

Papyrus no: C7

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

Physical description: Two pieces. Piece A: 20 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Piece B: 26.5 cm. x 10 cm. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 9 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

PIECE A:

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* normally is written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a list of witnesses, consisting of an list of personal names.

PIECE B

Text

Script

Carefully executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke.

Content

Voucher recording a receipt. The text is missing on the left side. Text opens after the *basmala* ... تذكرة ما قبض 'voucher for what ... has received'. Sub-headings of the text include the phrases قبل احمد 'in the possession of 'Aḥmad', قبل عبد الرحمن 'in the possession of 'Abd al-Raḥmān'.

Papyrus no: C115

Date: 2nd century A.H./8th century A.D.

Physical description: 23.5 cm. x 13.5 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, 4 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Some features of early script. The stroke of *dāl* bends back to the right at the top. *Ṣād* is horizontally extended.

Content

Statement of accounts. The document is divided into two sections. The first indicates the debts of a certain Yazīd ibn Yasir and opens with the phrase *يصار على* يزيد بن يسر. The second section indicates what is owed to him and opens with the phrase *يصار ليزيد بن يسر*. Amounts are expressed in *dīnārs* and *dirhams*. Numbers are expressed in Arabic words.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on recto.

Content

Traces of text, apparently summarizing the content of the recto.

Papyrus no: C133

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

Physical description: 20 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. Writing has been crossed through by three diagonal strokes.

Text:

Script

Carefully executed script. *Sīn* has teeth. *Sād* is horizontally extended. The *hasta* of *ṭā'* slants to the right.

Content

Account. List of disbursements (*nafaqāt*) for various purposes, including 'the repair of a balance' (اصلاح الميزان). Amounts are expressed in dirhams, qīrāṭs and dāniqs. Numbers are written in Arabic words in the body of the account and in Greek numerals in the final total.

Papyrus no: C141

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

Physical description: Two pieces. Piece A: 13 cm. x 12 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, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres and also to the text on the recto. Piece B: Writing on one side only. 11 lines written in black ink at right angles to the fibres.

PIECE A

Text:

RECTO

Script

Jīm, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth. Connecting strokes between letters are extended.

Content

Account consisting of a list of personal names accompanied by a quantity measured in *ratl* and *qadah* ('cup') units. Numbers are expressed both in Arabic words and Greek numerals.

VERSO

Script

Carefully executed script. *Sīn* is written with teeth.

Content

Fragment of the *basmala* and one line of text containing a personal name, probably an account.

PIECE B

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Connecting strokes between letters are extended.

Content

Account consisting of a list of personal names accompanied by a quantity measured in *dinārs*.

Papyrus no: C154

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in reddish-brown ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in reddish-brown ink, 1 line, written at right angles relative to the text on the recto and at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

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/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Pen exercises consisting of trials in writing the *basmala* and various personal names.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as recto.

Content

The *basmala*. Possibly written in isolation as a pen-exercise.

**Papyrus no:* C158

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 14 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Final *'alif* generally does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account listing various items and a quantity expressed in Arabic words. The items include ديباج 'brocade' and عاج 'ivory'.

Papyrus no: C171

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 17 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 14 lines, parallel to the fibres.

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 teeth.

Content

Account. The text opens after the *basmala* with the statement قبضت سبعة وثمانين 'I have received 87 dīnārs'. This followed by a series of entries indicating expenditure. Each entry opens with ... خرج في 'There has been expended on ...'. In these entries the amounts are expressed in Greek numerals. There are several checking marks in the form of crosses.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on recto.

Content

Account containing a list of personal names and various amounts expressed in Greek numerals. This is headed, after the *basmala*, by the phrase: اسما الاجرى واسما ابائهم 'The names of the tenants and the names of their fathers'. The account apparently relates to agricultural taxation.

Papyrus no: C175

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

Physical description: 21 cm. x 18 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 13 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*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is normally written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various personal names followed by the word طعام 'food' and an amount expressed in dirhams.

VERSO

Script

Large hand. Carefully executed script.

Content

Pen trials in the the writing of the *basmala*.

