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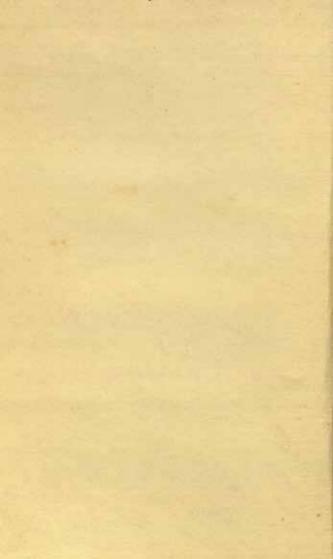
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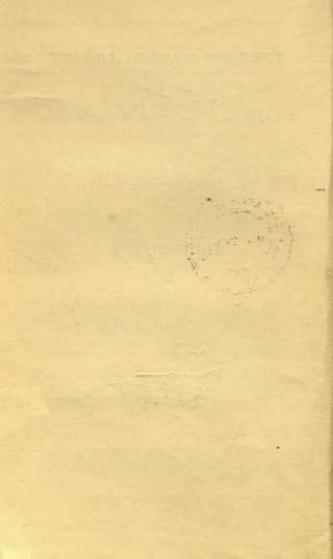
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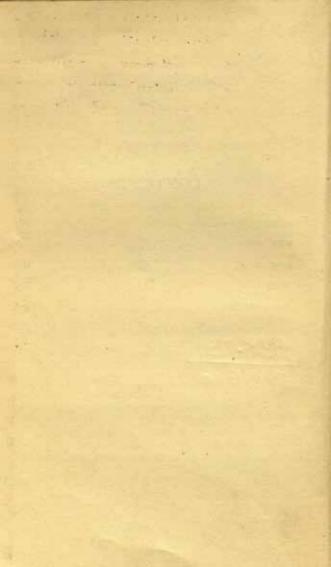
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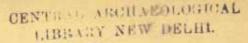
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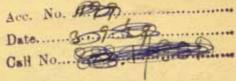
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Ch. 12-15. Argive warning to Mardonius; his march to Megara and withdrawal thence to Boeotia.

Ch. 16-18. Story of a banquet at Thebes, and

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Ch. 80-85. Greek division of the spoil and burial

of the dead.

Ch. 86-89. Siege of Thebes and punishment of Theban leaders; retreat of Artabazus.

Ch. 90-95. Envoys from Samos with the Greek

fleet. Story of the diviner Euenius.

Ch. 96-105. Movements preliminary to the battle of Mycale, and Greek victory there.

Ch. 106, 107. Greek deliberation at Samos;

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Ch. 108-113. Story of Xerxes' adultery and cruelty, and the fate of his brother Masistes.

Ch. 114-121. Capture of Sestus by the Greeks;

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Ch. 122. Cyrus' advice to the Persians to prefer hardship to comfort.

In the eighth and ninth books the central subjects are the battles of Salamis and Plataca respectively. Herodotus describes the preliminaries of Salamis,

and both the operations prior to Plataea and the actual battle, with much detail; and his narrative has given rise to a good deal of controversy. Sometimes it is difficult to reconcile his story with the facts of geography. Sometimes, it is alleged, he is contradicted by the only other real authority for the sea fight at Salamis, Aeschylus. More often, he is said to sin against the laws of probability. He makes generals and armies do things which are surprising; and this is alleged to detract from his credit; for a historian, who allows generals and armies to disregard known rules of war, is plainly suspect, and at best the dupe of camp gossip, if not animated by partiality or even malice.

As to the battle of Salamis, a mere translator has no desire to add greatly to the literature of controversy. But it is worth while to review Herodotus' account. On the day before the battle, the Persian fleet, apparently, lay along the coast of Attica, its eastern wing being near Munychia; the Greeks being at Salamis, opposite to and rather less than a mile distant from Xerxes' ships. During the night, Persian ships were detached to close the two entrances of the straits between the mainland and Salamis. At dawn of the following day, the Greeks rowed out and made a frontal attack on the Persians facing them.

This account is questioned by the learned, mainly on two grounds; firstly, because (it is alleged) the Persians, if they originally lay along the Attic coast, could not have closed the two entrances of the straits without the knowledge of the Greeks; secondly, because Herodotus' narrative differs from that given by Aeschylus, in the Persae, a play

produced only eight years after the battle. As to the first objection, the Persian manoeuvre was executed in darkness, and by small vessels, not modern battleships: it is surely not incredible that the Greeks should have been unaware of its full execution. As to the second ground of criticism,that Herodotus and Aeschylus do not agree, and that Aeschylus must be held the better authority,it still remains to be shown in what the alleged discrepancy consists. It is a fact which appears to escape the observation of the learned that Aeschylus is writing a poetic drama, and not a despatch. His manner of telling the story certainly differs from that of Herodotus; but the facts which he relates appear to be the same : and in all humility I cannot but suggest that if commentators would re-read their Herodotus and their Aeschylus in parallel columns, without (if this be not too much to ask) an a priori desire to catch Herodotus tripping, some of them, at least, would eventually be able to reconcile the historian with the tragedian. For Aeschylus nowhere contradicts what is apparently the view of Herodotus,-that the Persians, or their main body, lay along the Attic coast opposite Salamis when the Greeks sailed out to attack them. Messrs. How and Wells (quos honoris causa nomino) say that this was probably not so, because, according to Aeschylus, "some time" elapsed before the Persians could see the Greek advance, and the strait is only one thousand five hundred yards wide. But as a matter of fact, Aeschylus does not say that some time His expression is θοῶς δὲ πάντες ἡσαν expareis iben-" quickly they were all plain to view."

Herodotus' narrative of the manœuvres of Mardonius' and Pausanias' armies near Plataea is, like most descriptions of battles, not always very clear. It is full of detail; but as some of the localities mentioned cannot be quite certainly identified, the details are not always easy to understand; and it must be confessed that there are gaps in the story. For instance, we must presume (though meritorious efforts are made to explain the statement away) that Herodotus means what he says when he asserts in Ch. 15 that Mardonius' army occupied the ground "from Erythrae past Hysiae"; the Persians, therefore, were then on the right bank of the Asopus; yet soon afterwards they are, according to the historian's equally plain statement, on the left bank. Hence there are real obscurities; and the narrative is not without picturesque and perhaps rather surprising incidents; which some commentators (being rather like M. About's gendarme, persons whose business it is to see that nothing unusual happens in the locality) promptly dismiss as "camp gossip." Altogether, what with obscurity and camp gossip, scholars have given themselves a fairly free hand to reconstruct the operations before Plataca as they must have happened-unless indeed "someone had blundered," an hypothesis which, apparently, ought only to be accepted in the very last resort, and hardly then if its acceptance implies Herodotus' veracity. Reconstruction of history is an amusing game, and has its uses, especially in places of education, where it is played with distinguished success; yet one may still doubt whether rejection of what after all is our only real authority brings the public any nearer to

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knowing what did actually happen. Strategists and tacticians do make mistakes; thus, generally, are battles lost and won; and unreasonable incidents do occur. However, it is fair to say that most of the reconstruction of Salamis and Plataea was done

before August, 1914.

But here, as elsewhere in his history, Herodotus' authority is much impaired by the presumption, popular since Plutarch, of a pro-Athenian bias which leads him to falsify history by exaggerating the merit of Athens at the expense of other states, especially Now we may readily believe that if Herodotus lived for some time at Athens, he was willing enough to do'ample justice to her achievements; but if he is to be charged with undue and unjust partiality, and consequent falsification, then it must be shown that the conduct which he attributes to Athens and to Sparta is somehow not consistent with what one would naturally expect, from the circumstances of the case, and from what we know, aliunde, about those two states. Scholars who criticise Herodotus on grounds of probability ought to be guided by their own canon, historian is to be discredited where his narrative does not accord with what is antecedently probable, then he must be allowed to gain credit where antecedent probability is on his side; and there is nothing in Herodotus' account of Athenian and Spartan actions during the campaigns of 480 and 479 which disagrees with the known character of either people. Pace the socialistic conception of an unrelieved similarity among all states and individuals, the Athenians of the fifth century, a.c., were an exceptional people; their record is not precisely the

record of Bocotia or Arcadia; it seems fair to say, without appealing to Herodotus' testimony, that they were more gifted, and more enterprising, than most. The spirit of the Hellenic world is general,intense local patriotism, intense fear and hatred of Oriental absolutism and strange worships, -was more alive among the Athenians, probably, than in any other Greek state. Sparta also had her share of these qualities; she too would make no terms with the Persian; only her methods of resistance were different. Primarily, each state was interested in its own safety. To Spartans -disinclined to methods other than traditional, and as yet unaccustomed to naval warfare-it seemed that Sparta could be best defended by blocking the land access to the Peloponnese; they would defend the Isthmus successfully, as they had tried and failed to defend Thermopylae. This meant, of course, the sacrifice of Attica; and naturally that was a sacrifice not to be made willingly by Athenians. Their only chance of saving or recovering Attica lay in fighting a naval action close to its coasts; nay, the abandonment of Salamis meant the exposure of their dependents to fresh dangers; therefore, they pressed for the policy of meeting and defeating the Persian where he lay by the Attic coast. This policy was to prove successful; and thereby, the Athenians incidentally accomplished what was undoubtedly also their object, the salvation of Hellas; but the primary purpose of both Sparta and Athens, both before Salamis and before Plataea (when the Athenians were naturally displeased by a plan which left Attica a prey to the enemy) was undoubtedly to do the best they could for themselves.

This, in fact, was always the desire of all Greek states, as of most others in the history of the world; and as the actions of both Athens and Sparta were the natural outcome of that desire, there is no need to suspect Herodotus of unduly favouring the Athenians when he credits them with the plans which led to victory, or of unduly disparaging the Spartans when he describes their delays and hesitations before their march to Boeotia.

If the charge of an excessively pro-Athenian bias is to be sustained, it must be shown that Herodotus is prone to deny credit to the great rival of Athens. But there is no evidence of that. Sparta receives full measure from Herodotus. No Spartan could conceivably have been dissatisfied with the chapters on Thermopylae. Plataea is represented as a Spartan victory; it was the Spartans and Tegeans who in Herodotus' story were the real heroes of the day; the glory of winning "the greatest victory ever won" is definitely given to the Spartan commanderin-chief. On the other hand Themistocles, the typical Athenian, is treated with a severity which even appears to be rather gratuitous. It is true that Herodotus does not take pains to praise two other Greek states which at various times were at feud with Athens. He tells us that the Thebans "medized," a fact which has not, I believe, been denied, even by Plutarch; it is difficult to see what else he could have said. True, he reports a damaging story about the Corinthians and their failure to take part in the action of Salamis; but he adds, in his candid way, that nobody believes the story outside Attica.

The hypothesis of Herodotus' "obvious pro-

Athenian bias" is one which is bound to appeal to readers who are laudably afraid of being led away by hero-worship; but it has one fault—it lacks evidence.

With the crowning victory of Mycale, where for the first time a Persian army was defeated by a Greek within the boundaries of the Persian empire, the history of the war comes to an end. But the chapters which conclude Book IX are no anticlimax; they are congruous with the whole, part and parcel of the narrative, and as striking an example of Herodotus' supreme art as any passage in his history. What was it after all (a reader might be supposed to ask) that nerved most of the Greeks to resist Darius' and Xerxes' powerful armaments? The answer is plain; it was fear of the caprice and cruelty of Oriental despots, and desire to protect Greek temples from sacrilege, These concluding chapters illustrate and justify the Greek temper. The methods of Persian absolutism are vividly portrayed in the gruesome story of Xerxes' love and Masistes' death; and the crucified body of Artayctes, the defiler of temples, hangs by the Hellespontian shore, overlooking the scene of Xerxes' proudest achievement and display, as a warning to all sacrilegious invaders; so perish all who lay impious hands on the religion of Hellas! . . . The story is now complete. The play is played; and in the last chapter of the book, Cyrus the great protagonist of the drama is called before the curtain to speak its epilogue.

[Besides the authorities enumerated at the beginning of Vol. I of this translation, the following

sources are recommended to the students of the campaigns of Salamis and Plataea:-

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1. Οἱ δὲ Ἑλλήνων ἐς τὸν ναυτικὸν στρατὸν ταχθέντες ἦσαν οἱδε, ᾿Αθηναίοι μὲν νέας παρεχόμενοι ἐκατὸν καὶ εἴκοσι καὶ ἐπτά· ὑπὸ δὲ ἀρετῆς τε καὶ προθυμίης Πλαταιέςς ἄπειροι τῆς ναυτικῆς ἐὐντες συνεπλήρουν τοῖσι ᾿Αθηναίοισι τὰς νέας. Κορίνθιοι δὲ τεσσεράκοντα νέας παρείχοντο, Μεγαρέςς δὲ εἴκοσι. καὶ Χαλκιδέςς ἐπλήρουν εἴκοσι, ᾿Αθηναίων σφι παρεχόντων τὰς νέας, Αἰγινῆται δὲ ὀκτωκαίδεκα, Σικυώνιοι δὲ δυοκαίδεκα, Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ δέκα, Ἐπιδαύριοι δὲ ὀκτώ, ὙΕρετριέςς δὲ ἐπτά, Τροιζήνιοι δὲ πέντε, Στυρέςς δὲ δύο, καὶ Κήιοι δύο τε νέας καὶ πεντηκοντέρους δύο· Λοκροὶ δὲ σφι οἱ ᾿Οπούντιοι ἐπεβοήθεον πεντηκοντέρους ἔχοντες ἐπτά.

2. Ἡσαν μὲν οὖτοι οἱ στρατευόμενοι ἐπ' Αρτεμίσιον, εἴρηται δέ μοι καὶ ὡς τὸ πλῆθος ἔκαστοι τῶν νεῶν παρείχοντο. ἀριθμὸς δὲ τῶν συλλεχθεισέων νεῶν ἐπ' Αρτεμίσιον ἤν, πάρεξ τῶν πεντηκοντέρων, διηκόσιαι καὶ ἐβδομήκοντα καὶ μία. τὸν δὲ στρατηγὸν τὸν τὸ μέγιστον κράτος ἔχοντα παρείχοντο Σπαρτιῆται Εὐρυβιάδην Εὐρυκλείδεω.

BOOK VIII

1. The Greeks appointed to serve in the fleet were these: the Athenians furnished a hundred and twenty-seven ships; the Plataeans manned these ships with the Athenians, not that they had any knowledge of seamanship, but of mere valour and zeal. The Corinthians furnished forty ships, and the Megarians twenty; and the Chalcidians manned twenty, the Athenians furnishing the ships; the Aeginetans eighteen, the Sicyonians twelve, the Lacedaemonians ten, the Epidaurians eight, the Eretrians seven, the Troezenians five, the Styrians two, and the Ceans two, and two fifty-oared barks; and the Opuntian Locrians brought seven fifty-oared barks to their aid.

2. These were they who came to Artemisium for battle; and I have now shown how they severally furnished the whole sum. The number of ships that mustered at Artemisium was two hundred and seventy one, besides the fifty-oared barks. But the admiral who had the chief command was of the Spartans' providing, Eurybiades, son of Euryclides;

οί γὰρ σύμμαχοι οὐκ ἔφασαν, ἡν μὴ ὁ Λάκων ἡγεμονεύη, Αθηναίοισι ἔψεσθαι ἡγεομένοισι, ἀλλὰ

λύσειν το μέλλον έσεσθαι στράτευμα.

3. Έγένετο γὰρ κατ ἀρχὰς λόγος, πρὶν ἡ καὶ ἐς Σικελίην πέμπειν ἐπὶ συμμαχίην, ὡς τὸ ναυτικὸν ᾿Αθηναίοισι χρεὸν εἰη ἐπιτράπειν. ἀντιβάντων δὲ τῶν συμμάχων εἰκον οἱ ᾿Αθηναίοι μέγα πεποιημένοι περιεῖναι τὴν Ἑλλάδα καὶ γνόντες, εἰ στασιάσουσι περὶ τῆς ἡγεμονίης, ὡς ἀπολέεται ἡ Ἑλλάς, ὀρθὰ νοεῦντες στάσις γὰρ ἔμφυλος πολέμου ὀμοφρονέοντος τοσούτω κάκιον ἐστὶ ὅσω πόλεμος εἰρήνης, ἐπιστάμενοι ὧν αὐτὸ τοῦτο οὐκ ἀντέτεινον ἀλλ εἰκον, μέχρι ὅσον κάρτα ἐδέοντο αὐτῶν, ὡς διέδεξαν ὡς γὰρ δὴ ὡσάμενοι τὸν Πέρσην περὶ τῆς ἐκείνου ἥδη τὸν ἀγῶνα ἐποιεῦντο, πρόφασιν τὴν Παυσανίεω ὑβριν προϊσχόμενοι ἀπείλοντο τὴν ἡγεμονίην τοὺς Λακεδαιμονίους. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα μὲν ὕστερον ἐγένετο.

4. Τότε δὲ οὐτοι οἱ καὶ ἐπ ᾿Αρτεμίσιον Ἑλλήνων ἀπικόμενοι ὡς εἶδον νέας τε πολλὰς καταχθείσας ἐς τὰς ᾿Αφέτας καὶ στρατιῆς ἄπαντα
πλέα, ἐπεὶ αὐτοῖσι παρὰ δόξαν τὰ πρήγματα τῶν
βαρβάρων ἀπέβαινε ἡ ὡς αὐτοὶ κατεδόκεον, καταρρωδήσαντες δρησμὸν ἐβουλεύοντο ἀπὸ τοῦ
᾿Αρτεμισίου ἔσω ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα. γνόντες δὲ
σφέας οἱ Εὐβοέες ταῦτα βουλευομένους ἐδέοντο
Εὐρυβιάδεω προσμεῖναι χρόνον ὀλίγον, ἔστ᾽ ἀν
αὐτοὶ τέκνα τε καὶ τοὺς οἰκέτας ὑπεκθέωνται. ὡς
δ᾽ σὐκ ἔπειθον, μεταβάντες τὸν ᾿Αθηναίων στρατηγὸν πείθουσι Θεμιστοκλέα ἐπὶ μισθῷ τριήκοντα

After the capture of Byzantium in 476 B.C.

for the allies said, that if the Laconian were not their leader they would rather make an end of the fleet that was preparing than be led by the Athenians.

3. For in the first days, before the sending to Sicily for alliance there, there had been talk of entrusting the command at sea to the Athenians. But when the allies withstood this, the Athenians waived their claim, deeming the safety of Hellas of prime moment, and seeing that if they quarrelled over the leadership Hellas must perish; wherein they judged rightly; for civil strife is as much worse than united war as war is worse than peace. Knowing that, they gave ground and waived their claim, but only so long as they had great need of the others, as was shown; for when they had driven the Persian back and the battle was no longer for their territory but for his, they made a pretext of Pausanias' highhandedness and took the command away from the Lacedaemonians. But all that befel later.1

4. But now, the Greeks who had at last come to Artemisium saw a multitude of ships launched at Aphetae, and armaments everywhere, and contrary to all expectation the foreigner was shown to be in far other case than they had supposed; wherefore they lost heart and began to take counsel for flight from Artemisium homewards into Hellas. Then the Euboeans, seeing them to be thus planning, entreated Eurybiades to wait a little while, till they themselves should have brought away their children and households. But when they could not prevail with him, they essayed another way, and gave Themistocles, the Athenian admiral, a bribe of

ταλάντοισι, έπ' ώ τε καταμείναντες πρό της

Εύβοίης ποιήσονται την ναυμαχίην.

5. 'Ο δε Θεμιστοκλέης τους "Ελληνας επισχείν ώδε ποιέει Ευρυβιάδη τούτων των χρημάτων μεταδιδοί πέντε τάλαντα ώς παρ' έωυτοῦ δήθεν διδούς. ώς δέ οἱ οὐτος ἀνεπέπειστο, 'Αδείμαντος γάρ ὁ 'Ωκύτου ὁ Κορίνθιος στρατηγὸς τῶν λοιπῶν ήσπαιρε μούνος, φάμενος ἀποπλεύσεσθαί τε ἀπὸ τοῦ 'Αρτεμισίου καὶ οὐ παραμενέειν, πρὸς δὴ τοῦτον είπε ο Θεμιστοκλέης ἐπομόσας "Οὐ σύ γε ἡμέας απολείψεις, έπεί τοι έγω μέζω δώρα δώσω ή βασιλεύς αν τοι ο Μήδων πέμψειε απολιπόντι τούς συμμάχους." ταθτά τε άμα ήγόρευε και πέμπει ἐπὶ τὴν νέα τὴν 'Αδειμάντου τάλαντα άργυρίου τρία. οὐτοί τε δη πάντες δώροισι άναπεπεισμένοι ήσαν καὶ τοῖσι Εὐβοεῦσι ἐκεχάριστο, αὐτός τε ο Θεμιστοκλέης εκέρδηνε, ελάνθανε δε τὰ λοιπά έχων, άλλ' ἡπιστέατο οἱ μεταλαβόντες τούτων τῶν χρημάτων ἐκ τῶν ᾿Αθηνέων ἐλθεῖν ἐπὶ τῷ λόγω τούτω τὰ χρήματα.

6. Οῦτω δη κατέμειναν τε ἐν τῆ Εὐβοίη καὶ ἐνανμάχησαν, ἐγένετο δὲ ὥδε. ἐπείτε δη ἐς τὰς ᾿Αφέτας περὶ δείλην πρωίην γινομένην ἀπίκατο οἱ βάρβαροι, πυθύμενοι μὰν ἔτι καὶ πρότερον περὶ τὸ ᾿Αρτεμίσιον ναυλοχέειν νέας Ἑλληνίδας ὀλίγας, τότε δὲ αὐτοὶ ἰδόντες, πρόθυμοι ἦσαν ἐπιχειρέειν, εἴ κως ἔλοιεν αὐτάς. ἐκ μὲν δη τῆς ἀντίης προσπλέειν οῦ κώ σφι ἐδόκεε τῶνδε εἴνεκα, μή κως ἰδόντες οἱ "Ελληνες προσπλέοντας ἐς φυγὴν ὁρμήσειαν φεύγοντάς τε εὐφρόνη καταλαμβάνη καὶ ἔμελλον δῆθεν ἐκφεύξεσθαι, ἔδει δὲ μηδὲ

thirty talents on the condition that the Greek fleet should remain there and fight, when they fought,

to defend Euboea.

5. This was the way whereby Themistocles made the Greeks to stay where they were: he gave Eurybiades for his share five talents of that money, as though it were of his own that he gave it. Eurybiades being thus won over, none of the rest was of a resisting temper save only Adimantus, son of Ocytus, the Corinthian admiral, who said that he would not remain but sail away from Artemisium: to him said Themistocles, adding an oath thereto: "Nay, you of all men will not desert us; for I will give you a greater gift than the king of the Medes would send you for deserting your allies"; and with that saying he sent withal three talents of silver to Adimantus' ship. So these two were won over by gifts, the Euboeans got their desire, and Themistocles himself was the gainer; he kept the rest of the money, none knowing, but they that had received a part of it supposing that it had been sent for that intent by the Athenians.

