

## The Imperial Titulature in P.Strasb. 894

P.Strassb. 34, the announcement of a purchase of a house to the βιβλιοφύλαξι ἐγκτήσεων καὶ δημοσίων λόγων Ἀντινόου πόλεως, was written in the reign of the emperor Commodus. The exact year of this text was not known, since the regnal year of Commodus stood on a strip of papyrus lost at the left-hand side. The imperial titulature (lines 19-21) is well attested (cf. P.Bureth, *Les titulatures impériales*, Papyrologica Bruxellensia 2, Bruxelles 1964, 91, titulature no. 2), albeit that, according to the editor, μεγίστου was left out after Βρεταννικοῦ.

Our colleagues in Strasbourg have discovered a part (from line 10 on) of the left-hand strip of P.Strassb. 34 and republish P.Strassb. 34 (from lines 9/10 on) together with the new fragment (inv. no. 1153a) as P.Strasb. 894.

The regnal year of Commodus turns out to be κγ (line 19) = 23 = A.D. 182/3. The exact date of the papyrus is October 16 Φαῶφι ιϛ̄ in line 21), A.D. 182.

Since, however, Commodus received the «Siegstitulatur» Βρεταννικός only towards the end of A.D. 184 (cf. P.Kneissl, *Die Siegestitulatur der römischen Kaiser*, Göttingen 1969, 115), it cannot already appear in the Strasbourg text under discussion (for P.Merton II 75, see *BL* VI 79).

On plate 8 in P.Strassb. I one can see that in line 20 — — Σεβασ]τοῦ Εὐσε[β]οῦς Ἀρμενιοῦ κτλ. and in line 21 — — Γερμαν]ικοῦ μεγί[στου] Φαῶφι ιϛ̄ should be read.

P.Strasb. 894 has, therefore, in lines 19-21 a well attested titulature of Commodus (= titulature no. 1 on p. 91 of P.Bureth, *op. cit.*) with Εὐσεβῆς (cf. P.Merton II 75, 29; P.Oxy. III 513, 49 [Εὐσεβοῦς follows Σεβαστοῦ and is *not* placed *in fine* as P.Bureth, *op. cit.*, 91, titulature 1 states]) but without Εὐτυχῆς which cognomen Commodus only took in A.D. 185, after the fall of Perennis (cf. P.Kneissl, *op. cit.*, 116).

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