

Fragment of document of lease of a house (الدار). The word كرا 'lease' is mentioned. The right side is missing. One of the parties is a freedwoman (مولات). The document closes with a record of the acknowledgements of the parties. Dated 26[?] A.H.

**\*Papyrus no:** B430

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 19.5 cm. x 5.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines, faint in places, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Small hand. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Legal document confirming receipt. Opens: ... مولى عباس بن محمد (؟) برأه احمد بن طريف (؟) مولى عباس بن محمد ... مولى عبد الله بن عبيد الله ومنصور بن .. مولى عبد الله بن عبيد الله. The document then shifts to subject style (1st person): انا قبضنا منك نصف دينار كرى. This rent had been received from six months. Dated 238 A.H.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written with teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Text missing on all sides. Only isolated phrases are extant.

**Papyrus no:** B440

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 10 cm. x 8 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, faint, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* has no teeth.

**Content**

Short order of payment. Opens: ... اذفع الى. Closes: وكتب محمد بن محسن بن محمد

**\*Papyrus no:** B515

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 23 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 19 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 17 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Administrative document containing a list recording various legal acknowledgements (*iqrārāt*) concerning financial matters. This document is probably an official register of acknowledgements. There are three entries on the recto. Each entry opens with a siglum (the meaning of which is unclear) followed by لصاحبه. The text of the entry opens with the word قصة followed by a person name, i.e. 'the affair of so-and-so'. The entry summarizes the content of the 'iqrār.

*VERSO*

**Content**

Continuation of the text on the recto. There are two entries on the verso. One of these is relatively long (10 lines) and opens: قصة محمد بن مكرم.

\**Papyrus no:* B519

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 19.5 cm. x 11.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in brownish ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

***Content***

Account listing wages for building workers on one day of the week (Thursday). Workers include رقاصين 'runners' and صانعين 'craftsmen'. Amounts are expressed in dirhams. Opens يوم الخميس ثمان رقاصين احدى عشرة درهما الا ثلث Total expenditure is 19 dirhams.

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

***Content***

Fragment of a legal document. Text missing on the right side and the bottom. Only isolated phrases are extant. Contains phrase from a physical description (*hilya*) of one of the parties.

**Papyrus no:** B542

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 30 cm. x 26 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres. The fibres are disturbed at the top.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Small script written with a fine pen. Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth. Horizontally extended connecting strokes.

**Content**

End of an official letter. Large spaces left between the lines. Closes with formula:

اطال الله بقا سيدى

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm, hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Fragments of witness clauses of a legal document.

\**Papyrus no:* B551

*Date:* Šafar 311 A.H.

*Physical description:* 31 cm. x 19 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *ḵā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth. Wide spaces between the lines.

***Content***

Official note confirming sum owed to a certain Jamā'a ibn al-Wisān for 'assistance' (المعونة). Dated Šafar 311 A.H. Text: مبلغ ما استحققه جماعة بن الوسان برسم المعونة في صفر سنة احدى عشر وثلثمائة من العين اثني عشر الدينار.

\**Papyrus no:* B599

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 25 cm. x 20 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 15 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres and upside down relative to the text on the recto.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

End of a legal document. The extant text mentions the date (225 A.H.) and the witnesses who testified to the acknowledge of the parties. There were two witnesses. The first had his testimony written for him and the second wrote his testimony himself. The present document is a copy of the original and so the witness clauses are not in original hand of witnesses, but rather in that of the copyist. Above each witness clauses there is a siglum, presumably the signature of the witness. The document is followed by an inventory of spices and herbs, measured in cups (قدح).

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written without teeth.

***Content***

Inventory of spices and herbs, measured in cups (قدح).

\**Papyrus no:* B601

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 26 cm. x 25 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 17 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 12 lines, at right angles to the fibres and upside down relative to the script on the recto. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final 'alif does not generally extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Contract of lease. Opens هذا ما اكرى. Dated Ramaḍān 262 (?) A.H. Closes with witness clauses, with formula: شهد فلان على اقرار فلان.

