

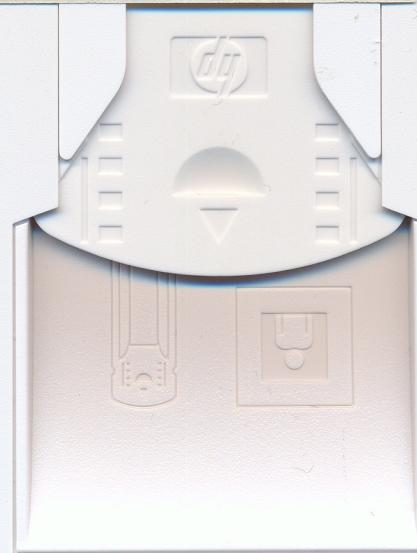
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Dear Mr. Bean,

Thank you very much for your letter and the interpretation of my chaotic "Colbasa" inscriptions. I do hope that you will be able to visit the place when you are in the neighbourhood. It is quite easy from Bucak; there is a man with a Brake who can take you to Kestel and the villagers there know the way. It isn't my ground at all; I had lost my way and was hoping to reach Comama! And I am not an epigraphist; the Roman colonies were what I was interested in.

I have been comparing my copies with your interpretations and see that in I. 6 I have PAEMIΩΨΕ? . If this were ~~enough~~, IITI may be part of the complement. I seem to have had some difficulty over KAI.



I see that in II. 1 second thoughts  
gave me ΠΛΟΥΤΩΝ on the stone. At the  
end of line 9, I suspected at one point  
ΛΟΙΝΟΣ, which would get rid of the  
ΙΣΩΦΩΛΗΝY difficulty. But if you  
could see the inscriptions and take squeezes  
it would be much better. When I said high  
up I was thinking of someone my own size.  
I saw some rather confused ruins near  
these inscriptions, as well as a wall which  
seemed to run a good way down the slope.  
I enclose a bad photo of this. If you arrived  
fairly early in the day you would get a good view  
of the inscriptions. When I arrived at about 2.30  
p.m., the sun had gone from them. There are  
also a number of carvings, some quite  
delicately done. I gathered that a  
German or Italian (I forget which) had  
payed the site a recent visit.

I enclose a little sketch map of the way  
to the place, but I do not think it is  
necessary, as the villagers are quite help-  
ful. It is about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  hours walk, quite steep  
in places, and the path not always easy to follow.