Papyrus no: C221

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

Physical description: 21 cm. x 19 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, 12 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/šīn* is normally without teeth.

Content

Account consisting of numbers expressed in Arabic words. Quantities are expressed in *dīnārs* and *dirhams*. Many entries close with a statement of 'the total' (فذلك). The text is crossed through with diagonal lines.

VERSO

Continuation of the same. This text also is crossed through.

Papyrus no: C238

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

Physical description: Two pieces. Piece A: 18 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres. Piece B: Writing on one side only. Written in black ink, 14 lines, parallel to the fibres.

PIECE A:

Text:

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Statement concerning the disbursement (literally 'weighing out' *wazn*) of various quantities of money, measured in dirhams. Opens with the *basmala*.

PIECE B:

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

Account concerning various commodities. Numbers are expressed in Arabic words.

Papyrus no: C240

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

Physical description: 16 cm. x 18 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, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

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* is normally written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a letter. The right side and bottom are missing. Remainder of opening formula: مكره فداك [] Concerns various commercial transactions. Refers to the sending of various commodities.

VERSO

Content

A series of Greek numerals headed by the *basmala*.

Papyrus no: C255

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 20 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

Carefully executed script. Extended horizontal connecting strokes.

Content

Account consisting of three columns. These contain, respectively, Greek numerals, personal names, and an indication of number of *faddāns*. The account no doubt relates to the payment of agricultural taxes.

Papyrus no: C272

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

Physical description: 20.5 cm. x 14 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, 14 lines, parallel to the fibres.

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. Horizontally extended connecting strokes.

Content

Account consisting mainly of Greek numerals, with the occasional isolated Arabic words, most of which are personal names. The quantities may refer to agricultural taxes.

VERSO

Same continued.

Papyrus no: C273

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

Physical description: 18 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, 13 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* is written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a letter. Beginning and end are missing. Mentions various commercial transactions. Amounts are expressed in Greek numbers.

VERSO

Script

Small hand. 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 letter. Beginning and end are missing. Refers to various commercial transactions.

Papyrus no: C274

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

Physical description: 22.5 cm. x 13 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, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Small hand. 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

Account relating to the payment of the *karāj* tax by various people. Amounts are expressed in Arabic words.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C275

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

Physical description: 20 cm. x 16 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 16 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Small hand. 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/sīn* normally has teeth. Connecting strokes are horizontally extended in places.

Content

Account from a government office. The entries of the account concern revenue or expenditure relating to various districts of Egypt (كورة). Amounts are expressed in Greek numbers.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C279

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

Physical description: Two strips. 25 cm. x 5.5 cm. Piece A: Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 28 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 21 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Piece B: Written on one side only. Written in black ink, 19 lines, parallel to the fibres.

PIECE A:

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

Account listing various items followed by an amount expressed in Greek numerals. Opens with the *basmala*. The items are of a miscellaneous nature. They include personal names (the numerals in these cases no doubt refer to wages) and other items, such as النفقات 'expenses'. In the middle of the text there 11 lines containing a series of circles, crosses and lines, which presumably represents some kind of calculation.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

PIECE B:

Script

Same hand as is found in piece A.

Content

A leaf containing an account that is similar to that of piece A.

Papyrus no: C285

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 7 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 10 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Carefully executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth. Final *yā'* extends backwards.

Content

Record of a debt. This is presented in the form of a document opening, after the *basmla*, as follows: .. ذكر صلح ان له قبلك .. 'Šāliḥ has stated that he is owed by you ...' This is followed by a series of amounts expressed in Arabic words.

Papyrus no: C302

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

Physical description: 33 cm. x 6 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* 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* is written without teeth.

Content

List of personal names, headed by the *basmala*. No other details are indicated.

Papyrus no: C316

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

Physical description: 30 cm. x 15 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, 31 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/sīn* is normally written without teeth.

Content

Leaf from an account book arranged in two columns. Each entry consists of a total (فذلك) expressed in Greek numerals. Most entries also contain various personal names.

VERSO

Continuation of the text on the recto.