6. So the Greeks abode off Euboea and there fought; and it came about as I shall show. Having arrived at Aphetae in the early part of the afternoon, the foreigners saw for themselves the few Greek ships that they had already heard were stationed off Artemisium, and they were eager to attack, that so they might take them. Now they were not yet minded to make an onfall front to front, for fear lest the Greeks should see them coming and take to flight, and night close upon them as they fled; it was their belief that the Greeks would save themselves by flight, and by the

πυρφόρου τῷ ἐκείνων λόγφ ἐκφυγόντα περι-

γενέσθαι.

Τ. Πρὸς ταῦτα ὧν τάδε ἐμηχανῶντο τῶν νεῶν ἀπασέων ἀποκρίναντες διηκοσίας περιέπεμπον ἔξωθεν Σκιάθου, ὡς ἄν μὴ ὀφθείησαν ὑπὸ τῶν πολεμίων περιπλέουσαι Εὕβοιαν κατά τε Καφηρέα καὶ περὶ Γεραιστὸν ἐς τὸν Εὔριπον, ἵνα δὴ περιλάβοιεν οἱ μὲν ταύτη ἀπικόμενοι καὶ φράξαντες αὐτῶν τὴν ὀπίσω φέρουσαν ὁδόν, σφεῖς δὲ ἐπισπόμενοι ἐξ ἐναντίης. ταῦτα βουλευσάμενοι ἀπέπεμπον τῶν νεῶν τὰς ταχθείσας, αὐτοὶ οἰκ ἐν νόω ἔχοντες ταύτης τῆς ἡμέρης τοῖσι Ελλησι ἐπιθήσεσθαι, οὐδὲ πρότερον ἡ τὸ σύνθημά σφι ἔμελλε φανήσεσθαι παρὰ τῶν περιπλεόντων ὡς ἡκόντων. ταύτας μὲν δὴ περιέπεμπον, τῶν δὲ λοιπέων νεῶν ἐν τῆσι ᾿Αφέτησι ἐποιεῦντο ἀριθμόν.

8. Έν δὲ τούτφ τῷ χρόνῷ ἐν ῷ οὐτοι ἀριθμὸν ἐποιεῦντο τῶν νεῶν, ἡν γὰρ ἐν τῷ στρατοπέδῷ τούτῷ Σκυλλίης Σκιωναίος δύτης τῶν τότε ἀνθρώπων ἄριστος, δς καὶ ἐν τῆ ναυηγίη τῆ κατὰ Πήλιον γενομένη πολλὰ μὲν ἔσωσε τῶν χρημάτων τοῖσι Πέρσησι, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ αὐτὸς περιεβάλετο οὐτος ὁ Σκυλλίης ἐν νόῷ μὲν εἰχε ἄρα καὶ πρότερον αὐτομολήσειν ἐς τοὺς "Ελληνας, ἀλλ' οὐ γάρ οἱ παρέσχε ὡς τότε. ὅτεω μὲν δὴ τρόπῷ τὸ ἐνθεῦτεν ἔτι ἀπίκετο ἐς τοὺς "Ελληνας, οὐκ ἔχω εἰπεῖν ἀτρεκέως, θωμάζω δὲ εἰ τὰ λεγόμενα ἐστὶ ἀληθέα λέγεται γὰρ ὡς ἐξ 'Αφετέων δὺς ἐς τὴν θάλασσαν οὐ πρότερον ἀνέσχε πρὶν ἡ ἀπίκετο ἐπὶ τὸ 'Αρτεμίσιον, σταδίους μάλιστά κη τούτους ἐς δγδώκοντα διὰ τῆς θαλάσσης

BOOK VIII. 6-8

Persian purpose not so much as a firebearer 1 of them

must be saved alive.

7. Wherefore this was the plan that they devised. Separating two hundred ships from the whole number, they sent them to cruise outside Sciathus (that so the enemies might not see them sailing round Euboea) and by way of Caphereus round Geraestus to the Euripus, so that they might catch the Greeks between them, the one part holding that course and barring the retreat, and they themselves attacking in front. Thus planning, they sent the appointed ships on their way, purposing for themselves to make no attack upon the Greeks that day, nor before the signal should be seen whereby the ships that sailed round were to declare their coming. So they sent those ships to sail round, and set about numbering the rest at Aphetae.

8. Now at the time of their numbering the ships, there was in the fleet one Scyllias, a man of Scione; he was the best diver of the time, and in the shipwreck at Pelion he had saved for the Persians much of their possessions and won much withal for himself; this Scyllias had ere now, it would seem, purposed to desert to the Greeks, but he never had had so fair an occasion as now. By what means he did thereafter at last make his way to the Greeks, I cannot with exactness say; but if the story be true it is marvellous indeed; for it is said that he dived into the sea at Aphetae and never rose above it till be came to Artemisium, thus passing underneath the sea for about eighty furlongs.

¹ The wuggefor carried the sacred fire which was always kept alight for the sacrifices of the army; his person was supposed to be inviolable.

διεξελθών. λέγεται μέν νυν καὶ ἄλλα ψευδέσι εἴκελα περὶ τοῦ ἀνδρὸς τούτου, τὰ δὲ μετεξέτερα ἀληθέα· περὶ μέντοι τούτου γνώμη μοι ἀποδεδέχθω πλοίω μιν ἀπικέσθαι ἐπὶ τὸ 'Αρτεμίσιου. ὡς δὲ ἀπίκετο, αὐτίκα ἐσήμηνε τοῖσι στρατηγοῖσι τήν τε ναυηγίην ὡς γένοιτο, καὶ τὰς περιπεμφθείσας

τῶν νεῶν περί Ευβοιαν.

9. Τοῦτο δὲ ἀκούσαντες οἱ "Ελληνες λόγον σφίσι αὐτοῖσι ἐδίδοσαν. πολλῶν δὲ λεχθέντων ἐνίκα τὴν ἡμέρην ἐκείνην αὐτοῦ μείναντάς τε καὶ αὐλισθέντας, μετέπειτα νύκτα μέσην παρέντας πορεύεσθαι καὶ ἀπαντᾶν τῆσι περιπλεούσησι τῶν νεῶν. μετὰ δὲ τοῦτο, ὡς οὐδείς σφι ἐπέπλεε, δείλην ὀψίην γινομένην τῆς ἡμέρης φυλάξαντες αὐτοὶ ἐπανέπλεον ἐπὶ τοὺς βαρβάρους, ἀπόπειραν αὐτῶν ποιήσασθαι βουλόμενοι τῆς τε μάχης καὶ

τοῦ διεκπλόου.

10. 'Ορώντες δὲ σφέας οἴ τε ἄλλοι στρατιῶται οἱ Ξέρξεω καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ ἐπιπλέοντας νηυσὶ ὁλίγησι, πάγχυ σφι μανίην ἐπενείκαντες ἀνῆγον καὶ αὐτοὶ τὰς νέας, ἐλπίσαντες σφέας εὐπετέως αἰρήσειν, οἰκότα κάρτα ἐλπίσαντες, τὰς μέν γε τῶν Ἑλλήνων ὁρῶντες ὀλίγας νέας, τὰς δὲ ἐωυτῶν πλήθει τε πολλαπλησίας καὶ ἄμεινον πλεούσας, καταφρονήσαντες ταῦτα ἐκυκλοῦντο αὐτοὺς ἐς μέσον. ὅσοι μέν νυν τῶν Ἰώνων ἡσαν εὐνοοι τοῖσι Ἑλλησι, ἀέκοντές τε ἐστρατεύοντο συμφορήν τε ἐποιεῦντο μεγάλην ὁρῶντες περιεχομένους αὐτοὺς καὶ ἐπιστάμενοι ὡς οὐδεὶς αὐτῶν ἀπονοστήσει οῦτω ἀσθενέα σφι ἐφαίνετο εἶναι τὰ τῶν Ἑλλήνων πρήγματα. ὅσοισι δὲ καὶ ἡδομένοισι ἡν τὸ γινόμενον, ἄμιλλαν ἐποιεῦντο ὅκως

BOOK VIII. 8-10

There are many tales of this man, some like lies and some true; but as concerning the present business it is my opinion, which I hereby declare, that he came to Artemisium in a boat. Having then come, he straightway told the admirals the story of the shipwreck, and of the ships that had been sent round Euboea.

9. Hearing that, the Greeks took counsel together; there was much speaking, but the opinion prevailed that they should abide and encamp where they were for that day, and thereafter when it should be past midnight put to sea and meet the ships that were sailing round. But presently, none attacking them, they waited for the late afternoon of the day and

they waited for the late afternoon of the day and themselves advanced their ships against the foreigner, desiring to put to the proof his fashion of fighting

and the art of breaking the line.1

10. When Xerxes' men and their generals saw the Greeks bearing down on them with but a few ships, they deemed them assuredly mad, and themselves put out to sea, thinking to win an easy victory; which expectation was very reasonable, as they saw the Greek ships so few, and their own many times more numerous and more seaworthy. With this assurance, they hemmed in the Greeks in their midst. Now as many Ionians as were friendly to the Greeks came unwillingly to the war, and were sore distressed to see the Greeks surrounded, supposing that not one of them would return home; so powerless did the Greeks seem to them to be. But those who were glad of the business vied each with each that he might be the first to take an

¹ For the διέκπλους see Bk. VI. ch. 12.

αύτος έκαστος πρώτος νέα 'Αττικήν έλων παρά βασιλέος δώρα λάμψεται 'Αθηναίων γάρ αὐτοῖσι

λόγος ήν πλείστος άνα τὰ στρατόπεδα. 11. Τοῖσι δὲ "Ελλησι ὡς ἐσήμηνε, πρῶτα μὲν ἀντίπρωροι τοῖσι βαρβάροισι γενόμενοι ἐς τὸ μέσον τὰς πρύμνας συνήγαγον, δεύτερα δὲ σημήναντος έργου είχοντο εν ολίγω περ άπολαμφθέντες και κατά στόμα. ἐνθαῦτα τριήκοντα νέας αίρέουσι τῶν βαρβάρων και τον Γόργου τοῦ Σαλαμινίων βασιλέος άδελφεον Φιλάονα τον Χέρσιος, λόγιμον εόντα εν τῷ στρατοπέδω ἄνδρα. πρώτος δὲ Ἑλλήνων νέα τῶν πολεμίων είλε ἀνὴρ ᾿Αθηναῖος Αυκομήδης Αἰσχραίου, καὶ τὸ ἀριστήιον ἔλαβε οὐτος. τοὺς δ' ἐν τῆ ναυμαχίη ταύτη έτεραλκέως αγωνιζομένους νύξ έπελθούσα διέλυσε. οί μεν δη "Ελληνες έπὶ τὸ 'Αρτεμίσιον απέπλεον, οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι ἐς τὰς ᾿Αφέτας, πολλὸν παρὰ δόξαν ἀγωνισάμενοι. ἐν ταύτη τῆ ναυμαχίη Αντίδωρος Λήμνιος μοῦνος τῶν σὺν βασιλέι Ελλήνων έόντων αὐτομολέει ές τοὺς "Ελληνας, καὶ οι Αθηναίοι διὰ τοῦτο τὸ ἔργον ἔδοσαν αὐτῶ γώρον έν Σαλαμίνι.

12. 'Ως δὲ εὐφρόνη ἐγεγόνεε, ἢν μὲν τῆς ὥρης μέσον θέρος, εγίνετο δε ύδωρ τε απλετον διά πάσης της νυκτός και σκληραί βρονται άπὸ τοῦ Πηλίου οἱ δὲ νεκροὶ καὶ τὰ ναυήγια ἐξεφροντο ἐς τὰς ᾿Αφέτας, καὶ περί τε τὰς πρώρας τών νεών είλέοντο και έτάρασσον τούς ταρσούς τῶν κωπέων. οἱ δὲ στρατιῶται οἱ ταύτη ἀκούοντες ταῦτα ἐς φόβον κατιστέατο, ἐλπίζοντες πάγχυ ἀπολέεσθαι ές οία κακά ήκου. πρίν γάρ ή καί άναπνεύσαι σφέας έκ τε της ναυηγίης καὶ τοῦ

BOOK VIII. 10-12

Attic ship and receive gifts from the king; for it was the Athenians of whom there was most talk in the fleet.

11. But the Greeks, when the signal was given them, first drew the sterns of their ships together, their prows turned towards the foreigners; then at the second signal they put their hands to the work, albeit they were hemmed in within a narrow space and fought front to front. There they took thirty of the foreigners' ships and the brother of Gorgus king of Salamis withal, even Philaon son of Chersis, a man of note in the fleet. The first Greek to take an enemy ship was an Athenian, Lycomedes, son of Aeschraeus, and he it was who received the prize for valour. They fought that seafight with doubtful issue, and nightfall ended the battle; the Greeks sailed back to Artemisium, and the foreigners to Aphetae, after faring far below their hopes in the fight. In that battle Antidorus of Lemnos deserted to the Greeks, alone of all the Greeks that were with the king; and for that the Athenians gave him lands in Salamis.

12. When darkness came on, the season being then midsummer, there was abundance of rain all through the night and violent thunderings from Pelion; and the dead and the wrecks were driven towards Aphetae, where they were entangled with the ships' prows and fouled the blades of the oars. The ships' companies that were there were dismayed by the noise of this, and looked in their present evil case for utter destruction; for before they were

γειμώνος του γενομένου κατά Πήλιον, υπέλαβε ναυμαχίη καρτερή, έκ δέ της ναυμαχίης δμβρος τε λάβρος και ρεύματα Ισχυρά ές θάλασσαν

ορμημένα βρουταί τε σκληραί.

13. Καὶ τούτοισι μέν τοιαύτη ή νὺξ ἐγίνετο, τοίσι δε ταχθείσι αὐτών περιπλέειν Εύβοιαν ή αὐτή περ ἐοῦσα νὺξ πολλον ην ἔτι ἀγριωτέρη, τοσούτω όσω εν πελάγει φερομένοισι επέπιπτε, και τὸ τέλος σφι ἐγίνετο ἄχαρι. ὡς γὰρ δὴ πλέουσι αυτοίσι χειμών τε και το ύδωρ επεγίνετο έουσι κατά τὰ Κοίλα τῆς Εὐβοίης, φερόμενοι τῷ πνεύματι καὶ οὐκ εἰδότες τῆ ἐφέροντο ἐξέπιπτον πρὸς τὰς πέτρας: ἐποιέετο τε πᾶν ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ όκως αν έξισωθείη τω Έλληνικώ το Περσικόν

μηδέ πολλώ πλέον είη.

14. Οὐτοι μέν νυν περί τὰ Κοῖλα τῆς Εὐβοίης διεφθείροντο οἱ δ' ἐν Αφέτησι βάρβαροι, ὡς σφι ἀσμένοισι ἡμέρη ἐπέλαμψε, ἀτρέμας τε είγον τὰς νέας καί σφι ἀπεγράτο κακώς πρήσσουσι ήσυχίην άγειν έν τῷ παρεόντι, τοίσι δέ Ελλησι έπεβοήθεον νέες τρείς και πεντήκοντα 'Αττικαί. αὐταί τε δή σφεας ἐπέρρωσαν ἀπικόμεναι καὶ ἄμα ἀγγελίη ἐλθοῦσα, ὡς τῶν βαρβάρων οἱ περιπλέοντες τὴν Ευβοιαν πάντες εἶησαν διεφθαρμένοι ύπο τοῦ γενομένου χειμώνος. φυλάξαντες δή την αύτην ώρην, πλέοντες ἐπέπεσον νηνοί Κιλίσσησι ταύτας δὲ διαφθείραντες, ώς εύφρουη έγίνετο, απέπλεον οπίσω έπὶ το 'Αρτεμίσιου.

15. Τρίτη δὲ ἡμέρη δεινόν τι ποιησάμενοι οί στρατηγοί των βαρβάρων νέας ούτω σφι όλίγας λυμαίνεσθαι, και το από Εέρξεω δειμαίνοντες,

BOOK VIII. 12-15

recovered after the shipwreck and the storm off Pelion, they next must abide a stubborn sea-fight, and after the sea-fight rushing rain and mighty torrents

pouring seaward and violent thunderings.

13. Thus did the night deal with them; but to those that were appointed to sail round Euboea that same night was much crueller yet, inasmuch as it caught them on the open sea; and an evil end they had. For the storm and the rain coming on them in their course off the Hollows of Euboea, they were driven by the wind they knew not whither, and were cast upon the rocks. All this was the work of heaven's providence, that so the Persian power might be more equally matched with the

Greek, and not much greater than it.

14. So these perished at the Hollows of Euboea. But the foreigners at Aphetae, when to their great comfort the day dawned, kept their ships unmoved, being in their evil plight well content to do nothing for the nonce; and fifty-three Attic ships came to aid the Greeks, who were heartened by the ships coming and the news brought withal that the foreigners sailing round Euboea had all perished in the late storm. They waited then for the same hour as before, and putting to sea fell upon certain Cilician ships; which having destroyed, when darkness came on, they returned back to Artemisium.

15. But on the third day, the foreign admirals, ill brooking that so few ships should do them hurt, and fearing Xerxes' anger, waited no longer for the

οὐκ ἀνέμειναν ἔτι τοὺς Έλληνας μάχης ἄρξαι, ἀλλὰ παρακελευσάμενοι κατὰ μέσον ἡμέρης ἀνῆγον τὰς νέας. συνέπιπτε δὲ ὅστε τὰς αὐτὰς ἡμέρας τὰς τε ναυμαχίας γίνεσθαι ταύτας καὶ τὰς πεζομαχίας τὰς ἐν Θερμοπύλησι. ἡν δὲ πᾶς ὁ ἀγὼν τοῖσι κατὰ θάλασσαν περὶ τοῦ Εὐρίπου, ὅσπερ τοῖσι ἀμφὶ Λεωνίδην τὴν ἐσβολὴν ψυλάσσειν. οἱ μὲν δὴ παρεκελεύοντο ὅκως μὴ παρήσουσι ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα τοὺς βαρβάρους, οἱ δ᾽ ὅκως τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν στράτευμα διαφθείραντες τοῦ πόρου κρατήσουσι. ὡς δὲ ταξάμενοι οἱ Ξέρξεω ἐπέπλεον, οἱ Ἔλληνες ἀτρέμας εἰχον πρὸς τῷ ᾿Αρτεμισίω. οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι μηνοειδὲς ποιήσαντες τῶν νεῶν ἐκυκλοῦντο, ὡς περιλάβοιεν αὐτούς.

16. Ένθεῦτεν οἱ Έλληνες ἐπανέπλεόν τε καὶ συνέμισγον. ἐν ταύτη τἢ ναυμαχίη παραπλήσιοι ἀλλήλοισι ἐγίνοντο. ὁ γὰρ Ξέρξεω στρατὸς ὑπὸ μεγάθεὸς τε καὶ πλήθεος αὐτὸς ὑπὸ ἐωυτοῦ ἔπιπτε, ταρασσομενέων τε τῶν νεῶν καὶ περιπιπτουσέων περὶ ἀλλήλας ὅμως μέντοι ἀντείχε καὶ οὐκ εἰκε δεινὸν γὰρ χρῆμα ἐποιεῦντο ὑπὸ νεῶν ὀλιγέων ἐς φυγὴν τράπεσθαι. πολλαὶ μὲν δὴ τῶν Ἑλλήνων νέες διεφθείροντο πολλοὶ δὲ ἄνδρες, πολλῶ δ΄ ἔτι πλεῦνες νέες τε τῶν βαρβάρων καὶ ἄνδρες. οὕτω δὲ ἀγωνιζόμενοι διέστησαν χωρὶς ἐκάτεροι.

17. Έν ταύτη τῆ ναυμαχίη Αἰγύπτιοι μὲν τῶν Εἐρξεω στρατιωτέων ἠρίστευσαν, οι ἄλλα τε μεγάλα ἔργα ἀπεδέξαντο καὶ νέας αὐτοισι ἀνδράσι είλον Ἑλληνίδας πέντε. τῶν δὲ Ἑλλήνων κατὰ ταύτην τὴν ἡμέρην ἠρίστευσαν 'Αθηναίοι καὶ

BOOK VIII. 15-17

Greeks to begin the fight, but gave the word and put out to sea about midday. And it so fell out that these sea-battles were fought through the same days as the land-battles at Thermopylae; the seamen's whole endeavour was to hold the Euripus, as Leonidas' men strove to guard the passage; the Greek battle word was to give the foreigner no entry into Hellas, and the Persian to destroy the Greek host and win the strait. So when Xerxes' men ordered their battle and came on, the Greeks abode in their place off Artemisium; and the foreigners made a half circle of their ships, and strove to encircle and enclose them round.

16. At that the Greeks charged and joined battle. In that sea-fight both had equal success. For Xerxes' fleet wrought itself harm by its numbers and multitude; the ships were thrown into confusion and ran foul of each other; nevertheless they held fast, nor yielded, for they could not bear to be put to flight by a few ships. Many were the Greek ships and men that there perished, and far more yet of the foreigners' ships and men; thus they battled, till they drew off and parted each from other.

17. In that sea-fight of all Xerxes' fighters the Egyptians bore themselves best; besides other great feats of arms that they achieved, they took five Greek ships and their crews withal. Of the Greeks on that day the Athenians bore themselves best;

'Αθηναίων Κλεινίης ὁ 'Αλκιβιάδεω, δς δαπάνην οἰκηίην παρεχόμενος ἐστρατεύετο ἀνδράσι τε

διηκοσίοισι και οίκηίη υηί.

18. 'Ως δὲ διέστησαν, ἄσμενοι ἐκάτεροι ἐς δρμον ἡπείγοντο. οἱ δὲ "Ελληνες ὡς διακριθέντες ἐκ τῆς ναυμαχίης ἀπηλλάχθησαν, τῶν μὲν νεκρῶν καὶ τῶν ναυηγίων ἐπεκράτεον, τρηχέως δὲ περιεφθέντες, καὶ οὐκ ῆκιστα 'Αθηναῖοι τῶν αὶ ἡμίσεαι τῶν νεῶν τετρωμέναι ἡσαν, δρησμὸν δὴ ἐβούλευον

έσω ές την Ελλάδα.

19. Νόφ δὲ λαβῶν ὁ Θεμιστοκλέης ὡς εἰ άπορραγείη ἀπό τοῦ βαρβάρου τό τε 'Ιωνικου φύλον και το Καρικόν, οίοί τε είησαν αν τών λοιπών κατύπερθε γενέσθαι, ελαυνόντων τών Εὐβοέων πρόβατα ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν ταύτην, συλλέξας τους στρατηγούς έλεγε σφι ώς δοκέοι έχειν τινά παλάμην, τῆ ελπίζοι τῶν βασιλέος συμμάχων ἀποστήσειν τοὺς ἀρίστους. ταῦτα μέν νυν ές τοσούτο παρεγύμνου, έπι δε τοίσι κατήκουσι πρήγμασι τάδε ποιητέα σφι είναι έλεγε, τῶν τε προβάτων τῶν Εὐβοϊκῶν καταθύειν όσα τις εθέλοι· κρέσσου γάρ είναι την στρατιήν έχειν ή τούς πολεμίους· παραίνες τε προειπείν τοίσι έωυτων έκάστους πύρ ανακαίειν κομιδής δε πέρι την ώρην αυτώ μελήσειν, ώστε ασινέας ἀπικέσθαι èς την Έλλάδα. ταῦτα ήρεσέ σφι ποιέειν, και αυτίκα πθρ ανακαυσάμενοι έτράποντο πρός τὰ πρόβατα.

