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ON APOLLINARIS SIDONIUS.

APOLL. SIDON. ep. ii 2 2 (*C.R.* vol. xiii p. 434) *concaua municipis Amerini sede compressus*.

municipis amerini NTV, *municipi samerini* L, *municipii amerini* C, *municipii camerini* FMP.

I should have expected *Amerinae*, but about the sense there should be no sort of doubt: the words mean 'cramped in an arm-chair of wicker-work.' The burgess of America is the osier. Pliny n.h. xvi 174 says of willow-withies '*candidiores...supinarum in delicias cathedrarum aptissimae*,' and then proceeds 177 '*Graeca rubens, candidior Amerina*'. For *municipes* see Mart. x 87 10 '*Cadmi municipes ferat lacernas*', xiv 114 '*hanc tibi Cumano rubicundam*

pulvere testam | municipem misit casta Sibylla suam', Iuu. xiv 271 '*municipes Iouis aduexisse lagonas*'. I suppose the commentators have been misled by '*quin tu...raptim subduceris anhelantibus angustiis ciuitatis*': that refers to 1 '*te nunc urbe retineri*'.

Apoll. Sidon. ep. vi 8 2 (*C.R.* vol. xiii p. 435) '*frigoribus fontium ciuicorum saepe fontem mercatoris anteferat*'.

mercatoris FMP, *mercatoribus* CLN, *mediatoris* T.

'*sapientiae (sap^e) fontem mercator bonus*' Mildmay. Read '*sapientiae fontem mercatoris*,' comparing ep. iii 10 '*ad meracissimum scientiae fontem*'.

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ON ANTIGONUS' LETTER TO SCEPSIS.

In the important inscription rescued, and published by the zeal of Mr. Arthur Munro (*Journal Hell. Studies*, xix., ii., p. 330 sq.), the lines 26-9 (A) are perhaps the only puzzling ones, and he has rightly pointed out the difficulties of the text. There is certainly a mistake to be rectified, and yet the sense is perfectly plain.

οντων δ' [η-
μιν των προς Κασσανδρον και Λυσιμαχον συν-
τετελεσμενων προς Πρεπελαον επεμψαν αυ-
τοκρατορα απεστειλεν Πτολεμαιος προς
ημας πρεσβεις κ.τ.λ.

As Prepelaos appears already (l. 11) as the Ambassador sent to Antigonus concerning this treaty, we have him here sent again αυτοκρατορα, *with full powers*, and the first obvious emendation would be to insert ημας, sc. προς ημας Π. επεμψαν, which would give the right sense, if there were any connecting particle introducing the next clause about Ptolemy.

But here a connecting δε is so imperative, that it seems certain the whole preceding

part is merely dependent on the main clause Π. απεστειλεν.

Hence I take the clause about Prepelaos to have been a relative clause, and propose two ways of mending the error or omission of the stone-cutter. The first is to insert α after προς, which, though a single letter, will give us the sense—'for which purpose they sent P. with full powers.'

But as the preceding phrase tells us that these affairs were now arranged προς Κασσανδρον, &c., I think it most likely that προς Πρεπελαον is a continuation of the same phrase: 'our negotiations with K. and L. being settled with Prepelaos whom they sent with full powers Ptolemy sent us an embassy,' &c. In this case we shall only have to double the concluding ον of Prepelaon to get the sense: Πρεπελαον ον επεμψαν αυτ. so assuming the most natural of all mistakes, the omission of a duplicated syllable.

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