*VERSO*

Pen exercises and deleted text.

\**Papyrus no*: B603

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 30 cm. x 23.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 21 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, very faint, 18 lines, parallel to the fibres.

*Text*:

*RECTO*

***Script***

High hastae. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Ṣād/ḍād* is horizontally extended. *Ṣīn/ṣīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Fragment of a document of sale. Contains the validity formula 'according to the sale of Islam' (على بيع الاسلام) and the warranty (... فما ادرك). Closes with witness clauses.

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jim*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/ḍāl* approximates to a straight line. *Ṣīn/ṣīn* is written without teeth.

***Content***

Fragment of a legal document. Too faint to identify with certainty.

**Papyrus no:** B699

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 14 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 9 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

A short summons. Opens with address after the *basmala*: ) ... من عوث بن سليمان الى ... فاحضر .. ( . Closes with والسلم عليك . The bottom of the leaf contains some jottings expressing amounts of *dīnārs* with Greek numerals.

*VERSO*

**Content**

Short draft of an account with columns listing amounts of *dirhams* and *filis* expressed in Greek numerals.

**Papyrus no:** B703

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 12.5 cm. x 12.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 5 lines, faint, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of an official receipt of government tax. The government clerk as attached a siglum in the form of a rosette at the bottom of the document. This is found in many other official receipts. Dated 231 A.H.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Written with a thick pen. Final 'alif generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

**Content**

Short note listing several personal names.

**\*Papyrus no:** B713

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 23 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 15 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 7.5 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto. The piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has not teeth.

**Content**

Document of sale. Opens: .. هذا ما اشترى The item of sale cannot be read with any certainty. Dated Saturday, 8th of Jumādā II.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. Only isolated phrases are extant.

\**Papyrus no*: B718

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 14.5 cm. x 9.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 4 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text*:

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

***Content***

Note recording a debt. The opening has the formula: .. لفلان على فلان .. The debtor owes four irdabbs of wheat. He is instructed to deliver this when reaching the town (ادفع ذلك اليه عند ادراك البلد).

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* is written with teeth.

***Content***

Fragment of a letter. Only isolated phrases are extant.

\**Papyrus no:* B720

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 15.5 cm. x 7 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* is written with teeth.

***Content***

Document of lease. Opens *سكن (?) ابو محمد ... على بن مسكين المنزل*. The rent is 7 dirhams a month. Dated 275 A.H.

*VERSO*

***Script***

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

***Content***

Fragment of a letter. Only isolated phrases are extant.

**Papyrus no:** B745

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 17 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines, faint, parallel to the fibres, and at right angles to the text on the recto.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sin/sin* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Account listing amounts of money in dirhams. The numbers are expressed in words.

*VERSO*

Continuation of text on the recto.

**Papyrus no:** B754

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 19 cm. x 8 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 14 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 15 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Witness clauses attached to the end of a legal document. The document itself is not extant.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written with teeth.

**Content**

Account itemizing various commodities. Many entries mention wheat (قمح). Numbers are expressed in words.

**Papyrus no:** B792

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 18 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Legal document. The opening line is damaged. It appears to open: هذا ما باع محمد بن  
... The sum of twelve and a half dīnārs is mentioned. Closes with witness clauses, which do not seem to be autographs.

\**Papyrus no*: B925

*Date*: Ramaḍān 262 A.H.

*Physical description*: 23.5 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text*:

*Script*

Written with two pens, a thick pen until the beginning of line 9 and thereafter a thin pen. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/ṣin* normally has teeth. Words split across lines in places.

*Content*

End of a legal document. Contains formulae relating to the acknowledgement of the parties and the calling of witnesses: بعد ان قرى عليهما عرفاه فاقرا بفهمه واشهدا بجميع ما فيه على انهما فى صحة من عقولهما وابدانهما وجواز امورهما

\**Papyrus no:* B937

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 24 cm. x 16.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, faint in places, 12 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres + 1 line in right margin.

*Text:*

*RECTO*

***Script***

Well executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Initial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. *Sin/šīn* normally has teeth.

