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Andrew Monson, Proposal to Become the lesonis of Harsaphes (P.Tebt. Frag. 12190; 179 BCE).

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The papyrus was found in mummy cartonnage excavated in the necropolis of Tebtunis and is housed in the Center for the Tebtunis Papyri at the University of California, Berkeley. The Demotic text on the recto dates to the reign of Cleopatra I, who is identified as the goddess Isis, and her son Ptolemy VI. It provides valuable evidence for the office of lesonis in the administration of an Egyptian temple. The candidate proposes to the priests of Harsaphes, probably in the god's principal temple in Herakleopolis, to become their lesonis for one year, promising to fulfill certain financial obligations. The Greek text on the verso is an apparently unrelated land-survey record that mentions two thirty-aroura cleruchs. Oxyrhyncha (?), 179 BCE.

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