

Papyrus no: Misc. 35(1)

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

Physical description: 28 cm. x 7 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

Written with fine pen. 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

Fragment of a receipt of some kind from a government office. It contains several rosette-shaped sigla, which are found elsewhere in official receipts of tax. The extant portions of the document mention several personal names. One person is referred to as المزارع 'the agricultural worker'.

Papyrus no: Misc. 35(2)

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

Physical description: 30 cm. x 7.5 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

Well executed script. Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. Numerous consonantal diacritics and some vocalization.

Content

A fragment of Arabic poetry.

Papyrus no: Misc 69(1)

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

Physical description: 16.5 cm. x 15.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 6 lines, at right angles to the fibres. The text has been obliterated by rubbing in places.

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

A legal declaration of some kind. Most of the text is illegible due to rubbing. There is a reference to the division of something in quarters: قد اقسمتها ارباع
Closes with the *taṣliya*.

Papyrus no: Misc 69(2)

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

Physical description: 21 cm. x 13 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 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

Letter. Text opens, after *basmala*: جعلت فداك. Requests the addressee to undertake a commercial transaction urgently (لا تؤخر 'Do not delay!').

Papyrus no: Misc. 77(1)

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

Physical description: 11 cm. x 7.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in reddish brown ink, 10 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in reddish brown 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. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Account listing various types of dues, including rent (الكرا), land tax (الخراج) and agricultural dues (المزارع). Against each type of due an amount is given, expressed in Arabic words.

VERSO

Same hand as on recto.

Content

Receipt. Opens الى ادى ... '... has paid to me'. Closes with the *hasbala*.

Papyrus no: Misc 117(1)

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

Physical description: 8 cm. x 7 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. *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

Official receipt of tax. Opens ... ادعى '... has paid'. Closes with a rosette-like siglum. The amount is expressed at the end of the document in a Greek numeral.

Papyrus no: Misc 117(2)

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

Physical description: 12 cm. x 6 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 5 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Initial *kāf* is hairpin-shaped. *Sīn/šīn* normally has teeth.

Content

Note consisting of a personal name (حسن بن فتح بن الفرّج) and the *taṣliya*.

Papyrus no: Misc 192.

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

Physical description: 9.5 cm. x 5.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 3 lines, parallel to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 6 lines, parallel to the fibres and at right angles to the script on the recto. 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* is written without teeth.

Content

Note confirming a receipt by various people. Opens of the *basma*: ... قد تسلمو 'They have received'.

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. Refers to various commercial transactions.

Papyrus no: Misc 242(1)

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

Physical description: 16 cm. x 9 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, 10 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Large hand. Only final *sīn/šīn* is extant, which is written without teeth and is surmounted by a horizontal stroke.

Content

Possibly a fragment from a pen exercise.

VERSO

Script

Well executed script. Initial *kāf* is horizontally elongated.

Content

Fragment of an account, consisting of personal names and amounts expressed in Greek numerals.

Papyrus no: Misc 242(2)

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

Physical description: 12 cm. x 9 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in red 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* is written without teeth.

Content

Fragment of a receipt confirming that the writers gave something to address.

Papyrus no: Misc 285

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

Physical description: 20 cm. x 8 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 9 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. *Šīn/šīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Receipt for sum paid. The document is dated *Ḍū al-Qa'da* 380 A.H. The amount of the sum is recorded in a Greek numeral at the end.

Papyrus no: Misc 287

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

Physical description: 13.5 cm. x 11 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, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Large angular script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke.

Content

Writing exercise. Phrases are repeated.

VERSO

The same continued together with pen trials of individual letters.

Papyrus no: Misc 329

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

Physical description: 23.5 cm. x 10.5 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, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the verso.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Three hands of different sizes and written with different thicknesses of pen. One is well executed, the others less so.

Content

Writing exercises. Phrases are repeated.

VERSO

Script

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

Content

Fragment of a legal quittance. The term *براة* occurs in the body of the document.