***Content***

Document recording the purchase of a house (منزل) in Fustāṭ. Only the first half the document is extant. Opens: هذا ما اشترت بهامة مولات عائشة Describes the location of the house on the four cardinal points. The last two extant lines contain the accessory formula: بارضه وبنياه وسفله ولا علو ومرافقه وكل قليل وكثير ... داخل فيه وخارج منه من حقوقه.

*VERSO*

***Script***

Same hand as on recto, but written more cursively.

***Content***

Record of payment by various people. Opens: ... دفع ياسر البياع. Sums are expressed in dirhams.

**Papyrus no:** B950

**Date:** 4th century A.H./10th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 22 cm. x 18 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 9 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, faint, 12 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Legal acknowledgement of a debt. Opens *أقر ابراهيم بن جماعة*. Dated Rajab 312. Closes with witness clauses, which are not autographs but have been copied from the original document.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Small hand written with a fine pen. Final 'alif generally extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Document of lease. The opening line has been obliterated, but the lease is referred to in the phrase *اجارة صحيحة وجبة* in line 4. The document has a formulary close to what is found in the Fāṭimid period. The date is not legible with certainty, though it appears to be 312 A.H., as on the recto.

**Papyrus no:** B984

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 22 cm. x 17.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in reddish ink, faint, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a document of sale. Text missing at the bottom and left side. The opening is obliterated. Refers to هذا الشرى in the text.

*VERSO*

**Script**

*Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

**Content**

Fragment of a legal document. Only isolated phrases are legible. It seems to be an acknowledgement relating to the property referred to on the recto.

**Papyrus no:** B1328

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 32 cm. x 27 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 10 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

**RECTO**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

**Content**

Document of lease of a small house (دويرة). Opens هذا ما اكرا

**VERSO**

**Script**

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of an official letter. Large spaces between the lines.

**Papyrus no:** B1331

**\*Date:** Dū al-Qa'da 245 A.H.

**Physical description:** 32 cm. x 26 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 23 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 17 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Written with fine pen. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šin* normally has teeth. *Ṣād/ḍād* is horizontally extended. Initial and medial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. The vertical *hastae* of letters tend to tilt to the right.

**Content**

Legal document. Righthand corner of the text is missing. The extant begins with an inventory of textiles, clothes, furniture, which is probably a trousseau list. This is followed by fragments of formulae relating to witnesses (في صحة وجواز امر). Dated Dū al-Qa'da 245 A.H. Closes with witness clauses.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Initial and medial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. *Ṣād/ḍād* is horizontally elongated. *Sin/šin* is written with teeth.

**Content**

Legal document recording a debt. Opens ( ذكر حق ) . The creditor is a woman. The sum owed is 30 dīnārs (ثلثون دينرا عينا ذهبيا). Dated Dū al-Qa'da 245 A.H.

*Papyrus no:* B1338

\**Date:* 260 A.H.

*Physical description:* 30 cm. x 25 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres, + 3 lines in the right margin.

*Text:*

*Script*

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

Legal document of testimony relating to the payment of rent. Opens: شهد الشهود في هذا الكتاب. The rent is to be paid for three months beginning Ša'bān 260 A.H. The rent is 16 dirhams a month.

\**Papyrus no*: B1342

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 30 cm. x 18 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 12 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

*Text*:

*RECTO*

*Script*

Final 'alif usually does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

*Content*

Legal document of testimony. Opens: شهد الشهود المسمون في هذا الكتاب. Concerns the appointment of a legal proxy (اختار 'he chose as proxy'). Dated Saturday, 8th Šawwāl. No year is specified. Closes with witness clauses.

*VERSO*

*Script*

Large script. Final 'alif usually does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth and is, in most cases, surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

*Content*

Fragment of an official letter. Text missing on all sides. Only isolated phrases are extant.

**Papyrus no:** B1358

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 43 cm. x 25 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 25 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth. A number of phrases are deleted.

**Content**

End of a legal document concerning immobile property. Closes with fragments of witness clauses.

