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P. C.G, 10481SR. 270  
12 X 12.8 cm.

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> cent. A.D.  
Lycopolis ?

This papyrus is deposited in the Cairo Museum under S /R 270. It is mounted in glass. This papyrus consists of 7 lines. The lower-hand margin is 7.8 cm, some letters at the left hand margin reach to the extreme edge of this side. Both right and upper margins are lost.

The writing is careful and legible on the verso in a medium-sized cursive. The manuscript has parallels from the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> centuries A.D. see e.g. P. Cairo Mus,10591 (296 A-D); P. Oxy. 2578 (298 A-D); P. Harr. II, 213 (323 A.D.); Harr. II, 216 (346 A.D.).

It is notable to mention that this papyrus is found by the Egyptian Exploration fund in 1886 by Hunt & Grenfell in Ashmunen (Lycopolis).

The document deals with petition. The petitioner complains of harsh doings (εἶη χέρσος ἔμοι of line 5) that may have been taken place against him, perhaps by putting his name by error in tax-lists (cf. απογραφάι of line 1 and απογραφών of line 4). Or he might have already previously paid the concerned tax or he might be one of the exempted citizens. He certifies about that (cf. μαρτύρομαι which occurs in line 4). He confirms his testimony by the presence of the public (δημοσι[α of line 4).

For parallels see, P. Mert. III, 104 (1<sup>st</sup> cent. A.D.); P. P. Oxy XII, 1472 (136 A-D), P. Ryl, I, 76 (201 A-D). Lond. vol VI, 1914 r, 21 (335 A-D); Segré. A, Note sul documento esecutivo Greco-Egizio, (Aeg. VIII) 1927, 289 ff.; Boak, Arther, E. R. "A fourth century petition for relief from extortion" 1 (1946), 7-12; Thomas, J. D., "A petition to the prefect of Egypt and Related Imperial Edicts", Journal of Egyptian Archaeology 61 (1975) 201-221.