20. Οι γὰρ Εὐβοέες, παραχρησάμενοι τὸν Βάκιδος χρησμὸν ὡς οὐδὲν λέγοντα, οὕτε τι ἐξεκομίσαντο οὐδὲν οὕτε προσεσάξαντο ὡς παρεand of the Athenians Clinias son of Alcibiades; he brought to the war two hundred men and a ship

of his own, all at his private charges.

18. So they parted and each right gladly made haste to his own anchorage. When the Greeks had drawn off and come out of the battle, they were left masters of the dead and the wrecks; but they had had rough handling, and chiefly the Athenians, half of whose ships had suffered hurt; and now their counsel was to flee to the inner waters of Hellss.¹

19. Themistocles bethought him that if the Ionian and Carian nations were rent away from the foreigners, the Greeks might be strong enough to get the upper hand of the rest. Now it was the wont of the Euboeans to drive their flocks down to the sea there. Wherefore gathering the admirals together he told them that he thought he had a device whereby he hoped to draw away the best of the king's allies. So much he revealed for the nonce; but in the present turn of affairs this (he said) they must do: let everyone slay as many as he would from the Euboean flocks; it was better that the fleet should have them, than the enemy. Moreover he counselled them each to bid his men to light a fire; as for the time of their going thence. he would take such thought for that as should bring them scathless to Hellas. All this they agreed to do; and forthwith they lit fires and then laid hands on the flocks.

20. For the Euboeans had neglected the oracle of Bacis, deeming it void of meaning, and neither by carrying away nor by bringing in anything had

¹ This means, I suppose, to the seas nearer their homes.

σομένου σφι πολέμου, περιπετέα τε ἐποιήσαντο σφίσι αὐτοῖσι τὰ πρήγματα. Βάκιδι γὰρ ὧδε έχει περὶ τούτων ὁ χρησμός.

φράζεο, βαρβαρόφωνος όταν ζυγόν eis άλα

βάλλη βύβλινον, Εὐβοίης ἀπέχειν πολυμηκάδας αίγας.

τούτοισι οὐδὲν τοῖσι ἔπεσι χρησαμένοισι ἐν τοῖσι τότε παρεοῦσί τε καὶ προσδοκίμοισι κακοῖσι παρῆν σφι συμφορῆ χρᾶσθαι πρὸς τὰ μέγιστα.

21. Οξ μέν δή ταύτα ἔπρησσον, παρῆν δὲ ὁ ἐκ Τρηχῖνος κατάσκοπος. ἢν μὲν γὰρ ἐπ' Αρτεμισίω κατάσκοπος Πολύας, γένος Αντικυρεύς, τῷ προσετέτακτο, καὶ εἰχε πλοῖον κατῆρες ἔτοιμον, εἰ παλήσειε ὁ ναυτικὸς στρατός, σημαίνειν τοῖσι ἐν Θερμοπύλησι ἐοῦσι ὡς δ' αὕτως ἢν 'Αβρώνιχος ὁ Αυσικλέος 'Αθηναῖος καὶ παρα Λεωνίδη ἔτοιμος τοῖσι ἐπ' 'Αρτεμισίω ἐοῦσι ἀγγὲλλειν τριηκοντέρω, ἤν τι καταλαμβάνη νεώτερον τὸν πεζόν. οὐτος ὡν ὁ 'Αβρώνιχος ἀπικομενός σφι ἐσημαίνε τὰ γεγονότα περὶ Λεωνίδην καὶ τὸν στρατὸν αὐτοῦ. οἱ δὲ ὡς ἐπύθοντο ταῦτα, οὐκέτι ἐς ἀναβολὰς ἐποιεῦντο τὴν ἀποχώρησιν, ἐκομίζοντο δὲ ὡς ἔκαστοι ἐτάχθησαν, Κορίνθιοι πρώτοι, ὕστατοι δὲ 'Αθηναῖοι.

22. 'Αθηναίων δὲ νέας τὰς ἄριστα πλεούσας ἐπιλεξάμενος Θεμιστοκλέης ἐπορεύετο περὶ τὰ πότιμα ὕδατα, ἐντάμνων ἐν τοῖσι λίθοισι γράμματα, τὰ Ἰωνες ἐπελθόντες τῆ ὑστεραίη ἡμερη ἐπὶ τὸ ᾿Αρτεμίσιον ἐπελέξαντο. τὰ δὲ γράμματα τάδε ἔλεγε. "'Ανδρες Ἰωνες, οὐ ποιέετε δίκαια

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they shown that they feared an enemy's coming; whereby they were the cause of their own destruction; for Bacis' oracle concerning this matter runs thus:

"Whenso a strange-tongued man on the waves easts yoke of papyrus,

Then let bleating goats from coasts Euboean be

To these verses the Euboeans gave no heed; but in the evils then present and soon to come they

could not but heed their dire calamity.

21. While the Greeks were doing as I have said, there came to them the watcher from Trachis. For there was a watcher at Artemisium, one Polyas, a native of Anticyra, who was charged (and had a rowing boat standing ready therefor), if the fleet should be at grips, to declare it to the men at Thermopylae; and in like manner, if any ill should befall the land army, Abronichus son of Lysicles. an Athenian, was with Leonidas, ready for his part to bring the news in a thirty-oared bark to the Greeks at Artemisium. So this Abronichus came and declared to them the fate of Leonidas and his army; which when the Greeks learnt, they no longer delayed their departure, but went their ways in their appointed order, the Corinthians first, and last of all the Athenians.

22. But Themistocles picked out the seaworthiest Athenian ships and went about to the places of drinking water, where he engraved on the rocks writing which the Ionians read on the next day when they came to Artemisium. This was what the writing said: "Men of Ionia, you do wrongly

έπὶ τοὺς πατέρας στρατευόμενοι καὶ τὴν Ελλάδα καταδουλούμενοι. άλλὰ μάλιστα μὲν πρὸς ἡμέων γίνεσθε εί δὲ ύμιν έστι τοῦτο μὴ δυνατὸν ποιήσαι, ύμεις δὲ ἔτι καὶ νῦν ἐκ τοῦ μέσου ἡμῖν ἔζεσθε καὶ αύτοι και των Καρών δέεσθε τὰ αὐτὰ ὑμίν ποιέειν. εί δὲ μηδέτερον τούτων οδόν τε γίνεσθαι, άλλ' ὑπ' άναγκαίης μέζουος κατέζευχθε ή ώστε άπίστασθαι, ύμεις δὲ ἐν τῷ ἔργῳ, ἐπεὰν συμμίσγωμεν, ἐθελο-κακέετε μεμνημένοι ὅτι ἀπ' ἡμέων γεγόνατε καὶ ότι ἀρχηθεν ή έχθρη πρὸς τον βάρβαρον ἀπ' ὑμέων ἡμῖν γέγονε." Θεμιστοκλέης δὲ ταῦτα ἔγραφε, δοκέειν ἐμοί, ἐπ' ἀμφότερα νοέων, ἵνα ἡ λαθόντα τὰ γράμματα βασιλέα Ίωνας ποιήση μεταβαλείν και γενέσθαι πρός έωυτών, ή έπείτε άνενειχθή και διαβληθή προς Εέρξην, ἀπίστους ποιήση τους "Ιωνας και τών ναυμαχιέων αυτούς απόσχη.

23. Θεμιστοκλέης μέν ταθτα ένέγραψε: τοίσι δέ βαρβάροισι αὐτίκα μετά ταῦτα πλοίφ ήλθε ἀνήρ Ιστιαιεύς ἀγγέλλων τον δρησμον τον ἀπ' Αρτεμισίου των Έλλήνων. οι δ' ύπ' ἀπιστίης τον μεν ἀγγέλλοντα είχον ἐν φυλακῆ, νέας δὲ ταχέας ἀπέστειλαν προκατοψομένας ἀπαγγειλάντων δὲ τούτων τὰ ἡν. οῦτω δὴ ἄμα ἡλίω σκιδυαμένω πάσα ή στρατιή ἐπέπλεε άλης ἐπὶ τὸ 'Αρτεμίσιον. έπισχόντες δὲ ἐν τούτω τῷ χώρω μέχρι μέσου ἡμέρης, τὸ ἀπὸ τούτου ἔπλεον ἐς Ἱστιαίην ἀπιπρέρης, το από τουτου επικέου ες Ιστιαίεων, και κόμενοι δε την πόλιν έσχον των Ίστιαιέων, και της Έλλοπίης μοίρης γης δε της Ίστιαιώτιδος τας παραθαλασσίας χωρας πάσας επέδραμον.

24. Ένθαῦτα δε τούτων εόντων, Ξέρξης ετοι-

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to fight against the land of your fathers and bring slavery upon Hellas. It were best of all that you should join yourselves to us; but if that be impossible for you, then do you even now withdraw yourselves from the war, and entreat the Carians to do the same as you. If neither of these things may be, and you are fast bound by such constraint that you cannot rebel, yet we pray you not to use your full strength in the day of battle; be mindful that you are our sons and that our quarrel with the foreigner was of your making in the beginning." To my thinking Themistocles thus wrote with a double intent, that if the king knew nought of the writing it might make the Ionians to change sides and join with the Greeks, and that if the writing were maliciously reported to Xerxes he might thereby be led to mistrust the Ionians, and keep them out of the sea-fights.

23. Such was Themistocles' writing. Immediately after this there came to the foreigners a man of Histiaea in a boat, telling them of the flight of the Greeks from Artemisium. Not believing this, they kept the bringer of the news in ward, and sent swift ships to spy out the matter; and when the crews of these brought word of the truth, on learning that, the whole armada at the first spreading of sunlight sailed all together to Artemisium, where having waited till midday, they next sailed to Histiaea, and on their coming took possession of the Histiaeans' city, and overran all the villages on the seaboard of the Eilopian 1 region, which is the land of Histiaea.

24. While they were there, Xerxes sent a herald

¹ The northern half of Euboea, including the district of Histiaca.

μασάμενος τὰ περὶ τοὺς νεκροὺς ἔπεμπε ἐς τὸν ναυτικὸν στρατὸν κήρυκα, προετοιμάσατο δὲ τάδε· ὅσοι τοῦ στρατοῦ τοῦ ἐωυτοῦ ἦσαν νεκροὶ ἐν Θερμοπύλησι (ἦσαν δὲ καὶ δύο μυριάδες), ὑπολιπόμενος τούτων ὡς χιλίους, τοὺς λοιποὺς τάφρους ὀρυξάμενος ἔθαψε, ψυλλάδα τε ἐπιβαλὼν καὶ γῆν ἐπαμησάμενος, ἵνα μὴ ὀφθείησαν ὑπὸ τοῦ ναυτικοῦ στρατοῦ. ὡς δὲ διέβη ἐς τὴν Ἱστιαίην ὁ κῆρυξ, σύλλογον ποιησάμενος παντὸς τοῦ στρατοπέδου ἔλεγε τάδε. "Ανδρες σύμμαχοι, βασιλεύς Εέρξης τῷ βουλομένω ὑμέων παραδίδωσι ἐκλιπόντα τὴν τάξιν καὶ ἐλθόντα θεήσασθαι ὅκως μάχεται πρὸς τοὺς ἀνοήτους τῶν ἀνθρώπων, οἱ ἦλπισαν τὴν βασιλέος δύναμιν ὑπερβαλέεσθαι."

25. Ταύτα ἐπαγγειλαμένου, μετὰ ταῦτα οὐδὲν ἐγίνετο πλοίων σπανιώτερον οὐτω πολλοὶ ἡθελον θεἡσασθαι. διαπεραιωθέντες δὲ ἐθηεῦντο διεξιόντες τοὺς νεκρούς πάντες δὲ ἡπιστέατο τοὺς κειμένους εἰναι πάντας Λακεδαιμονίους καὶ Θεσπιέας, ὁρῶντες καὶ τοὺς εἴλωτας. οὐ μὲν οὐδ ἐλάνθανε τοὺς διαβεβηκότας Ξέρξης ταῦτα πρήξας περὶ τοὺς νεκροὺς τοὺς ἐωυτοῦ καὶ γὰρ δη καὶ γελοῖον ἡν τῶν μὲν χίλιοι ἐφαίνοντο νεκροὶ κείμενοι, οῖ δὲ πάντες ἐκέατο άλέες συγκεκομισμένοι ἐς τῶυτὸ χωρίον, τέσσερες χιλιάδες. ταύτην μὲν τὴν ἡμέρην πρὸς θέην ἐτράποντο, τῆ δ' ὑστεραίη οῖ μὲν ἀπέπλεον ἐς Ἱστιαίην ἐπὶ τὰς νέας, οἱ δὲ ἀμφὶ Ξέρξην ἐς ὁδὸν ὁρμέατο.

26. *Ηκον δέ σφι αὐτόμολοι ἄνδρες ἀπ' 'Αρκαδίης ολίγοι τινές, βίου τε δεόμενοι καὶ ἐνεργοὶ βουλόμενοι είναι. ἄγοντες δὲ τούτους ἐς ὅψιν τὴν βασιλέος ἐπυνθάνοντο οἱ Πέρσαι περὶ τῶν to the fleet, having first bestowed the fallen men as I shall show. Of all his own soldiers who had fallen at Thermopylae (that is, as many as twenty thousand) he left about a thousand, and the rest he buried in digged trenches, which he covered with leaves and heaped earth, that the men of the fleet might not see them. So when the herald had crossed over to Histiaea, he assembled all the men of the fleet and thus spoke: "Men of our allies, King Xerxes suffers any one of you that will to leave his place and come to see how he fights against those foolish men who thought to overcome the king's power."

25. After this proclamation, there was nought so hard to get as a boat, so many were they who would see the sight. They crossed over and went about viewing the dead; and all of them supposed that the fallen Greeks were all Lacedaemonians and Thespians, though there were the helots also for them to see. Yet for all that they that crossed over were not deceived by what Xerxes had done with his own dead; for indeed the thing was laughable; of the Persians a thousand lay dead before their eyes, but the Greeks lay all together assembled in one place, to the number of four thousand. All that day they spent in seeing the sight; on the next the shipmen returned to their fleet at Histiaea, and Xerxes' army set forth on its march.

26. There had come to them some few deserters, men of Arcadia, lacking a livelihood and desirous to find some service. Bringing these men into the king's presence, the Persians inquired of them what

Ελλήνων τι ποιέοιεν είς δέ τις πρό πάντων ήν ο εἰρωτῶν αὐτοὺς ταῦτα. οἱ δέ σφι έλεγον ὡς 'Ολύμπια άγουσι και θεωρέσιεν άγωνα γυμνικόν καὶ ἐππικόν. ὁ δὲ ἐπείρετο ὅ τι τὸ ἄεθλον εἴη σφι κείμενον περὶ ὅτευ ἀγωνίζονται: οἱ δ' εἶπον της έλαίης του διδόμενου στέφανου. ἐνθαῦτα είπας γνώμην γενναιστάτην Τιγράνης ό 'Αρταβάνου δειλίην ώφλε προς βασιλέος. πυνθανόμενος γὰρ τὸ ἄεθλον ἐὸν στέφανον ἄλλ' οὐ χρήματα, οὕτε ἡνέσχετο σιγῶν εἶπέ τε ἐς πάντας τάδε. "Παπαῖ Μαρδόνιε, κοίους ἐπ' ἄνδρας ήγαγες μαχησομένους ήμέας, οἱ οὐ περὶ χρημάτων τον ἀγῶνα ποιεῦνται ἀλλὰ περὶ ἀρετῆς. τούτο

μεν δή ταῦτα εἴρητο.

 Έν δὲ τῷ διὰ μέσου χρόνω, ἐπείτε τὸ ἐν Θερμοπύλησι τρῶμα ἐγεγόνεε, αὐτίκα Θεσσαλοὶ πέμπουσι κήρυκα ές Φωκέας, άτε σφι έχοντες aiel χόλον, ἀπὸ δὲ τοῦ ὑστάτου τρώματος καὶ τὸ κάρτα. ἐσβαλόντες γὰρ πανστρατιῆ αὐτοί τε οἱ Θεσσαλοὶ καὶ οἱ σύμμαχοι αὐτῶν ἐς τοὺς Φωκέας, οὐ πολλοῖσι ἔτεσι πρότερον ταύτης τῆς Βασιλέος στρατηλασίης, έσσώθησαν ύπο τών Φωκέων καὶ περιέφθησαν τρηχέως. ἐπείτε γὰρ κατειλήθησαν ἐς τὸν Παρνησὸν οἱ Φωκέες ἔχοντες μάντιν Τελλίην τὸν Ἡλεῖον, ἐνθαῦτα ὁ Τελλίης ούτος σοφίζεται αὐτοῖσι τοιόνδε. γυψώσας ἄνδρας έξακοσίους των Φωκέων τους άρίστους, αυτούς τε τούτους καὶ τὰ ὅπλα αὐτῶν, νυκτὸς ἐπεθήκατο τοίσι Θεσσαλοίσι, προείπας αὐτοίσι, τὸν αν μή

¹ On the hypothesis, usually received till lately, that the games took place at the first full moon after the summer

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the Greeks were doing, there being one who put this question in the name of all. The Arcadians telling them that the Greeks were keeping the Olympic 1 festival and viewing sports and horseraces, the Persian asked what was the prize offered, wherefor they contended; and they told him of the crown of olive that was given to the victor. Then Tigranes son of Artabanus uttered a most noble saying (but the king deemed him a coward for it); when he heard that the prize was not money but a erown, he could not hold his peace, but cried, "Zounds, Mardonius, what manner of men are these that you have brought us to fight withal? 'tis not for money they contend but for glory of achievement!"

Such was Tigranes' saying.

27. In the meantime, immediately after the misfortune at Thermopylae, the Thessalians sent a herald to the Phocians, inasmuch as they bore an old grudge against them, and more than ever by reason of their latest disaster. For a few years before the king's expedition the Thessalians and their allies had invaded Phocis with their whole army, but had been worsted and roughly handled by the Phocians. For the Phocians being beleaguered on Parnassus and having with them the diviner Tellias of Elis, Tellias devised a stratagem for them: he covered six hundred of the bravest Phocians with gypsum, themselves and their armour, and led them to attack the Thessalians by night, bidding them

solstice, we should have to adopt some theory such as Stein's, that the conversation here recorded took place in late June, while Xerxes was at Therma; for Thermopylae was fought in late August. But Macan says that the above hypothesis about the date of the games is exploded.

λευκανθίζοντα ἴδωνται, τοῦτον κτείνειν. τούτους δν αἴ τε φυλακαὶ τῶν Θεσσαλῶν πρῶται ἰδοῦσαι ἐφοβήθησαν, δόξασαι ἄλλο τι εἰναι τέρας, καὶ μετὰ τὰς φυλακὰς αὐτὴ ἡ στρατιὴ οῦτω ὥστε τετρακισχιλίων κρατῆσαι νεκρῶν καὶ ἀσπίδων Φωκέας, τῶν τὰς μὲν ἡμισέας ἐς "Αβας ἀνέθεσαν τὰς δὲ ἐς Δελφούς· ἡ δὲ δεκάτη ἐγένετο τῶν χρημάτων ἐκ ταύτης τῆς μάχης οἱ μεγάλοι ἀνδριάντες οἱ περὶ τὸν τρίποδα συνεστεῶτες ἔμπροσθε τοῦ νηοῦ τοῦ ἐν Δελφοῖσι, καὶ ἔτεροι τοιοῦτοι ἐν "Αβησι ἀνακέαται.

28. Ταῦτα μέν νυν τὸν πεζὸν ἐργάσαντο τῶν Θεσσαλῶν οἱ Φωκέες πολιορκέοντας ἐωυτούς ἐσβαλοῦσαν δὲ ἐς τὴν χώρην τὴν ἴππον αὐτῶν ἐλυμήναντο ἀνηκέστως. ἐν γὰρ τῷ ἐσβολῷ ἡ ἐστὶ κατὰ Ὑάμπολιν, ἐν ταύτῃ τάφρον μεγάλην ὀρύξαντες ἀμφορέας κενεοὺς ἐς αὐτὴν κατέθηκαν, χοῦν δὲ ἐπιφορήσαντες καὶ ὁμοιώσαντες τῷ ἄλλῷ χώρῷ ἐδέκοντο τοὺς Θεσσαλοὺς ἐσβάλλοντας. οἱ δὲ ὡς ἀναρπασόμενοι τοὺς Φωκέας φερόμενοι ἐσέπεσον ἐς τοὺς ἀμφορέας. ἐνθαῦτα οἱ ἵπποι

τὰ σκέλεα διεφθάρησαν.

29. Τούτων δή σφι άμφοτέρων εχοντες εγκοτον οι Θεσσαλοί πέμψαντες κήρυκα ήγόρευον τάδε. "Ω Φωκέες, ήδη τι μαλλον γνωσιμαχέετε μή είναι όμοιοι ήμιν. πρόσθε τε γάρ εν τοισι Ελλησι, όσον χρόνον έκεινα ήμιν ήνδανε, πλέον αιεί κοτε ύμέων έφερόμεθα υτι τε παρά τω βαρβάρω τοσούτο δυνάμεθα ώστε επ ήμιν έστι της γης έστερησθαι και πρὸς ήνδραποδίσθαι ύμέας. ήμεις μέντοι το παν έχοντες ου μνησικακέομεν, άλλ ήμιν γενέσθω άντ' αὐτῶν πεντήκοντα τάλαντα 28

slay whomsoever they should see not whitened. The Thessalian sentinels were the first to see these men and to flee for fear, supposing falsely that it was something beyond nature, and next after the sentinels the whole army fled likewise; insomuch that the Phocians made themselves masters of four thousand dead, and their shields, whereof they dedicated half at Abae and the rest at Delphi; a tithe of what they won in that fight went to the making of the great statues that stand round the tripod before the shrine at Delphi, and there are others like them dedicated at Abae.

28. Thus had the beleaguered Phocians dealt with the Thessalian foot; and when the Thessalian horsemen rode into their country the Phocians did them mortal harm; they dug a great pit in the pass near Hyampolis and put empty jars therein, covering which with earth, till all was like the rest of the ground, they awaited the onset of the Thessalians. These rode on thinking to sweep the Phocians before them, and fell in among the jars; whereby their

horses' legs were broken.

29. These two deeds had never been forgiven by the Thessalians; and now they sent a herald with this message: "Men of Phocis, it is time now that you confess yourselves to be no match for us. We were ever formerly preferred before you by the Greeks, as long as we were on their side; and now we are of such weight with the foreigner that it lies in our power to have you deprived of your lands, ay, and yourselves enslaved withal. Nevertheless, though all rests with us, we bear you no ill-will for the past; pay us fifty talents of silver for what you

άργυρίου, και ύμιν ύποδεκόμεθα τὰ ἐπιόντα ἐπὶ

την χώρην αποτρέψειν."