**Papyrus no:** B1391/1

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 30 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Well executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šīn* has teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a legal document. Text missing on the top and the bottom. The extant text contains witness clauses. The clauses refer to the testimony being written by the hand of the witness: *وكتب شهادته بخطه*

**Papyrus no:** B1391/2

**Date:** 268 A.H.

**Physical description:** 26 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 18 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Legal document. Text missing at the top. The extant text contains the witness clauses. The clauses contain the statement that the witnesses wrote their testimony with their own hand. The document, however, is a copy of the original. The date of 268 A.H. is mentioned.

**Papyrus no:** B1391/3

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 32 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres and upside-down relative to the text on the recto.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* usually does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth and is surmounted by a bar.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. The top and bottom are missing. Mentions a certain al-Qāsim ibn al-Ḥasan and various financial transactions.

*VERSO*

**Content**

End of the letter on the recto. Mentions a batch of letters that the addressee should take note of.

\**Papyrus no*: B1410

*Date*: 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description*: 38 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 21 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text*:

*Script*

Final *'alif* generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

*Content*

Legal document. The beginning and left side are missing. The extant text begins with an inventory of artifacts, probably a trousseau. This followed by a statement that that one of the parties made an acknowledgement concerning the payment from his own property: فاقر ثيدر بن بطرس عل نفسه ان ... مال من ماله. Dated Rajab 276 A.H. Closes with witness clauses, in which the date is written in Greek numerals.

**Papyrus no:** B1442

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 15.5 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 3 lines, parallel to the fibres.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Small fragment of a letter. Text opens, after *basmala*: حفظك الله.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Small fragment of a letter. Only isolated words from the opening blessings are extant.

\**Papyrus no*: B1463

*Date*: 314 A.H.

*Physical description*: 6 cm. x 5 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

*Text*:

*Script*

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* has no teeth.

*Content*

Short note confirming payment of *karāj* tax. Opens مروح دفع ... من الخراج The tax is for the year 314 A.H. (لخراج سنة اربع عشر وثلثمائة).

\**Papyrus no:* B Q29

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 17 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle side only, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

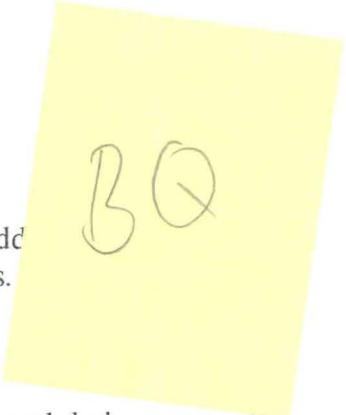
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***Script***

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***Content***

Legal document reporting court proceedings.



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*Papyrus no:* B Q30

*Date:* 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

*Physical description:* 11 cm. x 8 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, faint in places, 10 lines, parallel to the fibres.

*Text:*

***Script***

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has no teeth.

***Content***

Rough draft of a document of sale. Opens: ... هذا ما اشترى The object of the sale is not identifiable. Dated Saturday, 9th Rabi' I. No year is specified.

**\*Papyrus no:** B Q31

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 16 cm. x 7 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 15 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the verso. The script on the verso, written at right angles to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

**Text:**

*RECTO*

**Script**

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**Content**

Document recording the purchase of a dromedary camel (هجين). Opens هذا ما اشترى  
.... The price is nine and one third dinars together with tax (الجعل). The seller  
gives a warranty (وضمن له). Dated 9th of Rajab. No year is specified.

*VERSO*

**Script**

Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written without teeth.

**Content**

Fragment of a letter. It appears to be of an official nature by the wide spaces between the lines. Only isolated phrases are extant.

**Papyrus no:** B Q32

**Date:** 3rd century A.H./9th century A.D.

**Physical description:** 22 cm. x 10.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

**Text:**

**Script**

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/ḏāl* approximates to a straight line. *Ṣīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

**Content**

Account relating the the delivery of goods by various people. The extant text is split into two entries. Each entry refers to quantities expressed in *ratls*.