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Dear Ben,

You have found a very nice inscription.

The only parallel documents I can find are
perfect of Egypt
two edicts of T. Plinius Titianus (P. Oxy. 34)
of the time of Hadrian. They are also printed in
Mittler, Antiquities 188, and there is a lot
of stuff and registration of documents in Mittler,
Grundzüge, pp. 78 ff. Titianus' edicts are not helpful
for restoring your text.

ταρξος
It looks as if there is a word and ταρξιδος
ἀποδοτατος δέγας, in which it is a imperial
edict by a second century emperor (I think
that Trajan is the first emperor to style himself
proconsul). This would agree with the fact
that earlier edicts by governors had been

unavailable (as in the Cyprus steps in). In lines 9-10

I believe that τοιοῦτον ποσόν συναλλαγμάτων
means 'contracts of such a kind', i.e. registered
contracts.

We (self, wife & son) spent seven weeks in
Turkey last summer, but failed to track you

down: you were always reported away when we

were in Istanbul. We did an extensive

motor tour to get a rapid cup'd'oult of

of the chief classical sites (Pergamon, Smyrna,

Ephesus, Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Aphrodisias,

Hierapolis, Aspendus, Puzos, Tarsus, Side,

Caesarea and the Cappadocian rock churches,

Castabala, Amazothus, Ephesus, Antioch,

Pamphopolis, Gergis, Diocessarea, Aegae.

And we also enjoyed some Muslim architecture

at Bursa and elsewhere. We missed out

Conc & Lycia because we were too late

they were impracticable for an ordinary car; I rather
regret not trying, for our hillmen suggested some
pretty nice country in Cilicia. We missed

Trebizond for another reason - a petrol famine
at Ankara just as we were starting; pessimists
said that if we went East we should never get
back.

We enjoyed the trip very much and found
Turkish hotels are in many places much
better than they are usually depicted - always
clean, if primitive. And the roads were a
motorist's dream after Yugoslavia. We
had the names of your name in many
places, but especially among the Hellenophones
Touks of Side.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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