Papyrus no: Misc 438

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

Physical description: 24.5 cm. x 13 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black and reddish brown ink, 17 lines, at right angles to the fibres, + 3 lines in the right margin. Verso, written in reddish brown ink, 20 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Two hands. One is well executed: Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke. *Sīn/šīn* is written with teeth. The other is less so: Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. The *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

Writing exercises with repeated phrases, mainly the *basmala*.

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

Fragment of a letter. The text refers to the payment of taxes.

Papyrus no: Misc 527

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

Physical description: 22 cm. x 9.5 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, 3 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 *ḵā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Writing exercise. A phrase is repeated on consecutive lines.

VERSO

Script

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

Content

Writing exercise. The *basmala* is repeated twice. Pen trials in writing ligatures between letters.

Papyrus no: Misc 704

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

Physical description: 16 cm. x 10.5 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 11 lines, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 11 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Two hands. One hand is written in thick pen. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. The second hand is written with a thinner pen and is better executed.

Content

Writing exercises (thick hand). The same sequence of letters is repeated. Some letters are crossed through, possibly indicating that they have been written incorrectly.

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: Misc 715

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, 5 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/šīn* is written without teeth.

Content

Note recording the apportionment of a share (القسم) to a certain 'Abū al-Ḥasan.

VERSO

Script

Same hand as on recto.

Content

Fragment of a letter. Part of a request formula is extant (... موقفا ان شا الله).

Papyrus no: Misc 738

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

Physical description: 13 cm. x 11.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 10 lines, parallel to the fibres. Faint in places due to rubbing. Verso, written in black ink, 9 lines, parallel to the fibres and at right angles to the text on the recto. Faint in places due to rubbing.

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. Refers to the sending of commodities.

VERSO

Continuation of the same.

Papyrus no: Misc 804(1)

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

Physical description: 14 cm. x 10.5 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 *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth.

Content

After the *basma* there is the beginning of a text that appears to be a ḥadīth.

Opens: ... قيل عن 'It is said, on the authority of ...'.

Papyrus no: Misc 804(2)

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

Physical description: 8.5cm. x 5.5 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, 4 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Some features of early script. The stroke of initial '*alif*' bends to the right at its bottom.

Content

Tiny fragment. No word is fully legible.

VERSO

Script

The same hand as on recto.

Content

Only a very few words are legible. It is unclear what the text is.

Papyrus no: Misc 846(1)

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

Physical description: 12 cm. x 10.5 cm. Small *lacunae* in the middle. 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. *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 confirming the payment of tax. Opens ... ادى عشر الدراهم ... '... has paid the ten dirhams'. The document also refers to the receipt of 'celery roots' (اصول الكرفس).

Papyrus no: Misc 846(2)

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

Physical description: 8.5 cm. x 6 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 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

Receipt confirming payment of tax. Opens ... ادى. The sum is indicated by a Greek numeral at the end of the text.

Papyrus no: Misc 850

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

Physical description: 26 cm. x 9 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, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres and at right angles to the text 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* 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

Contract for lease of land. Opens هذا كتاب من

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

Beginning of a legal document. Most of text has been obliterated. Possibly a document of lease.

Papyrus no: Misc 893

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

Physical description: 18 cm. x 17.5 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

Features of early script. The head of medial and final 'ayn consists of two oblique strokes and is open at the top. Wide spaces between letters in the same word.

Content

Fragment of a legal document. The beginning is missing. Closes with the formula

[شهد] على نفسه وكتب

Papyrus no: Misc 1017

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

Physical description: 30 cm. x 11 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*, *hā'* and *kā'* are usually written with a single curved stroke. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line. *Sīn/sīn* normally has teeth. Consonantal diacritics and vowels.

Content

A fragment of Arabic poetry.

Papyrus no: Misc 1049

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

Physical description: 25 cm. x 7 cm. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 3 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Final *'alif* extends below the connecting stroke. Initial *kāf* is horizontally extended.