30. Ταῦτά σφι ἐπαγγέλλοντο οἱ Θεσσαλοί. οἱ γὰρ Φωκέες μοῦνοι τῶν ταύτη ἀνθρώπων οὐκ ἐμήδιζον, κατ ἄλλο μὲν οὐδέν, ὡς ἐγὼ συμβαλλόμενος εὐρίσκω, κατὰ δὲ τὸ ἔχθος τὸ Θεσσαλῶν εἰ δὲ Θεσσαλοὶ τὰ Ἑλλήνων ηὖξον, ὡς ἐμοὶ δοκέειν, ἐμήδιζον ἀν οἱ Φωκέες. ταῦτα ἐπαγγελλομένων Θεσσαλῶν, οὕτε δώσειν ἔφασαν χρήματα, παρέχειν τε σφίσι Θεσσαλοῖσι ὁμοίως μηδίζειν, εἰ ἄλλως βουλοίατο. ὰλλὶ οὐκ ἔσεσθαι ἐκόντες

είναι προδόται της Έλλάδος.

31. Έπειδη δὲ ἀνηνείχθησαν οὐτοι οἱ λόγοι, οῦτω δη οἱ Θεσσαλοὶ κεχολωμένοι τοῖσι Φωκεῦσι ἐγένοντο ἡγεμόνες τῷ βαρβάρω τῆς όδοῦ. ἐκ μὲν δη τῆς Τρηχινίης ἐς την Δωρίδα ἐσέβαλον τῆς γὰρ Δωρίδος χώρης ποδεὼν στεινὸς ταύτη κατατείνει, ὡς τριήκοντα σταδίων μάλιστά κη εὖρος, κείμενος μεταξὺ τῆς τε Μηλίδος καὶ Φωκίδος χώρης, ἥ περ ην τὸ παλαιὸν Δρυοπίς: ἡ δὲ χώρη αὐτη ἐστὶ μητρόπολις Δωρίδα γῆν οὐκ ἐσίναντο ἐσβαλόντες οἱ βάρβαροι ἐμήδιζόν τε γὰρ καὶ οὐκ ἐδόκεε Θεσσαλοῖσι.

32. 'Ως δὲ ἐκ τῆς Δωρίδος ἐς τὴν Φωκίδα ἐσέβαλον, αὐτοὺς μὲν τοὺς Φωκέας οὐκ αἰρέουσι.
οῖ μὲν γὰρ τῶν Φωκέων ἐς τὰ ἄκρα τοῦ Παρνησοῦ
ἀνέβησαν. ἔστι δὲ καὶ ἐπιτηδέη δέξασθαι ὅμιλον
τοῦ Παρνησοῦ ἡ κορυφή, κατὰ Νέωνα πόλιν
κειμένη ἐπ' ἐωυτῆς. Τιθορέα οὕνομα αὐτῆ· ἐς τὴν
δὴ ἀνηνείκαντο καὶ αὐτοὶ ἀνέβησαν. οῦ δὲ πλεῦνες
αὐτῶν ἐς τοὺς 'Οζόλας Λοκροὺς ἐξεκομίσαντο, ἐς

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did, and we promise to turn aside what threatens

your land."

30. This was the Thessalians' offer. The Phocians, and they alone of all that region, would not take the Persians' part, and that for no other reason (if I argue aright) than their hatred of the Thessalians; had the Thessalians aided the Greek side, then methinks the Phocians would have stood for the Persians. They replied to the offer of the Thessalians that they would give no money; that they could do like the Thessalians and take the Persian part, if for any cause they so wished, but they would

not willingly betray the cause of Hellas.

31. This answer being returned to them, thereat the Thessalians in their wrath against the Phocians began to guide the foreigner on his way. From the lands of Trachis they broke into Doris; for there is a narrow tongue of Dorian land stretching that way, about thirty furlongs wide, between the Malian territory and the Phocian, which in old time was Dryopian; this region is the motherland of the Dorians of the Peloponnese. To this Dorian territory the foreigners did no harm at their invasion; for the people took the Persian part, and the Thessalians would not have them harmed.

32. When they entered Phoeis from Doris, the Phoeians themselves they could not catch; for some of the Phoeians ascended to the heights of Parnassus; and the peak of Parnassus called Tithorea, which rises by itself near the town Neon, has room enough for a multitude of people; thither they carried up their goods and themselves ascended to it, but the most of them made their way out of the country to

"Αμφισσαν πόλιν τὴν ὑπὲρ τοῦ Κρισαίου πεδίου οἰκημένην. οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι τὴν χώρην πᾶσαν ἐπέδραμον τὴν Φωκίδα. Θεσσαλοὶ γὰρ οὕτω ἢγον τὸν στρατόν ὁκόσα δὲ ἐπέσχον, πάντα ἐπέφλεγον καὶ ἔκειρον, καὶ ἐς τὰς πόλις ἐνιέντες πῦρ καὶ ἐς

τὰ ἰρά.

33. Πορευόμενοι γὰρ ταύτη παρὰ τὸν Κηφισὸν ποταμὸν ἐδηίουν πάντα, καὶ κατὰ μὲν ἔκαυσαν Δρυμὸν πόλιν κατὰ δὲ Χαράδραν καὶ "Ερωχον καὶ Τεθρώνιον καὶ 'Αμφίκαιαν καὶ Νέωνα καὶ Πεδιέας καὶ Τριτέας καὶ Ελάτειαν καὶ Τάμπολιν καὶ Παραποταμίους καὶ "Αβας, ἔνθα ἢν ἰρὸν 'Απόλλωνος πλούσιον, θησαυροῦσί τε καὶ ἀναθήμασι πολλοῦσι κατεσκευασμένον' ἢν δὲ καὶ τὸτε καὶ νῦν ἔτι χρηστήριον αὐτόθι. καὶ τοῦτο τὸ ἰρὸν συλήσαντες ἐνέπρησαν. καί τινας διώκοντες εἰλον τῶν Φωκέων πρὸς τοῖσι ὅρεσι, καὶ γυναῖκας τινὰς διέφθειραν μισγόμενοι ὑπὸ πλήθεος.

34. Παραποταμίους δὲ παραμειβόμενοι οἱ βάρβαροι ἀπίκοντο ἐς Πανοπέας. ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ ἤδη
διακρινομένη ἡ στρατιὴ αὐτῶν ἐσχίζετο. τὸ μὲν
πλεῖστον καὶ δυνατώτατον τοῦ στρατοῦ ἄμα
αὐτῷ Ξέρξη πορευόμενον ἐπ' ᾿Αθήνας ἐσέβαλε
ἐς Βοιωτούς, ἐς γῆν τὴν ᾿Ορχομενίων, Βοιωτῶν
δὲ πῶν τὸ πλῆθος ἐμήδιζε, τὰς δὲ πόλις αὐτῶν
ἄνδρες Μακεδόνες διατεταγμένοι ἔσωζον, ὑπὸ
᾿Αλεξάνδρου ἀποπεμφθέντες· ἔσωζον δὲ τῆδε,
δῆλον βουλόμενοι ποιέειν Ξέρξη ὅτι τὰ Μήδων
Βοιωτοὶ φρονέοιεν.

35. Ούτοι μεν δη τών βαρβάρων ταύτη ετράποντο, άλλοι δε αὐτών ήγεμόνας έχοντες ορμέατο the Ozolian Locrians, where is the town of Amphissa above the Crisaean plain. The foreigners overran the whole of Phocis, the Thessalians so guiding their army; and all that came within their power they burnt and wasted, setting fire to towns and temples.

33. Marching this way down the river Cephisus they ravaged all before them, burning the towns of Drymus, Charadra, Erochus, Tethronium, Amphicaea, Neon, Pedica, Tritea, Elatea, Hyampolis, Parapotamii, and Abae, where was a richly endowed temple of Apollo, provided with wealth of treasure and offerings; and there was then as now a place of divination there. This temple, too, they plundered and burnt; and they pursued and caught some of the Phocians near the mountains, and did certain women to death by the multitude of their violators.

34. Passing Parapotamii the foreigners came to Panopea; and there their army parted asunder into two companies. The greater and stronger part of the host marched with Xerxes himself towards Athens and broke into the territory of Orchomenus in Boeotia. Now the whole people of Boeotia took the Persian part, and men of Macedonia sent by Alexander safeguarded their towns, each in his appointed place; the reason of the safeguarding being, that Xerxes might understand the Boeotians to be on the Persian side.

35. So this part of the foreign army marched as aforesaid, and others set forth with guides for the

ἐπὶ τὸ ἰρὸν τὸ ἐν Δελφοῖσι, ἐν δεξιῆ τὸν Παρνησὸν ἀπέργοντες. ὅσα δὲ καὶ οὐτοι ἐπέσχον τῆς Φωκίδος, πάντα ἐσιναμώρεον καὶ γὰρ τῶν Πανοπέων τὴν πόλιν ἐνέπρησαν καὶ Δαυλίων καὶ Λιολιδέων. ἐπορεύοντο δὲ ταύτη ἀποσχισθέντες τῆς ἄλλης στρατιῆς τῶνδε εἴνεκα, ὅκως συλήσαντες τὸ ἰρὸν τὸ ἐν Δελφοῖσι βασιλέι Ξέρξη ἀποδέξαιεν τὰ χρήματα. πάντα δ' ἡπίστατο τὰ ἐν τῷ ἰρῷ ὅσα λόγου ἡν ἄξια Ξέρξης, ὡς ἐγὼ πυνθάνομαι, ἄμεινον ἡ τὰ ἐν τοῖσι οἰκίοισι ἔλιπε, πολλῶν αἰεὶ λεγόντων, καὶ μάλιστα τὰ Κροίσου τοῦ

'Αλυάττεω ἀναθήματα.

36. Οι Δελφοί δὲ πυνθανομενοι ταῦτα ἐς πασαν ἀρρωδίην ἀπίκατο, ἐν δείματι δὲ μεγάλω κατεστεώτες ἐμαντεύοντο περὶ τῶν ἰρῶν χρημάτων, εἰτε σφέα κατὰ γῆς κατορύζωσι εἴτε ἐκκομίσωσι ἐς ἄλλην χώρην. ὁ δὲ θεός σφεας οὐκ ἔα κινέειν, φὰς αὐτὸς ἰκανὸς εἶναι τῶν ἐωυτοῦ προκατῆσθαι. Δελφοὶ δὲ ταῦτα ἀκούσαντες σφέων αὐτῶν πέρι ἐφροντιζον. τέκνα μέν νυν καὶ γυναῖκας πέρην ἐς τὴν ᾿Αχαιίην διέπεμψαν, αὐτῶν δὲ οἱ μὲν πλεῖστοι ἀνέβησαν ἐς τοῦ Παρνησοῦ τὰς κορυφὰς καὶ ἐς τὸ Κωρύκιον ἄντρον ἀνηνείκαντο, οἱ δὲ ἐς ᾿Λμφισσαν τὴν Λοκρίδα ὑπεξῆλθον. πάντες δὲ ὧν οἱ Δελφοὶ ἐξέλιπον τὴν πόλιν, πλὴν ἐξήκοντα ἀνδρῶν καὶ τοῦ προφήτεω.

37. Έπει δε άγχοῦ ήσαν οι βάρβαροι επιόντες και άπώρων το ίρον, εν τούτω ο προφήτης, τῷ οὕνομα ἡν Ακήρατος, όρὰ πρὸ τοῦ νηοῦ ὅπλα προκείμενα ἔσωθεν ἐκ τοῦ μεγάρου ἐξενηνειγμένα ἰρά, τῶν οὐκ ὅσιον ἡν ἄπτεσθαι ἀνθρώπων οὐδενί.

temple at Delphi, keeping Parnassus on their right. These, too, laid waste whatsoever part of Phocis they occupied, burning the towns of the Panopeans and Daulii and Aeolidae. The purpose of their parting from the rest of the army and marching this way was, that they might plunder the temple at Delphi and lay its wealth before Xerxes; who (as I have been told) knew of all the most notable possessions in the temple better than of what he had left in his own palace, and chiefly the offerings of Croesus son of Alyattes; so many had ever spoken of them.

36. When the Delphians learnt all this they were sore afraid; and in their great fear they inquired of the oracle whether they should bury the sacred treasure in the ground or convey it away to another country. But the god bade them move nothing, saying that he was able to protect his own. On that hearing, the Delphians took thought for themselves. They sent their children and women oversea to Achaia; of the men, the most went up to the peaks of Parnassus and carried their goods into the Corycian cave, and some escaped to Amphissa in Locris; in brief, all the Delphians left the town save sixty men and the prophet.

37. Now when the foreigners drew nigh in their coming and could see the temple, the prophet, whose name was Aceratus, saw certain sacred arms, that no man might touch without sacrilege, brought out of the chamber within and laid before the shrine. So

¹ In the heights above Delphi and some three hours distant from it, adjacent to Parnassus. The cave is "some 200 feet long, 90 feet broad at the widest point, and 20 to 40 feet high" (How and Wells).

δ μὲν δὴ ἥιε Δελφῶν τοῖσι παρεοῦσι σημανέων τὸ τέρας οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι ἐπειδὴ ἐγίνοντο ἐπειγόμενοι κατὰ τὸ ἰρὸν τῆς Προναίης ᾿Αθηναίης, ἐπιγίνεται σφι τέρεα ἔτι μέζονα τοῦ πρὶν γενομένου τέρεος. Θῶμα μεν γὰρ καὶ τοῦτο κάρτα ἐστί, ὅπλα ἀρήια αὐτόματα φανῆναι ἔξω προκείμενα τοῦ νηοῦ· τὰ δὲ δὴ ἐπὶ τούτω δεύτερα ἐπιγενόμενα καὶ διὰ πάντων φασμάτων ἄξια θωμάσαι μάλιστα. ἐπεὶ γὰρ δὴ ἦσαν ἐπιόντες οἱ βάρβαροι κατὰ τὸ ἰρὸν τῆς Προναίης ᾿Αθηναίης, ἐν τούτω ἐκ μὲν τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κεραυνοὶ αὐτοῖσι ἐνέπιπτον, ἀπὸ δὲ τοῦ Παρνησοῦ ἀπορραγεῖσαι δύο κορυφαὶ ἐφέροντο πολλῷ πατάγω ἐς αὐτοὺς καὶ κατέβαλον συχνούς σφεων, ἐκ δὲ τοῦ ἰροῦ τῆς Προναίης βοή τε καὶ ἀλαλαγμὸς ἐγίνετο.

38. Συμμιγέντων δὲ τούτων πάντων, φόβος τοῖσι βαρβάροισι ἐνεπεπτώκεε. μαθόντες δὲ οἱ Δελφοὶ φεύγοντας σφέας, ἐπικαταβάντες ἀπέκτειναν πλῆθός τι αὐτῶν. οἱ δὲ περιεόντες ἰθὺ Βοιωτῶν ἔφευγον. ἔλεγον δὲ οἱ ἀπονοστήσαντες οὐτοι τῶν βαρβάρων, ὡς ἐγὼ πυνθάνομαι, ὡς πρὸς τούτοισι καὶ ἄλλα ὥρων θεῖα δύο γὰρ ὁπλίτας μέζονας ἡ κατ ἀνθρώπων φύσιν ἔχοντας

ἔπεσθαί σφι κτείνοντας καὶ διώκοντας.

39. Τούτους δὲ τοὺς δύο Δελφοὶ λέγουσι εἶναι ἐπιχωρίους ἥρωας, Φύλακόν τε καὶ Αὐτόνοον, τῶν τὰ τεμένεα ἐστὶ περὶ τὸ ἰρόν, Φυλάκου μὲν παρ' αὐτὴν τὴν ὁδὸν κατύπερθε τοῦ ἰροῦ τῆς Προναίης, Αὐτονόου δὲ πέλας τῆς Κασταλίης ὑπὸ τῆ Ὑαμπείη κορυφῆ. οἱ δὲ πεσόντες ἀπὸ τοῦ Παρνησοῦ λίθοι ἔτι καὶ ἐς ἡμέας ἦσαν σόοι,

he went to tell the Delphians of this miracle; but when the foreigners came with all speed near to the temple of Athene Pronaea, they were visited by miracles yet greater than the aforesaid. Marvellous indeed it is, that weapons of war should of their own motion appear lying outside before the shrine; but the visitation which followed upon that was more wondrous than aught else ever seen. For when the foreigners were near in their coming to the temple of Athene Pronaea, there were they smitten by thunderbolts from heaven, and two peaks brake off from Parnassus and came rushing among them with a mighty noise and overwhelmed many of them; and from the temple of Athene there was heard a shout and a cry of triumph.

38. All this joining together struck panic into the foreigners; and the Delphians, perceiving that they fled, descended upon them and slew a great number. The survivors fled straight to Boeotia. Those of the foreigners who returned said (as I have been told) that they had seen other signs of heaven's working besides the aforesaid: two menat-arms of stature greater than human (they said) had followed hard after them, slaying and pursuing.

39. These two, say the Delphians, were the native heroes Phylacus and Autonous, whose precincts are near the temple, Phylacus' by the road itself above the shrine of Athene Pronaea, and Autonous' near the Castalian spring, under the Hyampean peak. The rocks that fell¹ from Parnassus were yet to be

^{1 &}quot;Among the olives in the glen below" the remains of the temple of Athene Pronses "are some large masses of reddish-grey rock, which might be those said to have come hurtling from the cliffs above" (How and Wells).

έν τῷ τεμένεῖ τῆς Προναίης 'Αθηναίης κείμενοι, ἐς τὸ ἐνέσκηψαν διὰ τῶν βαρβάρων φερόμενοι. τούτων μέν νυν τῶν ἀνδρῶν αὔτη ἀπὸ τοῦ ἰροῦ

άπαλλαγή γίνεται.

40. 'Ο δε Ελλήνων ναυτικός στρατός ἀπό τοῦ 'Αρτεμισίου 'Αθηναίων δεηθέντων ἐς Σαλαμῖνα κατίσχει τὰς νέας. τῶνδε δε εἴνεκα προσεδεήθησαν αὐτῶν σχεῖν πρὸς Σαλαμῖνα 'Αθηναίοι, ἴνα αὐτοὶ παίδάς τε καὶ γυναίκας ὑπεξαγάγωνται ἐκ τῆς 'Αττικής, πρὸς δὲ καὶ βουλεὐσωνται τὸ ποιητέον αὐτοῖσι ἔσται. ἐπὶ γὰρ τοῖσι κατήκουσι πρήγμασι βουλὴν ἔμελλον ποιήσασθαι ὡς ἐψευσμένοι γνώμης. δοκέοντες γὰρ εὐρήσειν Πελοποννησίους πανδημεὶ ἐν τῆ Βοιωτίη ὑποκατημένους τὸν βάρβαρον, τῶν μὲν εὐρον οὐδὲν ἐόν, οἱ δὲ ἐπυνθάνοντο τὸν 'Ισθμὸν αὐτοὺς τειχέοντας, ὡς τὴν Πελοπόννησον περὶ πλείστου τε ποιευμένους περιεῖναι καὶ ταύτην ἔχοντας ἐν φυλακῆ, τὰ ἄλλα δὲ ἀπιέναι. ταῦτα πυνθανόμενοι οὕτω δὴ προσεδεήθησαν σφέων σχεῖν πρὸς τὴν Σαλαμῖνα.

41. Οἱ μὲν δὴ ἄλλοι κατέσχον ἐς τὴν Σαλαμῖνα, 'Αθηναίοι δὲ ἐς τὴν ἐωυτῶν. μετὰ δὲ τὴν ἄπιξιν κήρυγμα ἐποιήσαντο, 'Αθηναίων τῆ τις δύναται σώζειν τέκνα τε καὶ τοὺς οἰκέτας. ἐνθαῦτα οἱ μὲν πλεῖστοι ἐς Τροίζηνα ἀπέστειλαν, οἱ δὲ ἐς Αἴγιναν, οἱ δὲ ἐς Σαλαμῖνα. ἔσπευσαν δὲ ταῦτα ὑπεκθέσθαι τῷ χρηστηρίω τε βουλόμενοι ὑπηρετέειν καὶ δὴ καὶ τοῦδε εἴνεκα οὐκ ἥκιστα. λέγουσι 'Αθηναῖοι ὄφιν μέγαν φύλακα τῆς ἀκροπόλιος ἐνδιαιτᾶσθαι ἐν τῷ ἱρῷ λέγουσί τε ταῦτα καὶ δὴ ὡς ἐόντι ἐπιμήνια ἐπιτελέουσι προτιθέντες τὰ δ' ἐπιμήνια μελιτόεσσα ἐστί. αὕτη δὴ ἡ

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seen in my day, lying in the precinct of Athene Pronaca, whither their descent through the foreigners' ranks had hurled them. Such, then, was the manner of those men's departure from the

temple.

40. The Greek fleet, after it had left Artemisium came by the Athenians' entreaty to land at Salamis; the reason why the Athenians entreated them to put in there being, that they themselves might convey their children and women safe out of Attica, and moreover take counsel as to what they should do. For inasmuch as the present turn of affairs had disappointed their judgment they were now to hold a council; they had thought to find the whole Peloponnesian force awaiting the foreigners' attack in Bocotia, but now of that they found no whit, but learnt contrariwise that the Peloponnesians were fortifying the Isthmus, and letting all else go, as deeming the defence of the Peloponnese to be of greatest moment. Learning this, they therefore entreated the fleet to put in at Salamis,

41. So the rest made sail thither, and the Athenians to their own country. Being there arrived they made a proclamation that every Athenian should save his children and servants as he best could. Thereat most of them sent their households to Troezen, and some to Aegina and Salamis. They made haste to convey all out of harm because they desired to be guided by the oracle, and for another reason, too, which was this: it is said by the Athenians that a great snake lives in their temple, to guard the acropolis; in proof whereof they do ever duly set out a honey-cake as a monthly offering for it; this

μελιτόεσσα εν τῷ πρόσθε αίει χρόνο ἀναισιμουμένη τότε ην άψαυστος, σημηνάσης δὲ ταῦτα της ίρείης, μαλλόν τι οι 'Αθηναΐοι και προθυμότερον εξέλιπον την πόλιν, ώς και της θεού άπολελοιπυίης την άκρόπολιν. ώς δέ σφι πάντα

ύπεξέκειτο, έπλεον ές το στρατόπεδον. 42. Έπει δε οι απ' Αρτεμισίου ές Σαλαμίνα κατέσχον τὰς νέας, συνέρρες καὶ ὁ λοιπὸς πυνθανόμενος ο των Έλλήνων ναυτικός στρατός έκ Τροίζηνος ές γὰρ Πώγωνα του Τροιζηνίων λιμένα προείρητο συλλέγεσθαι. συνελέχθησάν τε δή πολλώ πλεύνες νέες ή ἐπ' Αρτεμισίω ἐναυμάχεον και άπο πολίων πλεύνων. ναύαρχος μέν νυν έπην ώυτος ός περ ἐπ' ᾿Αρτεμισίω, Εὐρυβιάδης ὁ Εὐρυκλείδεω ἀνηρ Σπαρτιήτης, οὐ μέντοι γένεος τοῦ βασιληίου ἐών νέας δὲ πολλῷ πλείστας τε καὶ άριστα πλεούσας παρείχουτο Αθηναίοι.

