

HIST 4003 Ancient Greece
Readings for the Radical Democracy
Adopted from Davies, J.K. *Democracy in Classical Greece*.

Document 1 = IG i³ 435, lines 24–48. The brackets enclose text that has been lost from the original inscription, but restored by scholars. This is not nearly as arbitrary as it looks – we will discuss why in class.

[(Sum lost) When K]a[list]ratos of A[---]i [was secretary], the over[seers receive]d fr[om the state treas]ur[ers];

[(Sum lost) Receipts left ov]er fr[om the p]re[vious year];

[(Sum lost) Sacred expenses from th]is sum;

[(Sum lost) – talents of copper; price of this];

[(Sum lost) – talents of tin; price of this];

[(Sum lost) – for the j]ob [- and constr]uction [of furnaces];

[(Sum lost) – Charcoal and wood f]or burning;

[(Sum lost) –];

[(Sum lost) Wages by day, wa]ges by [prytany, wages] by piece rates;

[(Sum lost) –];

[(Sum lost) Wages for overseers a]nd secreta[ry and assistant];

[(Sum lost) Uncoined silver for] decoration [of the statue];

[(Sum lost) Total];

[(Sum lost) was left over from the rec]ipts [for the subsequent year];

Document 2 = IG i³ 32

(Part A) [...the] festival organizers and t[he...] and spend [-] of the same; and let the steering committee of the Council bring the [-] forward to the Council whenever they require.

(Part B) Thespheus moved: in other respects in accordance with the Council's motion, but choose five men from the Athenians; they are to receive four obols each (per day) from the city treasurers, and one of them is to serve as secretary in accordance with a vote. These men are to be in charge of the monies of the Two Goddesses (ie, Demeter and Persephone), in the same way as those in charge of the building works on the Acropolis. Refusal of office on oath is not to be allowed. Those selected are to approach the Council and inform it if they find any debts due to the Two Goddesses, and are to try to recover them. They are to hold office for a year, after swearing an oath between the altars at Eleusis, and in the future men are to be selected every year in the same manner. They are also to take care of the yearly offerings which are received (as tithes) for the Two Goddesses, and if they discover that anything has been lost they are to recover it. The public accountants are to reckon up (i) at Eleusis what moneys have been spent at Eleusis, and (ii) in the City what have been spent in the City, summoning the architect Koroibos and Lysanias in the Eleusinion, and (iii) at Phaleron in the shrine what has been spent at Phaleron. In the future they are to spend what is most necessary in consultation with the priests and the Council. After their terms of office they are to summon from the magistracy [-] the moneys (the meaning of this sentence is unclear). Inscribe the decree on a stele at Eleusis and [in the City and at Ph]aleron in the Eleusin[ion]

(Part C) [Lysanias move]d; in other respects in accordance [with Thespheus' motion; but the reckon]ing [of the monies which the treas]urers handed over is to be made by [the five men selected and] the archi[tect -] (the rest of the inscription is broken off)

Document 3 = IG i³

[Resolved by] Council [and People: – was the tribe in prytany, –] was Secre[tary, – was presiding officer, – moved]: Concerning the requests made by [the Praxiergidai, the prophecy of the] god and the (privileges) which were prev[iously voted to them are to be writ]ten up on a [stone] stele and [deposited on the Acropolis beh]ind the Old Temple: [the Public Auctioneers are to] let the contract. The money [for the inscribing is to come from the funds] of the Goddess (Athena) in accordance with ancestral custom. [The treasures of the Goddess and the] City Treasurers are to give [them the money]

Apollo gave oracular response that the following are c[ustomary usages for the Praxiergidai: to] drape the sacred robe round the (statue of the) [Goddess and make preliminary sacrifice to the Fa]tes, to Zeus the leader of Fate, to E[arth – .] The following are ancestral customs for the Prax[iergidai: –.]

(break in the stone)

[-to] provide – [for the Praxiergid]ai [-; but] the Fleece [-] given in accordance with [ancestral custom –] provide [-:] the Archon is to seal the Temple (during the month of) Targelion [until the] 28th and to give the keys in accordance with ancestral custom to the Praxiergi[dai. The] Praxiergidai are to drape the image (of the goddess) with a tu[nic] costing two *minai* or pay a [fine of one *mna.*]