Content

A fragment of Arabic poetry.

Papyrus no: Misc 1070

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

Physical description: 17.5 cm. x 5 cm. 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.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Well executed script. Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke. Initial *kāf* is horizontally extended.

Content

Fragment of a letter. The writer states that he will remember somebody in his prayers (اصلى فاذكره فى الصلاة).

VERSO

Continuation of the same. Closes with the *tasliya*.

Papyrus no: Misc 1175

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

Physical description: 19 cm. x 15 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

Written with a thin pen. Well executed script. Final '*alif*' does not extend below the connecting stroke.

Content

Exercises in writing. Phrases are repeated. These are mainly epistolary formulae. Some have been crossed through.

VERSO

The same continued.

Papyrus no: Misc 1462

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

Physical description: 10 cm. x 3 cm. Tiny fragment. Writing on both sides. Recto, written in black ink, 1 line, at right angles to the fibres. Verso, written in black ink, 2 lines, parallel to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final 'alif extends below the connecting stroke.

Content

Apparently a fragment from a letter. Part of a blessing formula is extant (وحفظك).

VERSO

Script

Small hand. Final 'alif does not extend below the connecting stroke.

Content

Fragment from an account. Personal names occur together with Greek numerals.

Papyrus no: Misc 1464

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

Physical description: 11 cm. x 7 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, 8 lines, parallel to the fibres and upside down relative to the text on the recto.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Only fragments of a few letters are extant. Final *yā'* extends backwards.

Content

Apparently a fragment from a letter, but there is insufficient text for a certain identification.

VERSO

Script

Only fragments of letters are extant. *Dāl/dāl* approximates to a straight line.

Content

Possibly a fragment from a letter.

Papyrus no: Misc 1465

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

Physical description: 3.5 cm. x 3.5 cm. Tiny fragment. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 2 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

RECTO

Script

Final *yā'* is marked extended backwards.

Content

Only one word is visible (فانى).

Papyrus no: Misc Q52

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

Physical description: 36 cm. x 29 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

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. *Ṣīn/ṣīn* is written without teeth. The lines are widely spaced and in between the lines a second smaller hand has occasionally copied phrases that are written in the larger hand.

Content

List of names and a closing epistolary formula (opening اطلال الله بفاك). This may be an exercise in writer rather than an actual letter.

Papyrus no: Misc Q53

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

Physical description: 8 cm. x 6.5 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, 5 lines, parallel to the fibres+ 2 lines in the left margin. 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* normally has teeth.

Content

Receipt for rent paid on a portico. Opens *ادى صح عن احمد بن الحسن .. مما يجب عليه من* كرى مسقف. The document is dated 272 A.H.

VERSO

Fragment of an account. Only Greek numerals are extant.

Papyrus no: Misc Q54

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

Physical description: 8 cm. x 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. *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

Opening epistolary formulae that were written apparently as a pen exercise.

Papyrus no: Misc. Q55

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

Physical description: 19 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

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* has teeth.

Content

Letter. Text does not open with usual formulae but simply with نقول 'we say', followed by a series of personal names in apposition. The writers request the addressee to attend to somebody's case. The request formula is فان رايت حضوره 'If you resolve to attend to him, then attend to him'. The letter closes with the formula ابقاك الله وحفظك.

Papyrus no: Misc X1

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

Physical description: 9 cm. x 2.5 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 1 line, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Initial 'alif is written on an slant.

Content

Only one personal name is extant (three words): احمد بن يعقوب.

Papyrus no: Misc X2

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

Physical description: 13 cm. x 4 cm. Writing on one side only, written in black ink, 13 lines, at right angles to the fibres.

Text:

Script

Well executed script. Final *yā'* bends backwards.

Content

Fragment of a letter. Text is missing on all sides. Part of a phrase that conveyed greetings is extant (اقروا منى 'send [greetings] from me').