43. Έστρατεύοντο δε οίδε έκ μεν Πελοποννήσου Λακεδαιμόνιοι έκκαίδεκα νέας παρεχόμενοι, Κορίνθιοι δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πλήρωμα παρεχόμενοι καὶ έπ' Αρτεμισίω. Σικυώνιοι δὲ πεντεκαίδεκα παρείχουτο νέας, Επιδαύριοι δε δέκα, Τροιζήνιοι δε πέντε, Έρμιονέες δὲ τρεῖς, ἐόντες οὐτοι πλὴν Έρμιονέων Δωρικόν τε καὶ Μακεδνὸν ἔθνος, ἐξ Ερινεού τε καὶ Πίνδου καὶ τῆς Δρυοπίδος ὕστατα όρμηθέντες. οι δὲ Ερμιονέες είσι Δρύοπες, ὑπὸ Ήρακλέος τε και Μηλιέων έκ της νύν Δωρίδος

καλεομένης χώρης έξαναστάντες.

44. Ούτοι μέν νυν Πελοποινησίων έστρατεύουτο, οἱ δὲ ἐκ τῆς ἔξω ἡπείρου, 'Αθηναίοι μὲν πρός πάντας τους άλλους παρεχόμενοι νέας ογδώκουτα καὶ ἐκατόν, μοῦνοι ἐν Σαλαμῖνι γὰρ οὐ

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cake had ever before been consumed, but was now left untouched. When the priestess made that known, the Athenians were the readier to leave their city, deeming their goddess, too, to have deserted the acropolis. When they had conveyed all

away, they returned to the fleet.

42. When the Greeks from Artemisium had put in at Salamis, the rest of their fleet also heard of it and gathered in from Troezen, the port of which, Pogon, had been named for their place of mustering; and the ships that mustered there were more by far than had fought at Artemisium, and came from more cities. Their admiral-in-chief was the same as at Artemisium, Eurybiades son of Euryclides, a Spartan, yet not of the royal blood; but it was the Athenians who furnished by far the most and the sea-worthiest ships.

43. The Peloponnesians that were with the fleet were, firstly, the Lacedaemonians, with sixteen ships, and the Corinthians with the same number of ships as at Artemisium; the Sicyonians furnished fifteen, the Epidaurians ten, the Troezenians five, the people of Hermione three; all these, except the people of Hermione, were of Dorian and Macedonian stock, and had last come from Erineus and Pindus and the Dryopian region. The people of Hermione are Dryopians, driven by Heracles and the Malians from the country now called Doris.

44. These were the Peloponnesians in the fleet. Of those that came from the mainland outside the Peloponnese, the Athenians furnished more ships than any of the rest, namely, a hundred and eighty, of their own sending; for the Plataeans did not

συνεναυμάχησαν Πλαταιέες 'Αθηναίοισι διὰ τοιόνδε τι πρῆγμα: ἀπαλλασσομένων τῶν 'Ελλήνων
ἀπὸ τοῦ 'Αρτεμισίου, ὡς ἐγίνοντο κατὰ Χαλκίδα,
οἱ Πλαταιέες ἀποβάντες ἐς τὴν περαίην τῆς
Βοιωτίης χώρης πρὸς ἐκκομιδὴν ἐτράποντο τῶν
οἰκετέων. οὐτοι μέν νυν τούτους σώζοντες ἐλείφθησαν. 'Αθηναῖοι δὲ ἐπὶ μὲν Πελασγῶν ἐχόντων
τὴν νῦν 'Ελλάδα καλεομένην ἡσαν Πελασγοί,
ὀνομαζόμενοι Κραναοί, ἐπὶ δὲ Κέκροπος βασιλέος
ἐκλήθησαν Κεκροπίδαι, ἐκδεξαμένου δὲ 'Ερεχθέος
τὴν ἀρχὴν 'Αθηναῖοι μετωνομάσθησαν, 'Ίωνος δὲ
τοῦ Ξούθου στρατάρχεω γενομένου 'Αθηναίοισι
ἐκλήθησαν ἀπὸ τούτου 'Ίωνες.

45. Μεγαρέες δὲ τῶυτὸ πλήρωμα παρείχοντο καὶ ἐπ' ᾿Αρτεμισίω, ᾿Αμπρακιῶται δὲ ἐπτὰ νέας ἔγοντες ἐπεβοήθησαν, Λευκάδιοι δὲ τρεῖς, ἔθνος

έόντες ούτοι Δωρικόν άπο Κορίνθου.

46. Νησιωτέων δὲ Αἰγινήται τριήκοντα παρείχοντο. ήσαν μέν σφι καὶ ἄλλαι πεπληρωμέναι νέες, ἀλλὰ τῆσι μὲν τὴν ἐωυτῶν ἐφύλασσον, τριήκοντα δὲ τῆσι ἄριστα πλεούσησι ἐν Σαλαμῖνι ἐναυμάχησαν. Αἰγινῆται δὲ εἰσὶ Δωριέες ἀπὸ Ἐπιδαύρου τῆ δὲ νήσω πρότερον οὕνομα ἡν Οἰνώνη. μετὰ δὲ Αἰγινήτας Χαλκιδέες τὰς ἐπ΄ Αρτεμισίω εἴκοσι παρεχόμενοι καὶ Ἑρετριέες τὰς ἐπτά· οὕτοι δὲ Ἰωνες εἰσί. μετὰ δὲ Κήιοι τὰς αὐτὰς παρεχόμενοι, ἔθνος ἐὸν Ἰωνικὸν ἀπὸ ᾿Λθηνέων. Νάξιοι δὲ παρείχοντο τέσσερας, ἀποπεμφθέντες μὲν ἐς τοὺς Μήδους ὑπὸ τῶν πολιη-

fight beside the Athenians at Salamis, whereof the reason was that when the Greeks sailed from Artemisium, and had arrived off Chalcis, the Plataeans landed on the opposite Boeotian shore and set about conveying their households away. So they were left behind bringing these to safety. The Athenians, while the Pelasgians ruled what is now called Hellas, were Pelasgians, bearing the name of Cranai 1; in the time of their king Cecrops they came to be called Cecropidae, and when the kingship fell to Erechtheus they changed their name and became Athenians, but when Ion son of Xuthus was made leader of their armies they were called after him Ionians.

45. The Megarians furnished the same complement as at Artemisium; the Ampraciots brought seven ships to the fleet, and the Leucadians (who are of

Dorian stock from Corinth) brought three.

46. Of the islanders, the Aeginetans furnished thirty. They had other ships, too, manned; but they used them to guard their own coasts, and fought at Salamis with the thirty that were most seaworthy. The Aeginetans are Dorians from Epidaurus; their island was formerly called Oenone. After the Aeginetans came the Chalcidians with the twenty, and the Eretrians with the seven which had fought at Artemisium; they are Ionians; and next the Ceans, furnishing the same ships as before; they are of Ionian stock, from Athens. The Naxians furnished four ships; they had been sent by their townsmen to the Persians, like the rest of the

¹ That is, probably, "dwellers on the heights." All pre-Dorian inhabitants of Hellas are "Pelasgian" to Herodotus.

τέων κατά περ οἱ άλλοι νησιώται, ἀλογήσαντες δε των εντολέων απίκατο ές τους "Ελληνας Δημοκρίτου σπεύσαντος, ανδρός τῶν ἀστῶν δοκίμου καὶ τότε τριηραρχέοντος. Νάξιοι δὲ εἰσὶ Ἰωνες ἀπὸ ᾿Αθηνέων γεγονότες. Στυρέες δὲ τὰς αύτας παρείχουτο νέας τάς περ ἐπ' Αρτεμισίω, Κύθνιοι δε μίαν και πεντηκόντερον, εόντες συναμφότεροι ούτοι Δρύοπες. καὶ Σερίφιοί τε καὶ Σίφνιοι και Μήλιοι έστρατεύοντο ούτοι γαρ ούκ έδοσαν μούνοι νησιωτέων τῷ βαρβάρφ γῆν τε καl ύδωρ.

47. Ούτοι μεν άπαντες έντος ολκημένοι Θεσπρωτών και 'Αχέροντος ποταμού ἐστρατεύοντο· Θεσπρωτοί γὰρ εἰσὶ ὁμουρέοντες 'Αμπρακιώτησι και Λευκαδίοισι, οι έξ έσχατέων χωρέων έστρατεύοντο. των δὲ ἐκτὸς τούτων οἰκημένων Κροτωνιήται μούνοι ήσαν οι έβοήθησαν τη Έλλάδι κινδυνευούση μιή νηί, της ήρχε ανήρ τοις πυ-θιονίκης Φάυλλος. Κροτωνιήται δε γένος είσι

'Αγαιοί.

48. Οί μέν νυν άλλοι τριήρεας παρεχόμενοι έστρατεύοντο, Μήλιοι δέ και Σίφνιοι και Σερίφιοι πεντηκοντέρους· Μήλιοι μεν γένος εόντες ἀπὸ Λακεδαίμονος δύο παρείχοντο, Σίφνιοι δὲ καὶ Σερίφιοι Ίωνες εόντες ἀπ' Αθηνέων μίαν εκάτεροι. άριθμός δὲ ἐγένετο ὁ πᾶς τῶν νεῶν, πάρεξ τῶν πεντηκοντέρων, τριηκόσιαι και έβδομήκοντα και OKTO.

49. 'Ως δὲ ἐς τὴν Σαλαμίνα συνήλθον οι στρατηγοί από των είρημενέων πολίων, έβουλεύοντο. προθέντος Ευρυβιάδεω γνώμην αποφαίνεσθαι τον Βουλόμενον, δκου δοκέοι έπιτηδεότατον είναι νανislanders; but they paid no heed to the command and joined themselves to the Greeks, being invited thereto by Democritus, a man of note in their town, who was then captain of a trireme. The Naxians are Ionians, of Athenian lineage. The Styrians furnished the same number as at Artemisium, and the Cythnians one trireme and a fifty-oared bark; both these peoples are Dryopians. There were also in the fleet men of Seriphos and Siphnos and Melos, these being the only islanders who had not given the foreigner earth and water.

47. All these aforesaid came to the war from countries nearer than Thesprotia and the river Acheron; for Thesprotia marches with the Ampraciots and Leucadians, who came from the lands farthest distant. Of those that dwell farther off than these, the men of Croton alone came to aid Hellas in its peril, and they with one ship, whereof the captain was Phayilus, a victor in the Pythian games. These Crotoniats are of Achaean blood.

48. All these furnished triremes for the flect save the Melians and Siphuians and Seriphians, who brought fifty-oared barks, the Melians (who are of Lacedaemonian stock) two, and the Siphuians and Seriphians (who are Ionians of Athenian lineage) one each. The whole number of the ships, besides the fifty-oared barks, was three hundred and seventy eight.

49. When the leaders from the cities aforenamed met at Salamis, they held a council; Eurybiades laid the matter before them, bidding whosever would

to declare what waters in his judgment were fittest for a sea-fight, among all places whereof the Greeks

μαχίην ποιέεσθαι τῶν αὐτοὶ χωρέων ἐγκρατέες εἰσὶ ἡ γὰρ ᾿Αττικὴ ἀπεῖτο ἥδη, τῶν δὲ λοιπέων πέρι προετίθεε. αὶ γνῶμαι δὲ τῶν λεγόντων αὶ πλεῖσται συνεξέπιπτον πρὸς τὸν Ἰσθμὸν πλώσαντας ναυμαχέειν πρὸ τῆς Πελοποννήσου, ἐπιλέγοντες τον λόγον τόνδε, ὡς εἰ νικηθέωσι τῆ ναυμαχίη, ἐν Σαλαμῖνι μὲν ἐόντες πολιορκήσονται ἐν νήσω, ἵνα σφι τιμωρίη οὐδεμία ἐπιφανήσεται, πρὸς δὲ τῷ Ἰσθμῷ ἐς τοὺς ἐωυτῶν ἐξοίσονται.

50. Ταθτα των ἀπὸ Πελοποννήσου στρατηγων ἐπιλεγομένων, ἐληλύθεε ἀνηρ ᾿Αθηναῖος ἀγγέλλων ήκειν τον βάρβαρον ἐς την ᾿Αττικην καὶ πῶσαν αὐτην πυρπολέεσθαι, ὁ γὰρ διὰ Βοιωτῶν τραπόμενος στρατὸς ἄμα Ξέρξη, ἐμπρήσας Θεσπιέων την πόλιν, αὐτῶν ἐκλελοιπότων ἐς Πελοπόννησον, καὶ την Πλαταιέων ώσαὐτως, ἡκέ τε ἐς τὰς ᾿Αθήνας καὶ πάντα ἐκεῖνα ἐδηίου. ἐνέπρησε δὲ Θέσπειάν τε καὶ Πλάταιαν πυθόμενος Θηβαίων

ότι οὐκ ἐμήδιζον.

51. 'Από δὲ τῆς διαβάσιος τοῦ 'Ι λλησπόντου, ἔνθεν πορεύεσθαι ἤρξαντο οἱ βάρβαροι, ἔνα αὐτοῦ διατρίψαντες μῆνα ἐν τῷ διέβαινον ἐς τῆν Εὐρώπην, ἐν τρισὶ ἐτέροισι μησὶ ἐγένοντο ἐν τῆ ᾿Αττικῆ, Καλλιάδεω ἄρχοντος ᾿Αθηναίοισι. καὶ αἰρέουσι ἔρημον τὸ ἄστυ, καὶ τινας ὁλίγους εὐρίσκουσι τῶν ᾿Αθηναίων ἐν τῷ ἰρῷ ἐόντας, ταμίας τε τοῦ ἰροῦ καὶ πένητας ἀνθρώπους, οῦ φραξάμενοι τὴν ἀκρόπολιν θύρησί τε καὶ ξύλοισι ἡμύνοντο τοὺς ἐπιόντας, ἄμα μὲν ὑπ᾽ ἀσθενείης βίου οὐκ ἐκχωρήσαντες ἐς Σαλαμῖνα, πρὸς δὲ αὐτοὶ δοκέοντες ἐξευρηκέναι τὸ μαντήιον τὸ ἡ Πυθίη σφι ἔχρησε, τὸ ξύλινον τεῖχος ἀνάλωτον

were masters; of Attica they had no more hope; it was among other places that he bade them judge. Then the opinion of most of the speakers tended to the same conclusion, that they should sail to the Isthmus and do battle by sea for the safety of the Peloponnese, the reason which they alleged being this, that if they were defeated in the fight at Salamis they would be beleaguered in an island, where no help could come to them; but off the Isthmus they could win to their own coasts.

50. While the Peloponnesian captains held this argument, there came a man of Athens, bringing news that the foreigner was arrived in Attica, and was wasting it all with fire. For the army which followed Xerxes through Boeotia had burnt the town of the Thespians (who had themselves left it and gone to the Peloponnese) and Plataea likewise, and was arrived at Athens, laying waste all the country round. They burnt Thespia and Plataea because they learnt from the Thebans that those

towns had not taken the Persian part.

51. Now after the crossing of the Hellespont whence they began their march, the foreigners had spent one month in their passage into Europe, and in three more months they arrived in Attica, Calliades being then archon at Athens. There they took the city, then left desolate; but they found in the temple some few Athenians, temple-stewards and needy men, who defended themselves against the assault by fencing the aeropolis with doors and logs; these had not withdrawn to Salamis, partly by reason of poverty, and also because they supposed themselves to have found out the meaning of the Delphie oracle that the wooden wall should be

έσεσθαι αὐτὸ δὴ τοῦτο είναι τὸ κρησφύγετον

κατά τὸ μαντήιον καὶ οὐ τὰς νέας.

52. Οἱ δὲ Πέρσαι ἰζόμενοι ἐπὶ τὸν καταντίον τῆς ἀκροπόλιος ὅχθον, τὸν ᾿Αθηναῖοι καλέουσι ᾿Αρήιον πάγον, ἐπολιόρκεον τρόπον τοιόνδε ὅκως στυππεῖον περὶ τοὺς ὀιστοὺς περιθέντες ἄψειαν, ἐτόξευον ἐς τὸ φράγμα. ἐνθαῦτα ᾿Αθηναίων οἱ πολιορκεόμενοι ὅμως ἡμύνοντο, καίπερ ἐς τὸ ἔσχατον κακοῦ ἀπιγμένοι καὶ τοῦ φράγματος προδεδωκότος οὐδὲ λόγους τῶν Πεισιστρατιδέων προσφερόντων περὶ ὁμολογίης ἐνεδέκοντο, ἀμυνόμενοι δὲ ἄλλα τε ἀντεμηχανῶντο καὶ δὴ καὶ προσιόντων τῶν βαρβάρων πρὸς τὰς πύλας ὀλοιτρόχους ἀπίεσαν, ὥστε Ξέρξην ἐπὶ χρόνον συχνὸν ἀπορίησι ἐνέχεσθαι οὐ δυνάμενου σφέας ἐλεῖν.

53. Χρόνω δ' ἐκ τῶν ἀπόρων ἐφάνη δή τις ἔξοδος τοῖσι βαρβάροισι ἔδεε γὰρ κατὰ το θεοπρόπιον πᾶσαν τὴν 'Αττικὴν τὴν ἐν τῷ ἡπείρω γενέσθαι ὑπὸ Πέρσησι. ἔμπροσθε ὧν πρὸ τῆς ἀκροπόλιος, ὅπισθε δὲ τῶν πυλέων καὶ τῆς ἀνόδου, τῷ δὴ οὕτε τις ἐφύλασσε οὕτ' ἄν ἤλπισε μή κοτέ τις κατὰ ταῦτα ἀναβαίη ἀνθρώπων, ταύτη ἀνέβησαν τινὲς κατὰ τὸ ίρὰν τῆς Κέκροπος θυγατρὸς 'Αγλαύρου, καίτοι περ ἀποκρήμνου ἐόντος τοῦ χώρου. ὡς δὲ εἰδον αὐτοὺς ἀναβεβηκότας οἱ 'Αθηναῖοι ἐπὶ τὴν ἀκρόπολιν, οἱ μὲν ἐρρίπτεον ἐωυτοὺς κατὰ τοῦ τείχεος κάτω καὶ διεφθείρουτο, οἱ δὲ ἐς τὸ μέγαρον κατέφευγον. τῶν δὲ Περσέων οἱ ἀναβεβηκότες πρῶτον μὲν

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impregnable, and believed that this, and not the ships, was the refuge signified by the prophecy.¹

52. The Persians sat down on the hill over against the acropolis, which is called by the Athenians the Hill of Ares, and besieged them by shooting arrows wrapped in lighted tow at the barricade. There the Athenians defended themselves against their besiegers, albeit they were in extremity and their barricade had failed them; nor would they listen to the terms of surrender proposed to them by the Pisistratids, but defended themselves by counterdevices, chiefly by rolling great stones down on the foreigners when they assaulted the gates; insomuch that for a long while Xerxes could not take the place, and knew not what to do.

53. But at the last in their quandary the foreigners found an entrance; for the oracle must needs be fulfilled, and all the mainland of Attica be made subject to the Persians. In front of the acropolis, and behind the gates and the ascent thereto, there was a place where none was on guard and none would have thought that any man would ascend that way; here certain men mounted near the shrine of Cecrops' daughter Aglaurus, though the way led up a sheer cliff. When the Athenians saw that they had ascended to the acropolis, some of them cast themselves down from the wall and so perished, and others fled into the inner chamber. Those Persians who had come up first betook themselves

^{*} Hdt.'s description (say How and Wells) is accurate and obvious. The ascent was probably made by a steep cleft running under or within the N. wall of the Acropotis; the western entrance of this cleft is 'in front,' facing the same way as the main entrance of the Acropolis. μέγαρον here = ίρόν.

έτράπουτο πρὸς τὰς πύλας, ταύτας δὲ ἀνοίξαντες τοὺς ἰκέτας ἐφόνευον ἐπεὶ δέ σφι πάντες κατέστρωυτο, τὸ ἰρὸν συλήσαντες ἐνέπρησαν πᾶσαν

την ακρόπολιν.

54. Σχων δὲ παντελέως τὰς 'Αθήνας Ξέρξης ἀπέπεμψε ἐς Σοῦσα ἄγγελον ἰππέα 'Αρταβάνω ἀγγελέοντα τὴν παρεοῦσάν σφι εὐπρηξίην. ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς πέμψιος τοῦ κήρυκος δευτέρη ἡμέρη συγκαλέσας Αθηναίων τοὺς φυγάδας, ἐωυτώ δὲ ἐπομένους, ἐκέλευε τρόπω τῷ σφετέρω θῦσαι τὰ ἰρὰ ἀναβάντας ἐς τὴν ἀκρόπολιν, εἴτε δὴ ὧν ὄψιν τινὰ ἰδὼν ἐνυπνίου ἐνετέλλετο ταῦτα, εἴτε καὶ ἐνθύμιόν οἱ ἐγένετο ἐμπρήσαντι τὸ ἰρόν. οἱ δὲ φυγάδες τῶν 'Αθηναίων ἐποίησαν τὰ ἐντεταλμένα.

55. Τοῦ δὲ εἴνεκεν τούτων ἐπεμνήσθην, φράσω. ἔστι ἐν τῷ ἀκροπόλι ταύτη Ἐρεχθέος τοῦ γηγενέος λεγομένου εἰναι νηός, ἐν τῷ ἐλαίη τε καὶ θάλασσα ἔνι, τὰ λόγος παρὰ ᾿Αθηναίων Ποσειδέωνά τε καὶ ᾿Αθηναίην ἐρίσαντας περὶ τῆς χώρης μαρτύρια θέσθαι. ταύτην ὧν τὴν ἐλαίην ἄμα τῷ ἄλλῳ ἰρῷ κατέλαβε ἐμπρησθῆναι ὑπὸ τῶν βαρβάρων δευτέρη δὲ ἡμέρη ἀπὸ τῆς ἐμπρησιος ᾿Αθηναίων οἱ θύειν ὑπὸ βασιλέος κελευόμενοι ὡς ἀνέβησαν ἐς τὸ ἰρόν, ὥρων βλαστὸν ἐκ τοῦ στελέχεος ὅσον τε πηχυαίον ἀναδεδραμηκότα, οὐτοι μέν νυν ταῦτα ἔφρασαν.

56. Οἱ δὲ ἐν Σαλαμῖνι ελληνες, ὡς σφι ἐξηγγελθη ὡς ἔσχε τὰ περὶ τὴν ᾿Αθηναίων ἀκρόπολιν, ἐς τοσοῦτον θόρυβον ἀπίκοντο ὡς ἔνιοι των στρατηγών οὐδὲ κυρωθῆναι ἔμενον τὸ προκείμενον πρῆγμα, ἀλλ᾽ ἔς τε τὰς νέας ἐσέπιπτον και ἱστία ἀείροντο ὡς ἀποθευσόμενοι: τοῖσὶ τε ὑπολειπο-

to the gates, which they opened, and slew the suppliants; and when they had laid all the Athenians low, they plundered the temple and burnt the

whole of the acropolis.