Papyrus no: C323

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

Physical description: 24 cm. x 10 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, 18 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. Concerns commercial transactions. The opening and close are missing.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on the recto.

Content

Account. Each entry opens with the a day of a week and is followed by a quantity expressed in *irdabbs*.

Papyrus no: C328

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

Physical description: 29 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in faded black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 3 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* is written without teeth.

Content

An account consisting of Greek numerals, with the occasional Arabic word. The text refers to various disbursements.

VERSO

Continuation of the text on the recto.

Papyrus no: C377

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 2 lines. 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

Well executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth. Sporadic consonantal diacritics.

Content

List of personal names. Each entry is separated by a horizontal line.

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. There are numerous unconventional ligatures.

Content

Fragment of an official letter. Wide spaces are left between the lines.

Papyrus no: C388

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres, and 2 lines in the right margin. Verso, written in black ink, 7 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*, *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

List of various commodities followed by a indication of amount expressed in *ratls*. The commodities include saffron (الزعفران) and figs (التين). Each entry is preceded by the preposition من 'from, of'.

VERSO

Continuation of the same. At the bottom of the sheet there are several vertical marks that may be indications of quantity.

***Papyrus no:** C422(1)

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

Physical description: 18.5 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 17 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 4 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

Account consisting of a series of personal names followed by a Greek numeral. Each name is preceded by a diagonal stroke, which may be a stylized form of the preposition من 'from'. The account, therefore, is likely to be a record of the receipt of taxes.

VERSO

Traces of Greek numerals in a larger hand from the one on the recto.

Papyrus no: C422 (2)

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, 13 lines, parallel to the fibres, and two lines in the right margin.

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

List recording a tally of bricks (طوبية - this singular form is used after numerals). The list consists of a series of numbers expressed in Arabic words, each opening with the the prepositional phrase له 'to him is owed ...'. These are followed by an indication of the total.

Papyrus no: C426

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 5.5 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 27 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

Account consisting of a list of personal names on a long strip and various amounts. The right side has been cut away.

Papyrus no: C427

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 7.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 22 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres + 5 lines written at right angles 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

Two contracts, apparently relating to agricultural leases. They both open: هذا كتاب ... من. In the body of the documents there is the phrase ... طلبت الى ان , which is characteristic of agricultural leases.

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 without teeth and is, in most cases, surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

Content

Account relating to agriculture. Mentions the cadastral survey (المساحة).

Papyrus no: C431

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 7 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 19 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angle 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/sīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various consignments of wine (الخمر). Amounts are expressed in Arabic words.

VERSO

Script

Large hand. 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* is written without teeth and is, in most cases, surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

Content

Fragment of an official letter. There are wide spaces between the lines. Only the words at the right end of the lines are extant.

Papyrus no: C440

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

Physical description: 11.5 cm. x 11 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, 4 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/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account containing a list of sums owed. Amounts are expressed in dirhams and dāniqs. The right side of the account is missing.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

****Papyrus no:* C506

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

Physical description: 18 cm. x 12 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 12 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 11 lines. 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. *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

Letter. Opens after *basmala*: ابقاك الله. The writer conveys to the recipient a medical recipe containing leaves of the liquorice plant (ورق السوس).

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on recto.

Content

Fragment of an account listing various personal names and amounts expressed in *dīnārs*. Each entry opens with the phrase: *'alā* + personal name 'So-and-so owes ...'.

Papyrus no: C513

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

Physical description: 19 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 16 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* is normally written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various amounts expressed in qīrāṭs. Numbers are expressed in Arabic words.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on recto

Content

Account recording the payment of various somes by various people. Each entry opens with 'addā + personal name 'so-and-so has paid'

Papyrus no: C523

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

Physical description: 21 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 2 lines, parallel to the fibres. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet.

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

Account recording various disbursements. Each entry opens with the phrase دفعتم ... الى 'I have paid to ...' followed by a personal name. The amounts are expressed in *dīnārs* and *qīrāṭs*.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C534

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

Physical description: 21.5 cm. x 9.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines. 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. *Jīm*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

Content

Letter. Text opens, after *basmala*: حفظك الله وعافاك. The writer offers to give money the addressee if he needs any (وان احتجت الى دينار ... اعطيتك) 'If you need a dīnār ... I shall give it to you'.

