

# A PRONAOS INVENTORY

(PLATE 16)

THE inventories<sup>1</sup> of dedications in the Pronaos of the Parthenon for the years 426/5 to 423/2 (*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 240-243) were inscribed on the obverse of a stele which bears on its reverse face the Pronaos inventories for 414/3-411/0 (*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 248-253).<sup>2</sup> Half of this stele has survived and is part of the Elgin Collection. Because the items recorded recur in these and several additional inventories in the identical order, it is possible to restore the entire contents of the stele. The obverse face of a second, much smaller, opisthographic fragment (Epigraphical Museum no. 6746)<sup>3</sup> contains parts of the inventories for 425/4 (*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 241) and the following year (*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 242). Although there is no join with the larger piece, it is possible to fit the smaller fragment into the text of the inscription, whose contents are already known.<sup>4</sup> However, because of errors in reading the smaller piece, it has been placed incorrectly in the text of the *Editio Minor*, where it now supplies a small part of lines 107-110.

The following is a majuscule copy of the upper part of the obverse face, showing a section of *I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 241:

Ι Ο  
Ο Υ Τ  
Ι Ο Ν Ι  
Τ Ο Ν : †  
*vacat*

In the third line of the fragment the first letter preserved cannot possibly be mu, as in the *Editio Minor*, since it has a straight, not slanting, stroke. Nor can the last letter of that line be tau, since its vertical is so close to the preceding nu that no room is available for the cross bar. The final letter of the fourth line of the small fragment cannot be tau, as in the *Editio Minor*, since a horizontal bar is partially preserved, abutting on the center of the vertical. Additionally, in this line between the nu and the following letter are three dots (⋮). In this inscription that mark of punctuation has two functions: either to separate each entry (i.e., the item dedicated, its number and weight) from other entries; or within each entry to separate the description of the item from its number, and the number from the weight of the item. The mark of

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<sup>2</sup> Cf. *I.G.*, I, 129-138.

<sup>3</sup> *I.G.*, I, supp., p. 130.

<sup>4</sup> Cf. E. L. Hicks, *The Collection of Ancient Greek Inscriptions in the British Museum*, I, Oxford, 1874, pl. facing p. 56.

punctuation in line 4 cannot, therefore, separate τῶν from ταμιῶν as in the text of the *Editio Minor*. Moreover, in that text line 110 corresponds to line 4 of the fragment, and another line is restored below that. However, the small fragment is uninscribed below line 4. The vacant space<sup>5</sup> which separates it from the first line of the next inventory (*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 242) shows that line 4 was the last line of the inventory (line 111), not the last but one.

On the other hand, there is a place in line 111 where the combination of letters in line 4 does belong. These letters form part of the phrase σταθμὸν τοῦτον ΗΗΗΔΔ. The other letters of the fragment fit into the text of the inscription in the following way:<sup>6</sup>

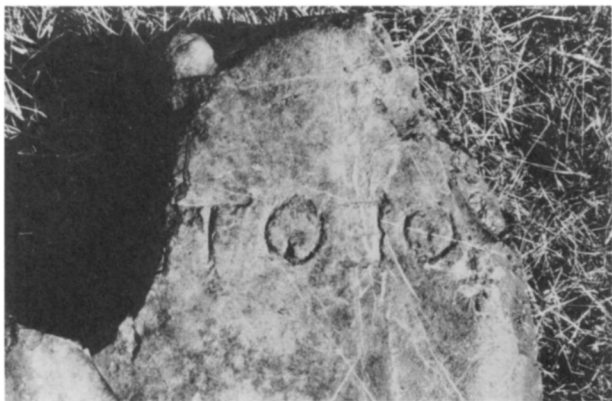
[φιάλαι ἀργυραῖ : Π Π : σταθμὸν τοῦ]το[ν : ΗΗΗΔΔ]ΠΗΗ : ποτέριον  
 ἀργ[υ]ρῶν Χαλκιδικόν, σταθ[μὸν τοῦτο : ΔΔ]  
 [ΔΔ : φιάλαι ἀργυραῖ : Π Π : σταθμὸν τ]ούτ[ον : ΠΗΗ]ΗΗΔΔ *vacat*  
 110 [ἐπέτεια ἐπεγένετο ἐπὶ τῶν ταμ]ιῶν ἡ[οῖς Δ]υσίστρατος  
 Μορυχ[ίδο] Παλλενεὺς ἐγραμμάτ[ευε *vacat*]  
 [φιάλαι ἀργυραῖ : Π Π : σταθμὸν τοῦ]τον : Η[ΗΗΗΔ]Δ : ποτέριον  
 ἀργυρῶ[ν, στ]αθμὸν τοῦτο : ΔΔΔΔ *vacat*  
*one line uninscribed*

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<sup>5</sup> The vacant space between the two inventories measures 0.018 m. from the bottom of the last line of the earlier one to the top of the first line of the other.

<sup>6</sup> The letters of the fragment are in the same *stoichoi* predicted by Hicks, *loc. cit.*



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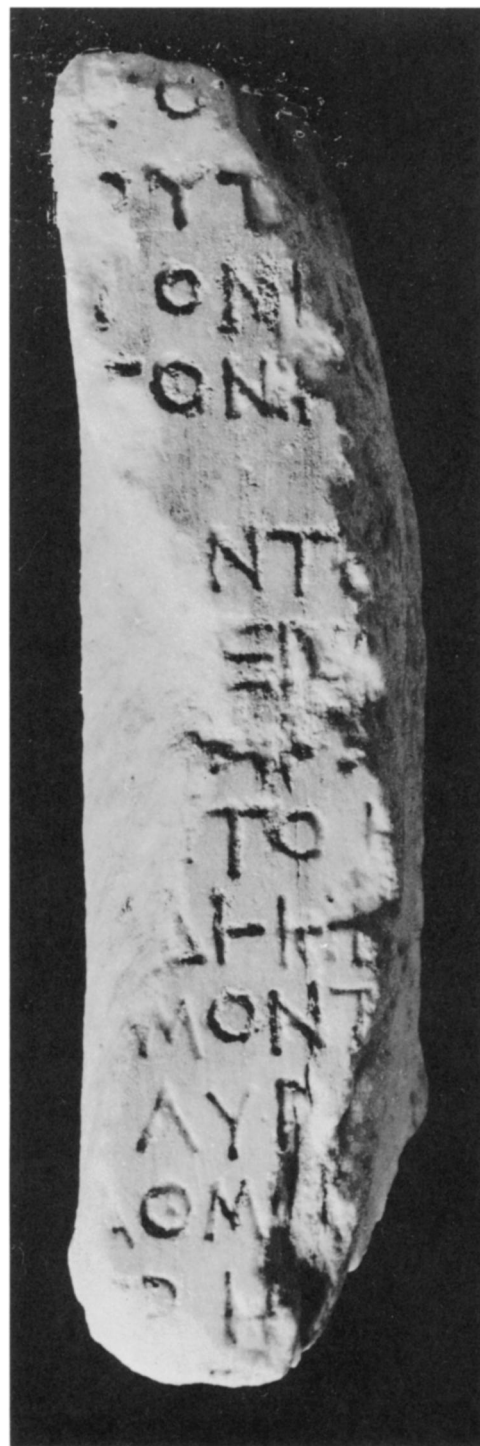


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No. 3

EUGENE VANDERPOOL: MORE INSCRIPTIONS  
FROM THE PHOKIKON



*I.G.*, I<sup>2</sup>, 241-242

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