54. Being now wholly master of Athens, Xerxes sent a horseman to Susa to announce his present success to Artabanus. On the next day after the messenger was sent he called together the Athenian exiles who followed in his train, and bade them go up to the acropolis and offer sacrifice after their manner, whether it was some vision seen of him in sleep that led him to give this charge, or that he repented of his burning of the temple. The Athenian exiles did as they were bidden.

55. I will now show wherefore I make mention of this: on that acropolis there is a shrine of Erechtheus the Earthborn (as he is called), wherein is an olive tree, and a salt-pool, which (as the Athenians say) were set there by Poseidon and Athene as tokens of their contention for the land.1 Now it was so, that the olive tree was burnt with the temple by the foreigners; but on the day after its burning, when the Athenians bidden by the king to sacrifice went up to the temple, they saw a shoot of about a cubit's length sprung from the trunk; which thing they reported.

56. When it was told to the Greeks at Salamis what had befallen the Athenian aeropolis, they were so panic-struck that some of their captains would not wait till the matter whereon they debated should be resolved, but threw themselves aboard their ships and hoisted their sails for flight. Those that were

Athene created the olive, Poscidon the salt pool; Cecrops adjudged the land to Athene.

μένοισι αὐτῶν ἐκυρώθη πρὸ τοῦ Ἰσθμοῦ ναυμαχέειν. νύξ τε έγίνετο καὶ οὶ διαλυθέντες έκ τοῦ συνεδρίου ἐσέβαινον ἐς τὰς νέας.

57. Ένθαθτα δη Θεμιστοκλέα απικόμενον έπι την νέα είρετο Μνησίφιλος άνηρ 'Αθηναίος ο τι σφι είη βεβουλευμένου. πυθόμενος δὲ πρὸς αύτοῦ ώς είη δεδογμένον ἀνάγειν τὰς νέας πρὸς τον Ίσθμον και προ της Πελοποννήσου ναυμαχέειν, είπε "Ουτ' άρα, ην άπαείρωσι τὰς νέας άπο Σαλαμίνος, περί ούδεμιης έτι πατρίδος ναυμαχήσεις κατά γάρ πόλις έκαστοι τρέψονται, και ούτε σφέας Ευρυβιάδης κατέχειν δυνήσεται ούτε τις ανθρώπων άλλος ώστε μη ού διασκεδασθήναι την στρατιήν απολέεται τε ή Έλλας άβουλίησι. άλλ' εί τις έστι μηχανή, ίθι και πειρώ διαγέαι τὰ βεβουλευμένα, ήν κως δύνη άναγνώσαι Εύρυβιάδην μεταβουλεύσασθαι ώστε αύτοθ μένειν."

58. Κάρτα τε τῶ Θεμιστοκλέι ήρεσε ἡ ὑποθήκη, καὶ οὐδὲν πρὸς ταῦτα ἀμειψάμενος ήιε ἐπὶ την νέα την Ευρυβιάδεω. ἀπικόμενος δὲ ἔφη έθέλειν οἱ κοινόν τι πρήγμα συμμίξαι δ δ' αὐτον ές την νέα ἐκέλευε ἐσβάντα λέγειν, εἴ τι θέλει. ένθαθτα ό Θεμιστοκλέης παριζόμενός οι καταλέγει έκεινά τε πάντα τὰ ήκουσε Μνησιφίλου, έωυτοῦ ποιεύμενος, καὶ άλλα πολλά προστιθείς, ές δ ανέγνωσε χρηίζων έκ τε της νεος έκβηναι συλλέξαι

τε τούς στρατηγούς ές το συνέδριον.

59. 'Ως δὲ ἄρα συνελέχθησαν, πρὶν ἡ τὸν Εὐρυβιάδην προθείναι τὸν λόγον τῶν εἴνεκα συνήγαγε τοὺς στρατηγούς, πολλός ήν ο Θεμιστοκλέης έν τοίσι λόγοισι οία κάρτα δεόμενος-

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left behind resolved that the fleet should fight to guard the Isthmus; and at nightfall they broke up

from the assembly and embarked.

57. Themistocles then being returned to his ship, Mnesiphilus, an Athenian, asked him what was the issue of their counsels. Learning from him that their plan was to sail to the Isthmus and fight in defence of the Peloponnese, "Then," said Mnesiphilus, "if they put out to sea from Salamis, your ships will have no country left wherefor to fight; for everyone will betake himself to his own city, and neither Eurybiades, nor any other man, will be able to hold them, but the armament will be scattered abroad; and Hellas will perish by unwisdom. Nav. if there be any means thereto, go now and strive to undo this plan, if haply you may be able to persuade Eurybiades to change his purpose and so abide here."

58. This advice pleased Themistocles well; making no answer to Mnesiphilus, he went to Eurybiades ship, and said that he would confer with him on a matter of their common interest. Eurybiades bidding him come aboard and say what he would, Themistocles sat by him and told him all that he had heard from Mnesiphilus, as it were of his own devising, and added much thereto, till he prevailed with the Spartan by entreaty to come out of his ship and assemble the admirals in their place of meeting.

59. They being assembled (so it is said), before Eurybiades had laid before them the matter wherefor the generals were brought together, Themistocles spoke long and vehemently in the earnestness of his entreaty; and while he yet spoke, Adimantus son

λέγοντος δὲ αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κορίνθιος στρατηγὸς ᾿Αδείμαντος ὁ ἸΩκύτου εἰπε "ἸΩ Θεμιστόκλεες, ἐν τοῖσι ἀγῶσι οἱ προεξανιστάμενοι ῥαπίζονται." ὁ δὲ ἀπολυόμενος ἔφη "Οἱ δὲ γε ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι οὐ

στεφανοῦνται."

60. Τότε μέν ήπίως πρός του Κορίνθιου άμείψατο, πρὸς δὲ τὸν Εὐρυβιάδην ἔλεγε ἐκείνων μὲν έτι οὐδέν των πρότερον λεχθέντων, ως έπεαν άπαείρωσι άπὸ Σαλαμίνος διαδρήσονται παρεόντων γάρ των συμμάχων ούκ έφερε οί κόσμον οὐδένα κατηγορέειν ο δὲ άλλου λόγου είχετο, λέγων τάδε. "Εν σοί νῦν ἐστὶ σῶσαι τὴν Ἑλλάδα, ην έμοι πείθη ναυμαγίην αὐτοῦ μένων ποιέεσθαι, μηδέ πειθόμενος τούτων τοίσι λόγοισι αναζεύξης προς τον Ίσθμον τὰς νέας. ἀντίθες γὰρ ἐκάτερον ἀκούσας. προς μὲν τῷ Ἰσθμῷ συμβάλλων ἐν πελάγει άναπεπταμένω ναυμαχήσεις, ές το ήκιστα ήμεν σύμφορον έστι νέας έχουσι βαρυτέρας και άριθμον ελάσσονας· τοῦτο δε άπολέεις Σαλαμενά τε καὶ Μέγαρα καὶ Αἴγιναν, ἥν περ καὶ τὰ ἄλλα εὐτυχήσωμεν. ἄμα δὲ τῷ ναυτικῷ αὐτῶν ἔψεται και ο πεζος στρατός, και ούτω σφέας αυτος άξεις έπὶ τὴν Πελοπόννησον, κινδυνεύσεις τε ἀπάση τῆ Έλλάδι. ἡν δὲ τὰ ἐγὰ λέγω ποιήσης, τοσάδε ἐν αὐτοίσι χρηστά εὐρήσεις πρώτα μέν έν στεινώ συμβάλλοντες νηυσί ολίγησι προς πολλάς, ήν τα οικότα έκ του πολέμου έκβαίνη, πολλου κρατήσομεν· τὸ γὰρ ἐν στεινῷ ναυμαχέειν πρὸς ἡμέων ἐστί, ἐν εὐρυχωρίη δὲ πρὸς ἐκείνων. αὐτις δὲ Σαλαμίς περιγίνεται, ές την ήμιν υπέκκειται τέκνα τε καὶ γυναϊκες. καὶ μέν καὶ τόδε έν αὐτοῖσι ἔνεστι, τοῦ καὶ περιέχεσθε μάλιστα:

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of Ocytus, the Corinthian admiral, said, "At the games, Themistocles, they that come forward before their time are beaten with rods." "Ay," said Themistocles, justifying himself, "but they that

wait too long win no crown."

60. Thus for the nonce he made the Corinthian a soft answer; then turning to Eurybiades, he said now nought of what he had said before, how that if they set sail from Salamis they would scatter and flee; for it would have ill become him to bring railing accusations against the allies in their presence; he trusted to another plea instead. lies in your hand," said he, "to save Hellas, if you will be guided by me and fight here at sea, and not be won by the words of these others to remove your ships over to the Isthmus. Hear me now, and judge between two plans. If you engage off the Isthmus you will fight in open waters, where it is least for our advantage, our ships being the heavier and the fewer in number; and moreover you will lose Salamis and Megara and Aegina, even if victory attend us otherwise; and their land army will follow with their fleet, and so you will lead them to the Peloponnese, and imperil all Hellas. But if you do as I counsel you, you will thereby profit as I shall show: firstly, by engaging their many ships with our few in narrow seas, we shall win a great victory, if the war have its rightful issue; for it is for our advantage to fight in a strait as it is theirs to have wide sea-room. Secondly, we save Salamis, whither we have conveyed away our children and our women. Moreover, there is this, too, in my plan, and it is your chiefest desire: you will be defending the

όμοίως αὐτοῦ τε μένων προναυμαχήσεις Πελο-πουνήσου καὶ πρὸς τῷ Ἰσθμῷ, οὐδὲ σφέας, εἰ περ εὐ φρονέεις, ἄξεις ἐπὶ τὴν Πελοπόννησον. ην δέ νε και τα έγω έλπίζω γένηται και νικήσωμεν τήσι νηυσί, ούτε ύμιν ές τον Ίσθμον παρέσονται οί βάρβαροι ούτε προβήσονται έκαστέρω της Αττικής, απίασί τε οὐδενὶ κόσμω, Μεγάροισί τε κερδανέσμεν περιεσύσι και Αίγίνη και Σαλαμίνι, έν τη ημίν και λόγιον έστι των έχθρων κατύπερθε γενέσθαι, ολκότα μέν νυν Βουλευομένοισι ανθρώποισι ώς τὸ ἐπίπαν ἐθέλει γίνεσθαι· μη δὲ οἰκότα Βουλευομένοισι οὐκ ἐθέλει οὐδὲ ὁ θεὸς προσχωρέειν πρός τὰς ἀνθρωπηίας γνώμας."

61. Ταθτα λέγοντος Θεμιστοκλέος αθτις ό Κορίνθιος 'Αδείμαντος ἐπεφέρετο, σιγᾶν τε κελεύων τω μη έστι πατρίς και Ευρυβιάδην ούκ έων επιψηφίζειν απόλι ανδρί πόλιν γαρ τον Θεμιστοκλέα παρεχόμενον ούτω ἐκέλευε γνώμας συμβάλλεσθαι. ταθτα δέ οι προέφερε ότι ήλώκεσάν τε καὶ κατείχοντο αὶ 'Αθηναι, τότε δη ό Θεμιστοκλέης κεινόν τε και τους Κορινθίους πολλά τε καὶ κακὰ έλεγε, έωυτοῖσι τε ἐδήλου λόγφ ώς είη και πόλις και γη μέζων η περ εκείνοισι, έστ' αν διηκόσιαι νέες σφι έωσι πεπληρωμέναι ούδαμούς γάρ Ελλήνων αύτούς ἐπιόντας ἀποκρούσεσθαι.

62. Σημαίνων δε ταθτα τω λόγω διέβαινε ές Εύρυβιάδην, λέγων μάλλον ἐπεστραμμένα. "Σὸ εί μενέεις αὐτοῦ καὶ μένων έσεαι άνηρ άγαθός. εί δὲ μή, ἀνατρέψεις τὴν Ἑλλάδα· το πῶν γὰρ ήμιν του πολέμου φέρουσι αι νέες. άλλ' έμοι πείθεο. εί δὲ ταῦτα μη ποιήσης, ήμεις μὲν ώς

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Peloponnese as well by abiding here as you would by fighting off the Isthmus, and you will not lead our enemies (if you be wise) to the Isthmus. And if that happen which I expect, you will never have the foreigners upon you at the Isthmus; they will advance no further than Attica, but depart in disorderly fashion; and we shall gain by the saving of Megara and Aegina and Salamis, where it is told us by an oracle that we shall have the upper hand of our enemies. Success comes oftenest to men when they make reasonable designs; but if they do not so, neither will heaven for its part side with human devices."

61. Thus said Themistocles; but Adimantus the Corinthian attacked him again, saying that a landless man should hold his peace, and that Eurybiades must not suffer one that had no city to vote; let Themistocles (said he) have a city at his back ere he took part in council,—taunting him thus because Athens was taken and held by the enemy. Thereupon Themistocles spoke long and bitterly against Adimantus and the Corinthians, giving them plainly to understand that the Athenians had a city and country greater than theirs, as long as they had two hundred ships fully manned; for there were no Greeks that could beat them off.

62. Thus declaring, he passed over to Eurybiades, and spoke more vehemently than before. "If you abide here, by so abiding you will be a right good man; but if you will not, you will overthrow Hellas; for all our strength for war is in our ships. Nay, be guided by me. But if you do not so, we then

ἔχομεν ἀναλαβόντες τοὺς οἰκέτας κομιεύμεθα ἐς Σῖριν τὴν ἐν Ἱταλίῃ, ἥ περ ἡμετέρη τε ἐστὶ ἐκ παλαιοῦ ἔτι, καὶ τὰ λόγια λέγει ὑπ' ἡμέων αὐτὴν δέειν κτισθῆναι· ὑμεῖς δὲ συμμάχων τοιῶνδε μουνωθέντες μεμνήσεσθε τῶν ἐμῶν λόγων."

63. Ταῦτα δὲ Θεμιστοκλέος λέγοντος ἀνεδιδάσκετο Εὐρυβιάδης δοκέειν δέ μοι, ἀρρωδήσας μάλιστα τους 'Αθηναίους ἀνεδιδάσκετο, μή σφεας ἀπολίπωσι, ἡν πρὸς τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ἀγάγη τὰς νέας ἀπολιπόντων γὰρ 'Αθηναίων οὐκέτι ἐγίνοντο ἀξιόμαχοι οἱ λοιποί, ταύτην δὲ αἰρέεται τὴν

γνώμην, αὐτοῦ μένοντας διαναυμαχέειν.

64. Οὕτω μὲν οἱ περὶ Σαλαμῖνα ἔπεσι ἀκροβολισάμενοι, ἐπείτε Εὐρυβιάδη ἔδοξε, αὐτοῦ
παρεσκευάζοντο ὡς ναυμαχησοντες. ἡμέρη τε
ἐγίνετο καὶ ἄμα τῷ ἡλίω ἀνιόντι σεισμός ἐγένετο
ἔν τε τῆ γῆ καὶ τῆ θαλάσση. ἔδοξε δέ σφι
εὕξασθαι τοῖσι θεοῖσι καὶ ἐπικαλέσασθαι τοὺς
Λἰακίδας συμμάχους. ὡς δέ σφι ἔδοξε, καὶ
ἐποίευν ταῦτα εὐξάμενοι γὰρ πᾶσι τοῖσι θεοῖσι,
αὐτόθεν μὲν ἐκ Σαλαμῖνος Αἴαντά τε καὶ Τελαμῶνα ἐπεκαλέοντο, ἐπὶ δὲ Λίακὸν καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους
Λἰακίδας νέα ἀπέστελλον ἐς Αἴγιναν.

65. "Εφη δε Δίκαιος ο Θεοκύδεος, άνηρ 'Αθηναίος φυγάς τε και παρά Μήδοισι λόγιμος γενόμενος τοῦτον τὸν χρόνον, ἐπείτε ἐκείρετο ἡ 'Αττική χώρη ὑπὸ τοῦ πεζοῦ στρατοῦ τοῦ Ξέρξεω ἐοῦσα ἔρημος 'Αθηναίων, τυχεῖν τότε ἐων ἄμα Δημαρήτω τῶ Λακεδαιμονίω ἐν τῶ Θριασίω πεδίω, ίδεῖν δὲ

1 The images of Acacus and his sons; cp. v. 80.

N.W. of Athens, from which Eleusis is about 15 miles distant. Plutarch says that the vision was seen on the day

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without more ado will take our households and voyage to Siris in Italy, which has been ours from old time, and the oracles tell that we must there plant a colony; and you, left without allies such as we are, will have cause to remember what I have said."

63. These words of Themistocles moved Eurybiades to change his purpose; which to my thinking he did chiefly because he feared lest the Athenians should leave him if he took his ships to the Isthmus; for if the Athenians should leave the fleet the rest would be no match for the enemy. He chose then the plan aforesaid, namely, to abide and fight on the

seas where they were.

64. Thus after this wordy skirmish the Greeks at Salamis prepared, since Eurybiades so willed, to fight their battle where they were. At sunrise on the next day there was an earthquake on land and sea; and they resolved to pray to the gods, and to call the sons of Acacus to be their helpers. As they resolved, so they did; they prayed to all the gods, and called Aias and Telamon to come to them from Salamis, where the Greeks were; and they sent a ship to Aegina for Acacus and the rest that were of his House. 1

65. There was one Dicaeus, son of Theocydes, an exile from Athens who had attained to estimation among the Medes. This was the tale that he told: At the time when the land of Attica was being laid waste by Xerxes' army, and no Athenians were therein, he, being with Demaratus the Lacedaemonian on the Thriasian 2 plain, saw dust coming

of the battle of Salamis, which would thus have been fought on September 22 (20th of Boedromion); for it is assumed that the vision coincided in date with the standing date of the Eleuanian festival.

κονιορτον χωρέοντα απ' Έλευσίνος ως ανδρών μάλιστά κη τρισμυρίων, ἀποθωμάζειν τε σφέας τον κονιορτον ὅτεων κοτὲ εἴη ἀνθρώπων, καὶ πρόκατε φωνής ακούειν, καί οι φαίνεσθαι την φωνήν είναι του μυστικόν ιακχου. είναι δ' άδαήμονα των Ιρών των έν Ελευσίνι γινομένων τον Δημάρητον, εἰρέσθαί τε αὐτον ὅ τι το φθεγγόμενον είη τοῦτο. αὐτὸς δὲ εἰπεῖν "Δημάρητε, ούκ έστι δκως ού μένα τι σίνος έσται τη βασιλέος στρατιή τάδε γὰρ ἀρίδηλα, ἐρήμου ἐούσης τῆς 'Αττικής, ότι θείον το φθεγγόμενον, άπ' Έλευσίνος ίου èς τιμωρίηυ 'Αθηναίοισί τε καὶ τοῖσι συμ-μάχοισι. καὶ ἡυ μέν γε κατασκήψη èς τὴυ Πελοπόννησον, κίνδυνος αυτώ τε βασιλέι καὶ τη στρατιή τη έν τη ήπείρω έσται, ήν δὲ ἐπὶ τὰς νέας τράπηται τὰς ἐν Σαλαμῖνι, τὸν ναυτικὸν στρατόν κινδυνεύσει βασιλεύς ἀποβαλείν, την δὲ όρτην ταύτην ἄγουσι 'Αθηναίοι ἀνὰ πάντα δε ορτην Και τη Κούρη, και αὐτών τε ὁ βουλόμενος και των ἄλλων Ἑλλήνων μυείται· και την φωνήν της ἀκούεις ἐν ταύτη τῆ ὁρτῆ λακγάζουσι." πρός ταθτα είπειν Δημάρητον "Σίγα τε καὶ μηδενὶ άλλω του λόγου τοῦτου είπης ήν γάρ τοι ές βασιλέα άνενειχθή τὰ έπεα ταύτα, ἀποβαλέεις την κεφαλήν, καί σε ούτε έγω δυνήσομαι ρύσασθαι ούτ άλλος ανθρώπων ούδε είς. ἀλλ' έχ' ήσυχος, περί δὲ στρατιής τήσδε θεοίσι μελήσει." του μὲν δὴ ταῦτα παραινέειν, ἐκ δὲ τοῦ κονιορτοῦ καὶ τῆς φωνῆς γενέσθαι νέφος και μεταρσιωθέν φέρεσθαι έπι Σαλαμίνος έπι το στρατόπεδον το τών Έλλήνων. ούτω δή αὐτούς μαθείν ότι τὸ ναυτικόν τὸ Εέρξεω ἀπο-60

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from Eleusis as it were raised by the feet of about thirty thousand men; and as they marvelled greatly what men they should be whence the dust came, immediately they heard a cry, which cry seemed to him to be the Iacchus-song of the mysteries. Demaratus, not being conversant with the rites of Eleusis, asked him what this voice might be; and Dicacus said, "Without doubt, Demaratus, some great harm will befall the king's host; for Attica being unpeopled, it is plain hereby that the voice we hear is of heaven's sending, and comes from Elensis to the aid of the Athenians and their allies. And if the vision descend upon the Peloponnese, the king himself and his army on land will be endangered; but if it turn towards the ships at Salamis, the king will be in peril of losing his fleet. As for this feast, it is kept by the Athenians every year for the honour of the Mother and the Maid,1 and whatever Greek will, be he Athenian or other, is then initiated; and the cry which you hear is the 'Iacchus' which is uttered at this feast." Demaratus replied thereto, "Keep silence, and speak to none other thus; for if these words of yours be reported to the king, you will lose your head, and neither I nor any other man will avail to save you. Hold your peace; and for this host, the gods shall look to it." Such was Demaratus' counsel; and after the dust and the cry came a cloud, which rose aloft and floated away towards Salamis, to the Greek fleet. By this they understood, that Xerxes' ships must perish.—This was

¹ Demeter and Persephone.

λέεσθαι μέλλοι. ταῦτα μὲν Δίκαιος ὁ Θεοκύδεος ἔλεγε, Δημαρήτου τε καὶ ἄλλων μαρτύρων

καταπτόμενος.