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

Account consisting of a series of amounts expressed in Arabic words and the occasional mention of a personal name. The entries open with the preposition من 'from, of'.

Papyrus no: C570

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

Physical description: 27 cm. x 19 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 22 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

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

Content

Account consisting of personal names and amounts expressed in Greek numerals. Some of the entries are crossed through.

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: C577

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

Physical description: 34 cm. x 24 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 25 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 19 lines, parallel to the fibres and upside down relative to the text on the recto.

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* is written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various disbursements. Each entry opens with ... **وخرج**

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: C596

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

Physical description: 27 cm. x 23 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles 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

Account consisting of a list of personal names and several columns of Greek numerals. The account closes with a total.

Papyrus no: C669

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

Physical description: 16.5 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 9 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 teeth.

Content

Account recording various sums of money owed to various people. The amounts are expressed in Arabic words.

Papyrus no: C670

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

Physical description: 17 cm. x 15 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, 10 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. *Ṣīn/ṣīn* has no teeth.

Content

Account listing expenditure. The entries are arranged by day. Each entry opens with the name of a day. The entries are divided by lines drawn across the page.

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. *Ṣīn/ṣīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various sums expressed in dirhams. Amounts are in Arabic words.

Papyrus no: C711

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

Physical description: 14 cm. x 6 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Small hand. Well executed script. *Hastae* of letters are extended vertically. Sporadic consonantal diacritics.

Content

Fragment of an account consisting of a series of personal names preceded by a diagonal checking mark.

VERSO

Script

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

Content

Fragment from the end of a legal document, mentioning the date Rabī' I.

Papyrus no: C717

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

Physical description: 9 cm. x 6 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Well executed script. *Hastae* of letters are vertically extended. Final *yā'* extends backwards.

Content

Fragment of an account. Contains personal names followed by an amount expressed by a Greek number.

VERSO

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Jim*, *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 list of personal names.

Papyrus no: C719

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

Physical description: 18 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 14 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles 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

Statement of accounts, detailing various credits and debits. The text opens, after the *basmala*, with the word الاصل 'the base', i.e. the original sum. Amounts are expressed in Greek numerals.

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

Letter. Text opens after *basmala* with the blessing formula: اطال الله بقالك وادام عزك وكرامتك واتم نعمه عليك (مناقيل مقسمة). The body of the text states that a certain Yaḥyā has paid five dīnārs of full weight, divided into portions.

Papyrus no: C721

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

Physical description: 13 cm. x 12 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, 1 line, 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

Jim, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke.

Content

Fragment of an account, consisting of a series of Greek numbers followed by personal names and agricultural products, e.g. قرط 'trefoil'.

VERSO

Script

Large hand. Only fragments of two words are extant.

Content

This is apparently a fragment from an official document. Traces of the beginning of two lines that are widely spaced are extant.

Papyrus no: C766

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

Physical description: 12 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles 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. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Letter recording monetary matters. The writer acknowledges the receipt of a certain sum of money. Amounts are expressed in Greek numerals.

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 with teeth.

Content

Statement of debts owed to a certain 'Abū Sulaym (or Salīm). The document opens, after the *basmala*, الذى لابي سليم. Mentions various agricultural products, including قمح ('wheat') and املول.

Papyrus no: C769

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

Physical description: 16 cm. x 8.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink parallel to the fibres, 10 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines, 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*, *ḥā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/šīn* has no teeth.

Content

List of various personal names, together with sums of money, expressed in dirhams, and quantities of commodities.

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 list of commodities and their prices expressed in dirhams.

Papyrus no: C842

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

Physical description: 24 cm. x 19 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 11 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. *Sin/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account consisting of various personal names and commodities. The entries record receipts (... قبضت من).

Papyrus no: C851

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

Physical description: 12 cm. x 10 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 8 lines, at right angles to the fibres, and 1 line in the left margin.

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

List of various herbs and foodstuff followed by an indication of quantity expressed in dirhams.

