

Honours for the Ephesians

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Description

Date 224/3-222/1

Period: 3rd century BCE --> second half --> after 229 BCE, liberation from Macedonian control

Reasons: historical context, epigraphic formulae

Notes:

The decree was issued between the institution of the Ptolemaïs tribe (and the Ptolemaia festivals, see l. 11), and the death of Ptolemy III (see reference to the living king on l. 9).

Text category honorific decree (praise - crown), honorific decree (invitation to dinner at the Prytaneion)

Notes:

Beneath the decree, after a one-line vacat, a further line of text records the name of the appointed Athenian theorodokos.

Monument description **Monument type:** stele

Material: white marble

✓ crown

Letters Height Mt: 0.005

Same stonecutter as:

IG 2[2] 1076, see Tracy 1990 48

Notes:

Four olive crowns.

Physical features

Measurements: h: 0.65 * w: 0.445 * t: 0.105

State of conservation: The rough-picked back and the right side are preserved; the left edge is overall splintered; the upper and lower portions of the stele are lost.

Legibility: The inscribed surface is rather damaged, especially in its upper portion.

Reuse: Found in a 4th cent. CE Roman fill in the Great Drain.

Findspot

Agora --> Tholos (east of) --> #112: Great Drain

Date of discovery: 1934

Circumstances: archeological excavation

First edition:

Crosby Hesperia 6, 1937, 448-453 no. 3.

Original location

Agora --> Tholos (east of) --> altar of Artemis Boulaia

Notes:

The choice of this location makes us think that the lost part of the decree was related with the worship of the Ephesian Artemis. The same religious criteria may have been applied to a later decree in honour of the Ephesians and their sacred ambassadors (IG 2[3] 1 1215), that was erected in the City Eleusinion. At that time, Ephesus was under the



authority of the Ptolemies; nonetheless, through the placement of the stele by the altar of Artemis, the religious ties between Athens and Ephesus appear to have been more emphasized than the pro-Ptolemaic implications of the decree. On the altar of Artemis Boulaia, see Longo in *Topografia di Atene*, 3** 1036.

Publication provisions and other related clauses

Publication clause	(ll. 18-22): [άν]αγράψαι δὲ τότε τὸ ψήφισμα τὸν γραμματέα τὸν κατὰ πρυτανεΐ[[αν] ἐν στήλει λιθίνει καὶ στήσαι ἐν ἀγορᾷ παρὰ τὸμ βωμὸν τῆς Ἀρτέμι[[δ]ος τῆς Βουλαίας· ν εἰς δὲ τὴν ἀναγραφὴν καὶ τὴν ἀνάθεσιν τῆς στή λης μερίσαι τὸν ταμίαν τῶν στρατιωτικῶν καὶ τοὺς ἐπὶ τεῖ διοικῆ σει τὸ γενόμενον ἀνάλωμα. vacat
Location	ἐν ἀγορᾷ παρὰ τὸμ βωμὸν τῆς Ἀρτέμιδος τῆς Βουλαίας
Responsible Officials	Secretary of the Council (kata prytaneian), Tamias of Stratiotic Fund, Financial Administrator

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