66. Οἱ δὲ ἐς τὸν Ξέρξεω ναυτικὸν στρατὸν ταχθέντες, ἐπειδή ἐκ Τρηχίνος θεησάμενοι τὸ τρώμα τὸ Λακωνικον διέβησαν ές την Ίστιαίην, έπισχόντες ήμέρας τρεῖς ἔπλεον δι' Εὐρίπου, καὶ ἐν ἐτέρησι τρισὶ ἡμέρησι ἐγένοντο ἐν Φαλήρφ. ώς μεν έμοι δοκίειν, ούκ ελάσσονες εόντες άριθμον ἐσέβαλον ἐς τὰς ᾿Αθήνας, κατά τε ήπειρον και τήσε νηυσι άπικόμενοι, ή επί τε Σηπιάδα ἀπίκουτο καὶ ές Θερμοπύλας ἀντιθήσω γάρ τοίσι τε ύπο του χειμώνος αυτών απολομένοισι και τοίσι έν Θερμοπύλησι και τήσι έπ' 'Αρτεμισίω ναυμαχίησε τούσδε τούς τότε ούκω έπομένους Βασιλέι, Μηλιέας και Δωριέας και Λοκρούς και Βοιωτούς πανστρατιή έπομένους πλήν Θεσπιέων καὶ Πλαταιέων, καὶ μάλα Καρυστίους τε καὶ 'Ανδρίους καὶ Τηνίους τε καὶ τοὺς λοιποὺς νησιώτας πάντας, πλην των πέντε πολίων των ἐπεμνήσθημεν πρότερον τὰ οὐνόματα. ὅσος γὰρ δή προέβαινε έσωτέρω της Ελλάδος ο Πέρσης. τοσούτω πλέω έθνεά οι είπετο.

67. Έπει ων απίκατο ες τὰς 'Αθήνας πάντες οὐτοι πλην Παρίων (Πάριοι δὲ ὑπολειφθέντες ἐν Κύθνω ἐκαραδόκεον τὸν πόλεμον κῆ ἀποβήσεται), οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ ὡς ἀπίκοντο ἐς τὸ Φάληρον, ἐνθαῦτα κατέβη αὐτὸς Ξέρξης ἐπὶ τὰς νέας, ἐθέλων σφι συμμῖξαί τε καὶ πυθέσθαι τῶν ἐπιπλεόντων τὰς γνώμας. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀπικόμενος προίζετο, παρησαν μετάπεμπτοι οἱ τῶν ἐθνέων τῶν σφετέρων τύραννοι καὶ ταξίαρχοι ἀπὸ τῶν νεῶν, καὶ ζζοντο

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the tale told by Dicaeus, son of Theocydes; and Demaratus and others (he said) could prove it true.

66. They that were appointed to serve in Xerxes' fleet, when they had viewed the hurt done to the Laconians and crossed over from Trachis to Histiaea, after three days' waiting sailed through the Euripus, and in three more days they arrived at Phalerum. To my thinking, the forces both of land and sea were no fewer in number when they brake into Athens than when they came to Sepias and Thermopylae: for against those that were lost in the storm, and at Thermopylae, and in the sea-fights off Artemisium, I set these, who at that time were not yet in the king's following-namely, the Melians, the Dorians, the Locrians, and the whole force of Boeotia (save only the Thespians and Plataeans), yea, and the men of Carystus and Andros and Tenos and the rest of the islands, save the five states of which I have before made mention.1 For the farther the Persian pressed on into Hellas the more were the peoples that followed in his train.

67. So when all these were come to Athens, except the Parians (who had been left behind in Cythnus watching to see which way the war should incline)—the rest, I say, being come to Phalerum, Xerxes then came himself down to the fleet, that he might consort with the shipmen and hear their opinions. When he was come, and sat enthroned, there appeared before him at his summons the despots of their cities and the leaders of companies from the ships, and they sat according to the

¹ In ch. 46, where, however, six states are mentioned.

ως σφι βασιλεύς έκάστω τιμην έδεδώκεε, πρώτος μέν ο Σιδώνιος βασιλεύς, μετά δὲ ο Τύριος, ἐπὶ δὲ ώλλοι. ὡς δὲ κόσμω ἐπεξῆς Τζοντο, πέμψας Ξέρξης Μαρδόνιον εἰρώτα ἀποπειρώμενος ἐκάστου

εί ναυμαχίην ποιέσιτο.

68. Έπει δέ περιιών είρωτα ο Μαρδόνιος άρξάμενος άπὸ τοῦ Σιδωνίου, οἱ μὲν ἄλλοι κατὰ τώντο γνώμην εξεφέροντο κελεύοντες ναυμαχίην ποιέεσθαι, Αρτεμισίη δε τάδε έφη. "Είπειν μοι πρὸς βασιλέα, Μαρδόνιε, ως έγω τάδε λέγω, ούτε κακίστη γενομένη έν τησι ναυμαγίησι τησι πρός Εύβοίη ούτε ελάχιστα ἀποδεξαμένη. δέσποτα, την δε εούσαν γνώμην με δίκαιον έστι άποδείκυυσθαι, τὰ τυγχάνω φρονέουσα ἄριστα ἐς πρήγματα τὰ σά. καί τοι τάδε λέγω, φείδεο τῶν νεῶν μηδέ ναυμαχίην ποιέο. οί γάρ άνδρες των σων άνδρών κρέσσονες τοσούτο είσι κατά θάλασσαν δσον άνδρες γυναικών, τί δὲ πάντως δέει σε ναυμαχίησι άνακινδυνεύειν; ούκ έχεις μέν τὰς Αθήνας, τών περ είνεκα ορμήθης στρατεύεσθαι, έχεις δὲ τὴν ἄλλην Ελλάδα; ἐμποδών δέ τοι Ισταται οὐδείς οι δέ τοι ἀντέστησαν, ἀπήλλαξαν ούτω ώς κείνους έπρεπε. τη δὲ ἐγὼ δοκέω ἀποβήσεσθαι τὰ τῶν ἀντιπολέμων πρήγματα, τοῦτο φράσω. ην μέν μη έπειχθης ναυμαχίην ποιεύμενος, άλλα τὰς νέας αὐτοῦ ἔχης πρὸς γη μένων ή και προβαίνων ές την Πελοπόννησον, εύπετέως τοι δέσποτα χωρήσει τὰ νοέων ἐλήλυθας. οὐ γάρ οδοί τε πολλου χρόνου εἰσί τοι ἀντέχειν οἰ Ελληνες, ἀλλὰ σφέας διασκεδάς, κατὰ πόλις δὲ έκαστοι φεύξονται. ούτε γάρ σίτος πάρα σφι έν τη νήσω ταύτη, ώς έγω πυνθάνομαι, ούτε αυτούς 64

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'honourable rank which the king had granted them severally, first in place the king of Sidon, and next he of Tyre, and then the rest. When they had sat down in order one after another, Xerxes sent Mardonius and put each to the test by questioning him

if the Persian ships should offer battle.

68. Mardonius went about questioning them, from the Sidonian onwards; and all the rest gave their united voice for offering battle at sea; but Artemisia said: "Tell the king, I pray you, Mardonius, that I who say this have not been the hindmost in courage or in feats of arms in the fights near Euboea. Nay, master, but it is right that I should declare my opinion, even that which I deem best for your cause. And this I say to you-Spare your ships, and offer no battle at sea; for their men are as much stronger by sea than yours, as men are stronger than women. And why must you at all costs imperil yourself by fighting battles on the sea? have you not possession of Athens, for the sake of which you set out on this march, and of the rest of Hellas? no man stands in your path; they that resisted you have come off in such plight as beseemed them. I will show you now what I think will be the course of your enemies' doings. If you make no haste to fight at sea, but keep your ships here and abide near the land, or even go forward into the Peloponnese, then, my master, you will easily gain that end wherefor you have come. For the Greeks are not able to hold out against you for a long time, but you will scatter them, and they will flee each to his city; they have no food in this island, as I am informed, nor, if you

οικός, ήν σὺ ἐπὶ τὴν Πελοπόννησον ἐλαύνης τὸν πεζὸν στρατόν, ἀτρεμιεῖν τοὺς ἐκεῖθεν αὐτῶν ἤκοντας, οὐδέ σφι μελήσει πρὸ τῶν ᾿Αθηνέων ναυμαχέειν. ἡν δὲ αὐτίκα ἐπειχθῆς ναυμαχήσαι, δειμαίνω μὴ ὁ ναυτικὸς στρατός κακωθεῖς τὸν πεζὸν προσδηλήσηται. πρὸς δὲ, ὡ βασιλεῦ, καὶ τόδε ἐς θυμὸν βάλευ, ὡς τοῖσι μὲν χρηστοῖσι τῶν ἀνθρώπων κακοὶ δοῦλοι φιλέουσι γίνεσθαι, τοῖσι δὲ κακοῖσι χρηστοί. σοὶ δὲ ἐόντι ἀρίστω ἀνδρῶν πάντων κακοὶ δοῦλοι εἰσι, οἱ ἐν συμμάχων λόγω λέγονται εἰναι ἐόντες Αἰγύπτιοί τε καὶ Κυπριοι καὶ Κίλικες καὶ Πάμφυλοι, τῶν ὄφελος ἐστὶ οὐδέν."

69. Ταῦτα λεγούσης πρὸς Μαρδόνιον, ὅσοι μὲν ησαν εὔνοοι τῆ ᾿Αρτεμισίη, συμφορὴν ἐποιεῦντο τοὺς λόγους ὡς κακόν τι πεισομένης πρὸς βασιλέος, ὅτι οὐκ ἔα ναυμαχίην ποιέεσθαι· οῖ δὲ ἀγεόμενοί τε καὶ φθονέοντες αὐτῆ, ἄτε ἐν πρώτοισι τετιμημένης διὰ πάντων τῶν συμμάχων, ἐτέρποντο τῆ ἀνακρίσι ὡς ἀπολεομένης αὐτῆς. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀνηνείχθησαν αὶ γνῶμαι ἐς Ξέρξην, κάρτα τε ήσθη τῆ γνώμη τῆ ᾿Αρτεμισίης, καὶ νομίζων ἔτι πρότερον σπουδαίην εἰναι τότε πολλῷ μᾶλλον αἴνεε. ὅμως δὲ τοῖσι πλέοσι πείθεσθαι ἐκέλευε, τάδε καταδόξας, πρὸς μὲν Εὐβοίη σφέας ἐθελοκακέειν ὡς οὐ παρεόντος αὐτοῦ, τότε δὲ αὐτὸς παρεσκεύαστο θεήσασθαι ναυμαχέοντας.

70. Έπει δὲ παρήγγελλου ἀναπλέειν, ἀνῆγον τὰς νέας ἐπὶ τὴν Σαλαμῖνα και παρεκρίθησαν διαταχθέντες κατ ἡσυχίην. τότε μέν νυν οὐκ ἐξέχρησέ σφι ἡ ἡμέρη ναυμαχίην ποιήσασθαι νὖΕ γὰρ ἐπεγένετο οἱ δὲ παρεσκενάζοντο ἐς τὴν

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lead your army into the Peloponnese, is it likely that those of them who have come from thence will abide unmoved; they will have no mind to fight sea-battles for Athens. But if you make haste to fight at once on sea, I fear lest your fleet take some hurt and thereby harm your army likewise. Moreover, O king, call this to mind—good men's slaves are wont to be evil and bad men's slaves good; and you, who are the best of all men, have evil slaves, that pass for your allies, men of Egypt and Cyprus and Cilicia and Pamphylia, in whom is no usefulness."

69. When Artemisia spoke thus to Mardonius, all that were her friends were sorry for her words, thinking that the king would do her some hurt for counselling him against a sca-fight; but they that had ill-will and jealousy against her for the honour in which she was held above all the allies were glad at her answer, thinking it would be her undoing. But when the opinions were reported to Xerxes he was greatly pleased by the opinion of Artemisia; he had ever deemed her a woman of worth and now held her in much higher esteem. Nevertheless he bade the counsel of the more part to be followed; for he thought that off Euboea his men had been slack fighters by reason of his absence, and now he purposed to watch the battle himself.

70. When the command to set sail was given, they put out to Salamis and arrayed their line in order at their ease. That day there was not time enough left to offer battle, for the night came; and they made preparation for the next day instead. But the

ύστεραίην. τοὺς δὲ "Ελληνας εἶχε δέος τε καὶ ἀρρωδίη, οὐκ ἥκιστα δὲ τοὺς ἀπὸ Πελοποννήσου ἀρρώδεον δὲ ὅτι αὐτοὶ μὲν ἐν Σαλαμῖνι κατήμενοι ὑπὲρ γῆς τῆς 'Αθηναίων ναυμαχέειν μέλλοιεν, νικηθέντες τε ἐν νήσω ἀπολαμφθέντες πολιορκήσονται, ἀπέντες τὴν ἐωυτῶν ἀφύλακτον τῶν δὲ βαρβάρων ὁ πεζὸς ὑπὸ τὴν παρεοῦσαν νύκτα

έπορεύετο έπὶ την Πελοπόννησον.

71. Καίτοι τὰ δυνατὰ πάντα ἐμεμηχάνητο ὅκως κατ' ἤπειρον μὴ ἐσβάλοιεν οἱ βάρβαροι. ὡς γὰρ ἐπύθοντο τάχιστα Πελοποννήσιοι τοὺς ἀμφὶ Λεωνίδην ἐν Θερμοπύλησι τετελευτηκέναι, συνδραμόντες ἐκ τῶν πολίων ἐς τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ἴζοντο, καὶ σφι ἐπῆν στρατηγὸς Κλεόμβροτος ὁ ᾿Αναξανδρίδεω, Λεωνίδεω δὲ ἀδελφεός. ἰζόμενοι δὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσθμῷ καὶ συγχώσαντες τὴν Σκιρωνίδα ὁδόν, μετὰ τοῦτο ὡς σφι ἔδοξε βουλευομένοισι, οἰκοδόμεον διὰ τοῦ Ἰσθμοῦ τεῖχος. ἄτε δὲ ἐουσέων μυριάδων πολλέων καὶ παντὸς ἀνδρὸς ἐργαζομένου, ἤνετο τὸ ἔργον καὶ γὰρ λίθοι καὶ πλίνθοι καὶ ξύλα καὶ φορμοὶ ψάμμου πλήρεες ἐσεφέροντο, καὶ ἐλίνυον οὐδένα χρόνον οἱ βοηθήσαντες ἐργαζόμενοι, οὕτε νυκτὸς οῦτε ἡμέρης.

72. Οἱ δὲ βοηθήσαντες ἐς τὸν Ἰσθμὸν πανδημεὶ οἴδε ήσαν Ἑλλήνων, Λακεδαιμόνιοἱ τε καὶ ᾿Αρκά-δες πάντες καὶ Ἡλεῖοι καὶ Κορίνθιοι καὶ Ἐπι-δαύριοι καὶ Φλιάσιοι καὶ Τροιζήνιοι καὶ Ἑρμιονέες. οὕτοι μὲν ήσαν οἱ βοηθήσαντες καὶ ὑπεραρρω-δέοντες τῆ Ἑλλάδι κινδυνευούση τοῖσι δὲ ἄλλοισι

A track (later made into a regular road) leading to the Isthmus along the face of Geraneia; narrow and even

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Greeks were in fear and dread, and especially they that were from the Peloponnese; and the cause of their fear was, that they themselves were about to fight for the Athenians' country where they lay at Salamis, and if they were overcome they must be shut up and beleaguered in an island, leaving their own land unguarded. At the next nightfall, the land army of the foreigners began its march to the

Peloponnese.

71. Nathless the Greeks had used every device possible to prevent the foreigners from breaking in upon them by land. For as soon as the Peloponnesians heard that Leonidas' men at Thermopylae were dead, they hasted together from their cities and encamped on the Isthmus, their general being the brother of Leonidas, Cleombrotus son of Anaxandrides. Being there encamped they broke up the Scironian road, and thereafter built a wall across the Isthmus, having resolved in council so to do. As there were many tens of thousands there and all men wrought, the work was brought to accomplishment; for they carried stones to it and bricks and logs and crates full of sand, and they that mustered there never rested from their work by night or by day.

72. Those Greeks that mustered all their people at the Isthmus were the Lacedaemonians and all the Arcadians, the Eleans, Corinthians, Sicyonians, Epidaurians, Phliasians, Troezenians, and men of Hermione. These were they who mustered there, and were moved by great fear for Hellas in her peril; but the rest of the Peloponnesians cared

dangerous for some six miles, and very easily made impassable.

Πελοποννησίοισι έμελε οὐδέν. 'Ολύμπια δὲ καὶ

Κάρνεια παροιχώκεε ήδη.

73. Οίκέει δε την Πελοπόννησον έθνεα επτά. τούτων δὲ τὰ μὲν δύο αὐτόχθονα ἐόντα κατὰ χώρην ΐδρυται νῦν τε καὶ τὸ πάλαι οἴκεον, Αρκάδες τε καὶ Κυνούριοι εν δὲ ἔθνος τὸ Αχαιϊκου έκ μεν Πελοποινήσου ουκ εξεχώρησε, έκ μέντοι της έωυτων, οἰκέει δὲ την άλλοτρίην. τὰ δέ λοιπὰ έθνεα των έπτὰ τέσσερα ἐπήλυδα ἐστί, Δωριέες τε καὶ Αίτωλοὶ καὶ Δρύοπες καὶ Λήμνιοι. Δωριέων μέν πολλαί τε καὶ δόκιμοι πόλιες, Αίτωλών δέ Ήλις μούνη, Δρυόπων δέ Έρμιών τε και 'Ασίνη ή προς Καρδαμύλη τη Λακωνική, Αημνίων δὲ Παρωρεήται πάντες. οἱ δὲ Κυνούριοι αὐτόχθονες έόντες δοκέουσι μοῦνοι είναι Ίωνες, έκδεδωρίευνται δε ύπό τε 'Αργείων αρχόμενοι καὶ τοῦ χρόνου, ἐόντες 'Ορνεήται καὶ οί περίοικοι. τούτων ων των έπτα έθνέων αι λοιπαί πόλιες, πάρεξ των κατέλεξα, έκ του μέσου κατέατο· εἰ δὲ έλευθέρως έξεστι είπειν, έκ του μέσου κατήμενοι έμήδιζου.

74. Οξ μεν δη εν τῷ Ἰσθμῷ τοιούτῷ πόνῷ συνέστασαν, ἄτε περὶ τοῦ παντὸς ήδη δρόμου θέοντες καὶ τῆσι νηυσὶ οὐκ ελπίζοντες ελλάμψεσθαι οἱ δὲ ἐν Σαλαμῖνι ὅμως ταῦτα πυνθανόμενοι ἀρρώδεον, οὐκ οὕτω περὶ σφίσι αὐτοῖσι δειμαίνοντες ὡς περὶ τῆ Πελοποννήσῷ. τέως μὲν δὴ αὐτῶν ἀνὴρ ἀνδρὶ παραστὰς σιγῆ λόγον ἐποιέετο, θῶμα ποιεύμενοι την Εὐρυβιάδεω ἀβουλίην τέλος δὲ ἐξερράγη ἐς τὸ μέσον. σύλλογός τε δὴ ἐγίνετο καὶ πολλὰ ἐλέγετο περὶ τῶν αὐτῶν,

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nothing; and the Olympian and Carnean festivals

were now past.1

73. Seven nations inhabit the Peloponnese; two of these, the Arcadians and Cynurians, are native to the soil and are now settled where they have ever been; and one nation, the Achaean, has never departed from the Peloponnese, but has left its own country and dwells in another. The four that remain of the seven have come from elsewhere, namely, the Dorians and Aetolians and Dryopians and Lemnians; the Dorians have many notable cities, the Actolians Elis alone; the Dryopians have Hermione and that Asine which is near Cardamyle of Laconia; and the Lemnians, all the Paroreatae. The Cynurians are held to be Ionians, and the only Ionians native to the soil, but their Argive masters and time have made Dorians of them; they are the people of Orneae and the country round. Now of these seven nations all the cities, save those aforesaid, sat apart from the war; and if I may speak freely, by so doing they took the part of the enemy.

74. So the Greeks on the Isthmus had such labour to cope withal, seeing that now all they had was at stake, and they had no hope of winning renown with their ships; but they that were at Salamis, although they heard of the work, were affrighted, and their dread was less for themselves than for the Peloponnese. For a while there was but murmuring between man and man, and wonder at Eurybiades' unwisdom, but at the last came an open outbreak; and an assembly was held, where there was much speaking of the same matters as before, some saying

¹ That is, there was no longer any excuse for their not coming. Op. vii. 205.

οί μὲν ὡς ἐς τὴν Πελοπόννησον χρεὸν εἴη ἀποπλέειν καὶ περὶ ἐκείνης κινδυνεύειν μηδὲ πρὸ χώρης δοριαλώτου μένοντας μάχεσθαι, ᾿Αθηναίοι δὲ καὶ Αἰγινῆται καὶ Μεγαρέες αὐτοῦ μένοντας

αμύνεσθαι.

75. Ένθαθτα Θεμιστοκλέης ώς έσσοθτο τή γνώμη ύπο των Πελοποννησίων, λαθών εξέρχεται έκ του συνεδρίου, έξελθων δε πέμπει ές το στρατόπεδον το Μήδων ἄνδρα πλοίω έντειλάμενος τὰ λέγειν χρεόν, τῷ οὔνομα μὲν ἡν Σίκιννος, οἰκέτης δε και παιδαγωγός ην των Θεμιστοκλέος παίδων τον δη ύστερον τούτων των πρηγμάτων Θεμι-στοκλέης Θεσπιέα τε ἐποίησε, ως ἐπεδέκοντο οἰ Θεσπιέες πολιήτας, και χρήμασι όλβιου. δε τότε πλοίω άπικόμενος έλεγε πρός τους στρατηγούς των βαρβάρων τάδε. "Επεμψέ με στρατηγός ό 'Αθηναίων λάθρη των άλλων Έλλήνων (τυγχάνει γαρ φρονέων τα βασιλέος και βουλόμενος μάλλον τὰ ὑμέτερα κατύπερθε γίνεσθαι ἡ τὰ τῶν Ἑλλήνων πρήγματα) φράσουτα ότι οι Ελληνες δρησμου Βουλεύονται καταρρωδηκότες, και νύν παρέχει κάλλιστου ύμέας έργων απάντων έξεργάσασθαι, ήν μη περιίδητε διαδράντας αυτούς. ούτε γάρ άλληλοισι ομοφρονέουσι ούτε αντιστήσονται υμίν, προς έωυτούς τε σφέας όψεσθε ναυμαχέοντας τους τὰ υμέτερα φρονέοντας και τους μή."

76. Ο μέν ταῦτά σφι σημήνας ἐκποδών ἀπαλλάσσετο· τοῖσι δὲ ὡς πιστὰ ἐγίνετο τὰ ἀγγελθέντα, τοῦτο μὲν ἐς τὴν νησῖδα τὴν Ψυττάλειαν, μεταξὺ Σαλαμῖνός τε κειμένην καὶ τῆς ἡπείρου, πολλούς τῶν Περσέων ἀπεβιβάσαντο· τοῦτο δέ, ἐπειδὴ ἐγίνοντο μέσαι νύκτες, ἀνῆγον μὲν τὸ ἀπ

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that they must sail away to the Peloponnese and face danger for that country, rather than abide and fight for a land won from them by the spear; but the Athenians and Aeginetans and Megarians pleading that they should remain and defend themselves

where they were.