Papyrus no: C853

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

Physical description: 18 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 10 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sin/šīn* has teeth. The loops of *šād* and *tā'* are horizontally extended. Connecting strokes are horizontally extended.

Content

Account consisting of a list of personal names with amounts expressed in Greek numerals. At the top of the list of personal names a name of a village is given (قرية تدعى []), which suggests that it is an agricultural account.

Papyrus no: C895

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 22 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, 20 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

Account consisting of various personal names and commodities followed by an amount expressed in Greek numerals.

VERSO

The same continued.

**Papyrus no:* C897

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

Physical description: 25 cm. x 21 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 18 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 11 lines, parallel 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. *Sīn/sīn* has teeth.

Content

Account. Each entry consists of a personal name followed by a list of amounts under the rubrics of 'sowing' (الزرع), 'fief' (قبالة), 'orchard' (كرم).

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 normally written with teeth.

Content

Beginning of a letter. Text opens after *basmala*: اكرمك الله وابقاك. Refers to agricultural matters.

Papyrus no: C938

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

Physical description: 25 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, 11 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

Fragment of a letter. Only the close is extant. Contains various greetings. The closing formula is *جعلنى الله فداك واطال الله بقاءك*.

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 with teeth.

Content

Account indicating various payments. The entries are arranged by day of the week. The payments consist of various goods measured in irdabbs.

Papyrus no: C951

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 17 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, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

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* is written without teeth.

Content

Statement of accounts indicating a quantity expressed in dīnārs.

VERSO

Fragment of an account consisting of Greek numerals.

Papyrus no: C976

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 14 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines, 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*, *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

List of personal names and amounts expressed in dirhams. Each entry is separated by a circular siglum.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C977

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

Physical description: 20.5 cm. x 11.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 12 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres.

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* is written without teeth.

Content

Account consisting of various commodities, including bricks (طوبة) and salt (ملح). The entries contain a series of Greek numbers.

VERSO

Script

Final 'alif usually 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 without teeth and is generally surmounted by a horizontal bar.

Content

Letter. Text opens after *basmala*: يا اخي اطال الله بقاءك. Mentions the death of somebody. Refers to a groom (سائس).

Papyrus no: C981

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in faint black ink, 4 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. Writing is very faint and barely legible.

Content

List of commodities accompanied by a sum expressed in dirhams.

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

List of various commodities. Quantities are expressed in raṭls and okkas (أوقية), and sums are expressed in dirhams. The commodities include 'nuts' (الجوز).

Papyrus no: C987

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

Physical description: 27 cm. x 13.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 13 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 3 lines, parallel to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Well executed script. Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. The vertical *hastae* of letters are extended.

Content

List of personal names. Each entry is separated by a wide space.

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* has teeth.

Content

Fragmentary remains of personal names.

**Papyrus no.* C1009

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 11.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 14 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. *Sin/ṣin* normally has teeth.

Content

List of various textiles, including tunics (اقمصة, singular قميص), trousers (سراويل) and fabric (ديجاج).

Papyrus no: C1010

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 14 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, 6 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* has no teeth.

Content

List of personal names and amounts expressed in Arabic words. The text is arranged in two columns.

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

Account recording the receipt of debts due. Each entry is encircled by a pen line.

Papyrus no: C1011

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 15 lines, faint in places. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines. 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. *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

Fragment of an account. Consists of a list of personal names and amounts expressed in Greek numerals.

VERSO

Script

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/sīn* is written without teeth.

Content

The end of a letter. It refers to a number of sums of money in connection with commercial matters. Closes with the blessing اطلال الله بفاك and the *taṣliya*.

Papyrus no: C1015

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines. 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. *Jīm*, *ḥā'* and *ḵā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

List of personal names and quantities expressed in Arabic words. The amounts are in dirhams and qirāṭs.

VERSO

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* is written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a letter. The beginning and the end are missing. There is a reference to ships (مراكب) and garrisoned soldiers (المرابطين).

Papyrus no: C1016

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in faint brown ink, 16 lines, 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*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sin/sin* normally has teeth.

Content

Fragment of a letter. Mentions agricultural products (غلال).

