

No. -157

A:

Obv.

- 1 [... sunset] to moonset: [x]; it was bright, earthshine, measured. The 1st, [...]
- 2 [...] being $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit back to the west, [...] above Jupiter? [...]
- 3 [... the moon was] 1 cubit [...] β Virginis; the north wind blew. The 2nd, rising [of Mercury] to sunrise: 17° [...]
- 4 Night of the 3rd, the moon was 1 cubit behind γ Virginis. The 3rd, the north wind blew. Night of the 4th, <the moon> was [...] behind α [Virginis.]
- 5 The 4th, the north wind blew. Night of the 5th, the moon was 1 cubit in front of α Librae [... Mercury's]
- 6 last appearance [in the east] in Cancer. The 5th, the north wind blew. Night of the 6th, the moon was 2 [cubits] behind β Librae [...]
- 7 Night of the 7th, the moon was 3 cubits above α Scorpii, the moon [having passed] $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit to the east [...]
- 8 Night of the 8th, the moon was $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubits behind ϑ Ophiuchi. The 8th, the north wind bl[ew]
- 9 Night of the 10th (and) the 10th, the north wind blew. Night of the 11th, the moon [...]
- 10 the north wind blew. Night² of the 11th, Saturn's acronychal rising; the north wind bl[ew]
- 11 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cubits; the north wind blew. The 12th, moonset to sunrise: 12° ; the north wind blew. Ni[ght of the 13th,; beginning of the night, the moon was]
- 12 $2\frac{1}{2}$ cubits [behind] δ Capricorni, 1 [cubit] below Saturn [... The 13th, sunrise to moonset: nn° ,]
- 13 measured; the north wind blew. Night of the 14th, sunset to moonrise: 11° ; the north wind blew. The 14th, the north wind [blew]
- 14 Night of the 16th (and) the [1]6th, the north wind blew. Night of the 17th, the north wind blew; last part of the night, the moon was 2 cubits 4 fingers [in front of η Piscium.]
- 15 The 17th, the north wind blew. Night of the 18th, the north wind blew; the moon was 6 cubits [below β Arietis,]
- 16 the moon having passed a little to the east. The 18th, the north wind blew. Night of the 19th, [... Night of the 20th,]
- 17 the north wind blew; the moon was 3 cubits below η Tauri, the moon [having passed] $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit to the east [...]
- 18 Night of the 21st, the north wind blew; the moon was $1\frac{1}{2}$ cubits above α Tauri, the moon being [...]

Lower edge

- 1 thin clouds were in the sky. The 21st, thin clouds were in the sky, the north wind blew. Night of the 22nd, [last part of the night, the moon was]
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit in front of ζ Tauri [...] [...]

Rev.

- 1 Night of the 23rd, the north wind bl[ew]
- 2 The 23rd, the north wind blew. Night [of the 24th,]
- 3 Night of the 25th, ZI I[R last part of the night, the moon] stood 1 cubit [in front of Jupiter]

- 4 to the west [....]
 5 [....] [....]
 6 [....] the moon was above [....]
 7 the moon being $\frac{1}{2}$ cubit back to the west. The 27th, [....]
 8 the south wind blew, ZI IR [....]
 9 last part of the night, the north wind blew. The 29th, the north wind blew]
 10 until the end of the month, 1 kur 2 sūt 3 [qa]
 11 sesame, in the beginning of the month, 1 pān² [....]
 12 wool, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ minas^{sic}. At that [time, Ju]piter was in Can[cer Venus was in Cancer,]
 13 at the end of the month, in Leo; Mercu[ry was in Can]cer; around the 5th, Mer[cury]
 14 [....] [....] That month, the river level [....]
 15 [....] in [....]
 16 [....] [....]

Upper edge

- 1 [....] until day [....]
 2 [....] 19².... [....]
 3 [....] in [....]

Date

Only one month is reported; the lunar positions suggest months III to V. Saturn was in Capricorn (l. 12); it also had an acronychal rising on the 11th. Jupiter and Mercury were in Cancer, and Venus reached Leo (rev. 12f.). This is enough to establish the date.

B:

Obv.

- 1 Year 154, king Demetrius [....]
 2 (the moon) was low to the sun. Night of the 1st, clouds were in the sky, the north wind
 blew [....]
 3 Night of the 3rd, clouds were in the sky; begi[nning of the night,]
 4 The 3rd, clouds were in the sky, the north wind bl[ew]
 5 The 4th², [....]

Upper edge

- 1 [....] [....]
 2 1 cu[bit]
 3 clouds were in the sky [....]

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'Obv.'

- 1' [....] very overcast, a little rain shower, the south² wind blew [....]
 2' [....] $\frac{1}{2}$ ² cubit, the moon being 1 cubit 20 fingers high to the north; the north wind blew;
 first part of the night, Venus was [....] above [η Geminorum]