VERSO

Script

Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke.

Content

Small fragment of a text. Only a few fragmentary words are preserved. Possibly an account.

Papyrus no: C1020

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 18 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, 13 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Small hand. 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

Account recording financial matters connected with the district of Fayyūm. Opens with the title كورة الفيوم. The entires relate to various months of the year. Amounts are expressed in Greek numerals.

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: C1029

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

Physical description: 39 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 14 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 19 lines. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written parallel to the fibres. 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/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account of expenditure relating to various tracts of land. Each entry begins with the preposition *في* 'concerning'. Sums are expressed in Arabic words.

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/sīn* is written with teeth.

Content

The right side of a letter. The text opens after *basmala* with the blessing: *امتنعنى الله بك*. The writer requests him to undertake something without delay (*لا تتوانا*). Refers to 'the people of the district' (*اهل الكورة*).

Papyrus no: C1049

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

Physical description: 17.5 cm. x 14 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, 10 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Carefully executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/sīn* has teeth. Initial *kāf* is horizontally extended.

Content

List of various sums of money expressed in *dīnārs* and *qīrāṭs* together with personal names. In most cases the personal names are preceded by the preposition *li-*, indicating the person was owed the sum specified.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C1088

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

Physical description: 23.5 cm. x 8 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 7 lines, at right angles to the fibres, and three in the left margin. Verso, written in black ink, 3 lines, parallel to the fibres and upside down relative to the script 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/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Statement of accounts. The document opens with the blessing اكرمك الله. This is followed by various quantities expressed in qīrāṭs.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C1096

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

Physical description: 17.5 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 5 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 5 lines. 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 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

Statement of accounts, indicating expenditure. Opens الذى اخرج من التابوت وانفذ بها الى ابى زكريا 'What he disbursed from the chest and dispatched to 'Abū Zakariyā'.

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/sīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a letter. Three lines are extant with wide spaces, suggesting that the recipient is a dignitary. The letter opens with the blessing اكرمك الله وابقاك.

Papyrus no: C1147

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

Physical description: 14 cm. x 12 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Content

Account. List of Greek numerals arranged in 5 columns. The right side of the document is missing.

VERSO

Script

Final 'alif does not extend 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* is written without teeth.

Content

Account listing various personal names followed by a long stroke. The left side of the document is missing, which no doubt would have contained columns of Greek numerals.

**Papyrus no*: C1340

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 24 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 16 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 12 lines. The papyrus piece was cut from a larger sheet. The script on the recto is written parallel to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the verso. The script on the verso, written parallel to the fibres, is the remainder of the text from the original sheet.

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/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Letter. Text opens, after *basmala*: اطال الله بقا كما وادام عز كما. The body of the letter expresses the hope that he will meet the addressee before long. Closes with the conveyance of greetings.

VERSO

Script

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

Content

Lists of horses that have been sold or assigned to various people. Each entry contains a physical description of the horse.

Papyrus no: C1359

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 28 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 20 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. *Sīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Account recording amounts paid for fiefs of land (قبالة). Amounts are calculated on the cadastral survey (مساحة). Entries are divided by horizontal lines that are drawn across the sheet.

Papyrus no: C1362

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

Physical description: 39 cm. x 21 cm. Large sheet containing a joint between two papyrus pieces. 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, 25 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

Account of a merchant listing various commercial transactions. Many of the entries are headed by the word الكيل 'the measure, the amount'. Several of the entries have been crossed through.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: C1370

Two pieces.

PIECE A

Date: 2nd century A.H./8th century A.D.

Physical description: 34 cm. x 28.5 cm. *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, 21 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Carefully executed script. Some features of the early papyrus period. The stroke of *dāl* sometimes bends back at the top. The lower stroke of initial 'ayn is horizontally extended to the right. Initial *kāf* is horizontally extended. Final *yā'* is horizontally extended backwards.

Content

Account consisting of a column of personal names, followed a statement of that this person has paid a certain sum expressed in *dīnārs*.

VERSO

Continuation of the same. Empty spaces are filled with small diagonal strokes to prevent falsification of accounts.

PIECE B

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

Physical description: 17 cm. x 17 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

Only isolated words are in Arabic. *Jim* is written with a single curved stroke.

Content

Fragment of an account consisting of a series of Greek numerals arranged in columns. Sections of the account are divided by horizontal lines drawn across the sheet. An isolated Arabic phrase refers to wheat (قمح).

Papyrus no: CQ33

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

Physical description: 30 cm. x 18 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Written on the recto, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 12 lines, parallel to the fibres, upside down relative 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. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account consisting of a list of personal names and amounts in dīnārs. The sums are expressed both in Arabic words and in Greek numerals.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

CQ

**Papyrus no:* CQ34

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

Physical description: 26 cm. x 23 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 18 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 17 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Well executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* is normally written without teeth and surmounted by a stroke.

Content

Account recording various payments arranged in columns. Personal names are listed in the first column. Against each name it is indicated on behalf of whom the payment was made. In most cases this is 'on his own behalf' (عن نفسه). There then follow four columns of Greek numerals. The columns are headed as follows: عدد 'number', المثقال 'according to the standard weight', الراحل 'travelling tax', تعوبة 'supplementary charge'.

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: CQ35

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

Physical description: 34 cm. x 31 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, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final *'alif* in most cases 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* has no teeth.

Content

Fragment of a legal acknowledgement (*'iqrār*). The right side of the document is missing. A fragment of the date at the end read وستين ومائتين ... 'two-hundred and sixty-...?'

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

Letter. The text opens after the *basma* with the blessing: اطلال الله بقاءك وامعم صباحك. The body of the letter refers to various commercial transactions involving commodities that are mostly measured in raṭls.

**Papyrus no:* CQ36

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

Physical description: 32 cm. x 8 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 18 lines. Verso, written in black ink, 4 lines. 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* 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

Lines of Arabic poetry.

VERSO

Script

Large hand. 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* is written without teeth and is, in most cases, surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

Content

Fragment from an official letter. There are wide spaces between the lines. Mentions 'estates' (الضياع).

**Papyrus no.*: CQ37

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

Physical description: 35 cm. x 24 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, 23 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

List of rents from various urban properties, probably in Fustāṭ. Each entry consists of a description of the property and its location, in formulae that are characteristic of legal documents, and an indication of the rent with a Greek numeral.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

**Papyrus no:* CQ38

Date: 2nd century A.H./8th century A.D.

Physical description: 13 cm. x 11 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Features of script from the early papyrus period. The stroke of *dāl/dāl* bends back at the top. *Mīm* is written as a circle. Final *'alif* does not extend below the connecting stroke.

Content

List of dates mentioning the months of Dhu al-Hijja and al-Muḥarram. The right side of the document is missing.

Papyrus no: CQ40

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

Physical description: 20.5 cm. x 8.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 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

List of various quantities expressed in qinṭārs and raṭls, together with sums expressed in dirhams.

Papyrus no: CQ41

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

Physical description: 16 cm. x 10.5 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, 7 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* has teeth.

Content

Statements of sums owed to various people. Each statement is preceded by the *basmala* and closes with an indication of the total sum (فجميع ذلك).

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

List of sums expressed in Arabic words and Greek numerals together with personal names.

Papyrus no: CQ42

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 17.5 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* 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

Account listing personal names and various sums. The amounts are expressed in Greek numerals.

**Papyrus no*: CQ43

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 15 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 10 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Carefully executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* has teeth. Initial and medial *kāf* is horizontally extended. Sporadic diacritics. The diacritic of *fā'* is written beneath the letter.

Content

List indicating rent received on various properties, include a shop (حانوت), a church (كنيسة) and various houses. Amounts are expressed in *dīnārs*.

**Papyrus no:* CX1

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

Physical description: 23 cm. x 9.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing only, written in black ink, 18 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

Statement of accounts. The document is addressed to a certain 'Abū al-'Abbās (لابي العباس حفظه الله وابقاه). In the body of the text the various credits and debits of this person are indicated. Various commodities are mentioned, including 'bracelets' (دملوج).