75. Then Themistocles, when the Peloponnesians were outvoting him, went privily out of the assembly, and sent to the Median fleet a man in a boat, charged with a message that he must deliver. This man's name was Sicinnus, and he was of Themistocles' household and attendant on his children; at a later day, when the Thespians were receiving men to be their citizens. Themistocles made him a Thespian, and a wealthy man withal. He now came in a boat and spoke thus to the foreigners' admirals: "I am sent by the admiral of the Athenians without the knowledge of the other Greeks (he being a friend to the king's cause and desiring that you rather than the Greeks should have the mastery) to tell you that the Greeks have lost heart and are planning flight, and that now is the hour for you to achieve an incomparable feat of arms, if you suffer them not to For there is no union in their counsels, nor escape. will they withstand you any more, and you will see them battling against each other, your friends against your foes."

76. With that declaration he departed away. The Persians put faith in the message; and first they landed many of their men on the islet Psyttalea, which lies between Salamis and the mainland; then, at midnight, they advanced their western wing

έσπέρης κέρας κυκλούμενοι πρός την Σαλαμίνα. ανήγον δε οί αμφί την Κέον τε και την Κυνόσουραν τεταγμένοι, κατείχου τε μέχρι Μουνυχίης πάντα τον πορθμον τησι νηυσί. τωνδε δε είνεκα άνηγον τὰς νέας, ἵνα δὴ τοῖσι Ελλησι μηδὲ φυγεῖν ἐξῆ, άλλ' ἀπολαμφθέντες έν τη Σαλαμίνι δοίεν τίσιν τών ἐπ' Αρτεμισίω ἀγωνισμάτων. ἐς δὲ τὴν νησίδα την Ψυττάλειαν καλεομένην άπεβίβαζον τών Περσέων τωνδε είνεκεν, ώς έπεαν γίνηται ναυμαχίη, ενθαύτα μάλιστα εξοισομένων τών τε άνδρών και των ναυηγίων (ἐν γὰρ δη πόρφ της ναυμαχίης της μελλούσης έσεσθαι έκειτο ή νήσος), ίνα τους μέν περιποιέωσι τους δέ διαφθείρωσι. ἐποίευν δὲ σιγή ταῦτα, ώς μη πυνθανοίατο οἱ ἐναντίοι. οἱ μὲν δὴ ταῦτα τῆς νυκτὸς ούδεν αποκοιμηθέντες παραρτέοντο.

77. Χρησμοῖσι δὲ οὐκ ἔχω ἀντιλέγειν ὡς οὐκ εἰσὶ ἀληθέες, οὐ βουλόμενος ἐναργέως λέγοντας πειρασθαι καταβάλλειν, ἐς τοιάδε πρήγματα ¹

έσβλέψας.

άλλ' ὅταν ᾿ Αρτέμιδος χρυσαόρου ἱερὸν ἀκτήν νηυσὶ γεφυρώσωσε καὶ εἰναλίην Κυνόσουραν ἐλπίδι μαινομένη, λεπαρὰς πέρσαντες ᾿ Αθήνας, δῖα δίκη σβέσσει κρατερὸν κόρον, ὕβριος υἰόν, δεινὸν μαιμώοντα, δοκεῦντ᾽ ἀνὰ πάντα πίεσθαι.

¹ βήματα is suggested, and would certainly be more natural.

¹ For a brief notice of controversy respecting the operations off Salamis, see the Introduction to this volume. The locality of Ceos and Cynosura is conjectural.

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towards Salamis for encirclement, and they too put out to sea that were stationed off Ceos and Cynosura; and they held all the passage with their ships as far as Munychia.¹ The purpose of their putting out to sea was, that the Greeks might have no liberty even to flee, but should be hemmed in at Salamis and punished for their fighting off Artemisium. And the purpose of their landing Persians on the islet called Psyttalea was this, that as it was here in especial that in the sea fight men and wrecks would be washed ashore (for the island lay in the very path of the battle that was to be), they might thus save their friends and slay their foes. All this they did in silence, lest their enemies should know of it. So they made these preparations in the night, taking no rest.

77. But, for oracles, I have no way of gainsaying their truth; for they speak clearly, and I would not essay to overthrow them, when I look into such

matter as this:

"When that with lines of ships thy sacred coasts they have fenced,

Artemis 2 golden-sworded, and thine, sea-washed

Cynosura,

All in the madness of hope, having ravished the glory of Athens,

Then shall desire full fed, by pride o'erweening engendered.

Raging in dreadful wrath and athirst for the

nations' destruction,

Utterly perish and fall; for the justice of heaven shall quench it;

³ There were temples of Artemis both at Salamis and at Munychia on the Attic shore.

χαλκὸς γὰρ χαλκῷ συμμίξεται, αἴματι δ' Αρης πόντον φοινίξει. τότ' ἐλεύθερον Ἑλλάδος ῆμαρ εὐρύοπα Κρονίδης ἐπάγει καὶ πότνια Νίκη.

ές τοιαῦτα μὲν καὶ οὕτω ἐναργέως λέγοντι Βάκιδι ἀντιλογίης χρησμῶν πέρι οὕτε αὐτὸς λέγειν

τολμέω ούτε παρ' άλλων ενδέκομαι.

78. Τῶν δὲ ἐν Σαλαμῖνι στρατηγῶν ἐγίνετο ἀθισμὸς λόγων πολλός ἤδεσαν δὲ οὕκω ὅτι σφέας περιεκυκλοῦντο τῆσι νηυσὶ οἱ βάρβαροι, ἀλλ ὅσπερ τῆς ἡμέρης ὅρων αὐτοὺς τεταγμένους.

έδόκεον κατά χώρην είναι.

79. Συνεστηκότων δε των στρατηγών, εξ Αίγίνης διέβη 'Αριστείδης ὁ Αυσιμάγου, άνηρ 'Αθηναΐος μέν έξωστρακισμένος δε ύπο τοῦ δήμου τον εγώ νενόμικα, πυνθανόμενος αὐτοῦ τὸν τρόπον, ἄριστον άνδρα γενέσθαι έν 'Αθήνησι και δικαιότατου. ούτος ώνηρ στάς έπι τὸ συνέδριον έξεκαλέετο Θεμιστοκλέα, εόντα μεν έωυτω ου φίλον εχθρον δέ τὰ μάλιστα· ύπὸ δὲ μεγάθεος τῶν παρεόντων κακών λήθην ἐκείνων ποιεύμενος ἐξεκαλέετο, θέλων αὐτώ συμμίξαι προακηκόεε δὲ ὅτι σπεύδοιεν οί άπο Πελοποννήσου ανάγειν τὰς νέας προς τον Ισθμόν. ώς δὲ ἐξῆλθέ οἱ Θεμιστοκλέης, έλεγε 'Αριστείδης τάδε. "'Ημέας στασιάζειν γρεόν έστι έν τε τῷ ἄλλφ καιρῷ καὶ δὴ καὶ ἐν τῷδε περὶ τοῦ οκότερος ήμέων πλέω άγαθα την πατρίδα έργάσεται. λέγω δέ τοι ότι Ισον έστὶ πολλά τε καὶ όλίγα λέγειν περί άποπλόου τοῦ ένθεῦτεν Πελο-

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Bronze upon bronze shall clash, and the terrible bidding of Ares

Redden the seas with blood. But Zeus far-seeing, and hallowed

Victory then shall grant that Freedom dawn upon Hellas."

Looking at such matter and seeing how clear is the utterance of Bacis, I neither venture myself to gainsay him as touching oracles nor suffer such gainsaying by others.

78. But among the admirals at Salamis there was a hot bout of argument; and they knew not as yet that the foreigners had drawn their ships round them, but supposed the enemy to be still where they

had seen him stationed in the daylight.

79. But as they contended, there crossed over from Aegina Aristides son of Lysimachus, an Athenian, but one that had been ostracised by the commonalty; from that which I have learnt of his way of life I am myself well persuaded that he was the best and the justest man at Athens. He then came and stood in the place of council and called Themistocles out of it, albeit Themistocles was no friend of his but his chiefest enemy; but in the stress of the present danger he put that old feud from his mind, and so called Themistocles out, that he might converse Now he had heard already, that the Peloponnesians desired to sail to the Isthmus. So when Themistocles came out, Aristides said, "Let the rivalry between us be now as it has been before, to see which of us two shall do his country more good. I tell you now, that it is all one for the Peloponnesians to talk much or little about sailing

πουνησίοισι. ἐγὰ γὰρ αὐτόπτης τοι λέγω γενόμενος ὅτι νῦν οὐδ' ἡν θέλωσι Κορίνθιοί τε καὶ αὐτὸς Εὐρυβιάδης οἰοί τε ἔσονται ἐκπλῶσαι· περιεχόμεθα γὰρ ὑπὸ τῶν πολεμίων κύκλω. ἀλλ' ἐσελθών σφι ταῦτα σήμηνον." δ δ' ἀμείβετο τοίσιδε.

80. "Κάρτα τε χρηστὰ διακελεύεαι καὶ εὐ ἤγγειλας τὰ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἐδεόμην γενέσθαι, αὐτὸς αὐτόπτης γενόμενος ἤκεις. ἴσθι γὰρ ἐξ ἐμέο τὰ ποιεύμενα ὑπὸ Μήδων ἔδεε γάρ, ὅτε οὑκ ἐκόντες ἤθελον ἐς μάχην κατίστασθαι οἱ "Ελληνες, ἀέκοντας παραστήσασθαι. σὰ δὲ ἐπεί περ ῆκεις χρηστὰ ἀπαγγέλλων, αὐτός σφι ἄγγειλον. ἡν γὰρ ἐγὼ αὐτὰ λέγω, δόξω πλάσας λέγειν καὶ οὺ πείσω, ὡς οὺ ποιεύντων τῶν βαρβάρων ταῦτα. ἀλλά σφι σήμηνον αὐτὸς παρελθὼν ὡς ἔχει. ἐπεὰν δὲ σημήνης, ἡν μὲν πείθωνται, ταῦτα δὴ τὰ κάλλιστα, ἡν δὲ αὐτοῖσι μὴ πιστὰ γένηται, ὅμοιον ἡμῦν ἔσται· οὐ γὰρ ἔτι διαδρήσονται, εἴ περ περιεχόμεθα πανταχόθεν, ὡς σὰ λέγεις."

81. Ένθαῦτα ἔλεγε παρελθών ὁ ᾿Αριστείδης, φάμενος ἐξ Αἰγίνης τε ἥκειν καὶ μόγις ἐκπλῶσαι λαθών τοὺς ἐπορμέοντας περιέχεσθαι γὰρ πῶν τὸ στρατόπεδον τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν ὑπὸ τῶν νεῶν τῶν Ξέρξεω παραρτέεσθαί τε συνεβούλευε ὡς ἀλεξησομένους, καὶ ὁ μὲν ταῦτα εἴπας μετεστήκεε, τῶν δὲ αῦτις ἐγίνετο λόγων ἀμφισβασίη οἱ γὰρ πλεῦνες τῶν στρατηγῶν οὐκ ἐπείθοντο τὰ

έσαγγελθέντα.

82. ᾿Απιστεόντων δὲ τούτων ἦκε τριήρης ἀνδρῶν
 Τηνίων αὐτομολέουσα, τῆς ἦρχε ἀνὴρ Παναίτιος
 Σωσιμένεος, ἤ περ δὴ ἔφερε τὴν ἀληθείην πᾶσαν.

away from hence; for I say from that which my eyes have seen that now even if the Corinthians and Eurybiades himself desire to sail out, they cannot; we are hemmed in on all sides by our enemies. Do

you go in now, and tell them this."

80. "Your exhortation is right useful," Themistocles answered, " and your news is good; for you have come with your own eyes for witnesses of that which I desired might happen. Know that what the Medes do is of my contriving; for when the Greeks would not of their own accord prepare for battle, it was needful to force them to it willy-nilly. But now since you have come with this good news, give your message to them yourself. If I tell it, they will think it is of my own devising, and they will never take my word for it that the foreigners are doing as you say; nay, go before them yourself and tell them how it stands. When you have told them, if they believe you, that is best; but if they will not believe you, it will be the same thing to us; for if we are hemmed in on every side, as you say, they will no longer be able to take to flight."

81. Aristides then came forward and told them; he was come, he said, from Aegina, and had been hard put to it to slip unseen through the blockade; for all the Greek fleet was compassed round by Xerxes' ships, and they had best (he said) prepare to defend themselves. Thus he spoke, and took his departure. They fell a-wrangling again; for the more part of the admirals would not believe that the

news was true.

82. But while they yet disbelieved, there came a trireme with Tenian deserters, whose captain was one Panaetius son of Sosimenes, and this brought

διὰ δὲ τοῦτο τὸ ἔργον ἐνεγράφησαν Τήνιοι ἐν Δελφοῖσι ἐς τὸν τρίποδα ἐν τοῖσι τὸν βάρβαρον κατελοῦσι. σὰν δὲ ἄν ταύτη τῆ νηὶ τῆ αὐτομολησάτη ἐς Σαλαμῖνα καὶ τῆ πρότερον ἐπ Αρτεμίσιον τῆ Λημνίη ἐξεπληροῦτο τὸ ναυτικὸν τοῖσι "Ελλησι ἐς τὰς ὀγδώκοντα καὶ τριηκοσίας νέας. δύο γὰρ δὴ νεῶν τότε κατέδεε ἐς τὸν

άριθμόν.

83. Τοίσι δὲ "Ελλησι ώς πιστὰ δὴ τὰ λεγόμενα
ἢν τῶν Τηνίων ῥήματα, παρεσκευάζοντο ὡς ναυμαχήσοντες. ἡώς τε διέφαινε καὶ οἱ σύλλογον
τῶν ἐπιβατέων ποιησάμενοι, προηγόρενε εὖ ἔχοντα
μὲν ἐκ πάντων Θεμιστοκλέης, τὰ δὲ ἔπεα ἢν
πάντα κρέσσω τοίσι ἤσσοσι ἀντιτιθέμενα, ὅσα
δὴ ἐν ἀνθρώπου φύσι καὶ καταστάσι ἐγγίνεται
παραινέσας δὲ τούτων τὰ κρέσσω αἰρέεσθαι καὶ
καταπλέξας τὴν ῥῆσιν, ἐσβαίνειν ἐκέλενε ἐς τὰς
νέας. καὶ οὖτοι μὲν δὴ ἐσέβαινον, καὶ ἡκε ἡ
ἀπ' Αἰγίνης τριήρης, ἡ κατὰ τοὺς Αἰακίδας

ἀπεδήμησε.

84. Ένθαῦτα ἀνῆγον τὰς νέας ἀπάσας Έλληνες, ἀναγομένοισι δέ σφι αὐτίκα ἐπεκέατο οἱ βῶρβαροι. οἱ μὲν δὴ ἄλλοι Ελληνες ἐπὶ πρύμνην ἀνεκρούοντο καὶ ὥκελλον τὰς νέας, ᾿Αμεινίης δὲ Παλληνεὸς ἀνὴρ ᾿Αθηναῖος ἐξαναχθεὶς νηὶ ἐμβάλλει· συμπλακείσης δὲ τῆς νεὸς καὶ οὐ δυναμένων ἀπαλλαγῆναι, οὕτω δὴ οἱ ἄλλοι ᾿Αμεινίη βοηθέοντες συνέμισγον. ᾿Αθηναῖοι μὲν οὕτω λέγουσι τῆς ναυμαχίης γενέσθαι τὴν ἀρχήν, Αὐγινῆται δὲ τὴν κατὰ τοὺς Αἰακίδας ἀποδημήσασαν ἐς Αἴγιναν, ταύτην εἰναι τὴν ἄρξασαν. λέγεται δὲ καὶ τάδε, ὡς φάσμα σφι γυναικὸς ἐφάνη, φανείσαν δὲ διακεδο

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them the whole truth. For that deed the men of Tenos were engraved on the tripod at Delphi among those that had vanquished the foreigner. With this ship that deserted to Salamis and the Lemnian which had already deserted to Artemisium, the Greek fleet, which had fallen short by two of three hundred and eighty, now attained to that full number.

83. The Greeks, believing at last the tale of the Tenians, made ready for battle. It was now earliest dawn, and they called the fighting men to an assembly, wherein Themistocles made an harangue in which he excelled all others; the tenor of his words was to array all the good in man's nature and estate against the evil; and having exhorted them to choose the better, he made an end of speaking and bade them embark. Even as they so did, came the trireme from Aegina which had been

sent away for the Sons of Aeacus.1

84. With that the Greeks stood out to sea in full force, and as they stood out the foreigners straightway fell upon them. The rest of the Greeks began to back water and beach their ships; but Aminias of Pallene, an Athenian, pushed out to the front and charged a ship; which being entangled with his, and the two not able to be parted, the others did now come to Aminias' aid and joined battle. This is the Athenian story of the beginning of the fight; but the Aeginetans say that the ship which began it was that one which had been sent away to Aegina for the Sons of Aeacus. This story also is told,—that they saw the vision of a woman, who

λεύσασθαι ώστε καὶ ἄπαν ἀκοῦσαι τὸ τῶν Ελλήνων στρατόπεδου, ὀνειδίσασαν πρότερον τάδε, "*Ω δαιμόνιοι, μέχρι κόσου ἔτι πρύμνην

ἀνακρούεσθε;"

85. Κατὰ μὲν δὴ 'Αθηναίους ἐτετάχατο Φοίνικες (οὐτοι γὰρ εἰχον τὸ πρὸς 'Ελευσῖνός τε καὶ ἐσπέρης κέρας), κατὰ δὲ Λακεδαιμονίους 'Ίωνες' οὐτοι δ' εἰχον τὸ πρὸς τὴν ἡῶ τε καὶ τὸν Πειραιἐα. ἐθελοκάκεον μέντοι αὐτῶν κατὰ τὰς Θεμιστοκλέος ἐντολὰς ὀλίγοι, οἱ δὲ πλεῦνες οὔ. ἔχω μέν νυν συχνῶν οὐνόματα τριηράρχων καταλέξαι τῶν νέας 'Ελληνίδας ἐλόντων, χρήσομαι δὲ αὐτοῖσι οὐδὲν πλὴν Θεομήστορός τε τοῦ 'Ανδροδάμαντος καὶ Φυλάκου τοῦ 'Ιστιαίου, Σαμίων ἀμφοτέρων. τοῦδε δὲ εἴνεκα μέμνημαι τούτων μούνων, ὅτι Θεομήστωρ μὲν διὰ τοῦτο τὸ ἔργον Σάμου ἐτυράννευσε καταστησάντων τῶν Περσέων, Φύλακος δὲ εὐεργέτης βασιλέος ἀνεγρύφη καὶ χωρη ἐδωρήθη πολλŷ. οἱ δ' εὐεργέται βασιλέος ὁροσάγγαι καλέονται περσιστί.

86. Περί μέν νυν τούτους οὕτω εἶχε τὸ δὲ πλῆθος τῶν νεῶν ἐν τῆ Σαλαμῖνι ἐκεραίζετο, αῖ μὲν ὑπ' ᾿Αθηναίων διαφθειρόμεναι αῖ δὲ ὑπ' Αἰγινητέων. ἄτε γὰρ τῶν μὲν Ἑλλήνων σὺν κόσμω ναυμαχεόντων καὶ κατὰ τάξιν, τῶν δὲ βαρβάρων οὕτε τεταγμένων ἔτι οὕτε σὺν νόω ποιεόντων οὐδέν, ἔμελλε τοιοῦτό σφι συνοίσεσθαι οἰόν περ ἀπέβη. καίτοι ἦσάν γε καὶ ἐγένοντο ταύτην τὴν ἡμέρην μακρῷ ἀμείνονες αὐτοὶ ἐωυτῶν ἡ πρὸς Εὐβοίη, πᾶς τις προθυμεόμενος καὶ δειμαίνων Ξέρξην, ἐδόκεξ τε ἔκαστος ἐωυτὸν

θεήσασθαι βασιλέα.

BOOK VIII. 84-86

cried commands loud enough for all the Greek fleet to hear, uttering first this reproach, "Sirs, what madness is this? how long will you still be backing water?"

85. The Phoenicians (for they had the western wing, towards Eleusis) were arrayed opposite to the Athenians, and to the Lacedaemonians the Ionians, on the eastern wing, nearest to Piraeus. Yet but few of them fought slackly, as Themistocles had bidden them, and the more part did not so. Many names I could record of ships' captains that took Greek ships; but I will speak of none save Theomestor son of Androdamas and Phylacus son of Histiaeus, Samians both; and I make mention of these alone, because Theomestor was for this feat of arms made by the Persians despot of Samos, and Phylacus was recorded among the king's benefactors and given much land. These benefactors of the king are called in the Persian language, orosangae.

86. Thus it was with these two; but the great multitude of the ships were shattered at Salamis, some destroyed by the Athenians and some by the Aeginetans. For since the Greeks fought orderly and in array, but the foreigners were by now disordered and did nought of set purpose, it was but reason that they should come to such an end as befel them. Yet on that day they were and approved themselves by far better men than off Euboea; all were zealous, and feared Xerxes, each man thinking

that the king's eye was on him.

Perhaps from old Persian var, to guard, and Kshayata, king; or, as Rawlinson suggests, from Khur sangha (Zend) = worthy of praise or record. (How and Wells' note.)

87. Κατά μεν δη τους άλλους ούκ έχω μετεξετέρους είπειν άτρεκέως ώς έκαστοι τῶν βαρβάρων ή των Έλληνων ηγωνίζοντο κατά δὲ Αρτεμισίην τάδε ἐγένετο, ἀπ' ὧν εὐδοκίμησε μάλλον έτι παρά βασιλέι. ἐπειδή γάρ ές θόρυβον πολλον απίκετο τα βασιλέος πρήγματα, έν τούτω τῷ καιρῷ ἡ νηῦς ἡ 'Αρτεμισίης ἐδιώκετο ὑπὸ νεὸς Αττικής και ή ούκ έχουσα διαφυγείν, έμπροσθε γάρ αυτής ήσου άλλαι νέες φίλιαι, ή δε αυτής πρός των πολεμίων μάλιστα έτύγγανε έουσα, έδοξέ οι τόδε ποιήσαι, το και συνήνεικε ποιησάση. διωκομένη γαρ ύπο της 'Αττικής φέρουσα ένέβαλε νηλ φιλίη ανδρών τε Καλυνδέων και αὐτοῦ ἐπιπλέοντος του Καλυνδέων βασιλέος Δαμασιθύμου. εί μέν καί τι νείκος πρός αὐτὸν ἐγεγόνεε ἔτι περί Έλλήσπουτον εόντων, ου μέντοι έχω γε είπειν ούτε εί έκ προνοίης αυτά έποίησε, ούτε εί συνεκύρησε ή των Καλυνδέων κατά τύχην παραπεσούσα νηθε, ώς δὲ ἐνέβαλέ τε και κατέδυσε. εὐτυχίη χρησαμένη διπλά έωυτὴν ἀγαθὰ ἐργάσστο. ὅ τε γὰρ τῆς ᾿Αττικῆς νεὸς τριήραρχος ώς είδε μιν εμβάλλουσαν νηι ανδρών βαρβάρων, νομίσας την νέα την 'Αρτεμισίης ή 'Ελληνίδα είναι ή αὐτομολέειν έκ τῶν βαρβάρων καὶ αὐτοίσι αμύνειν, αποστρέψας προς άλλας ετράπετο.

88. Τοῦτο μέν τοιοῦτο αὐτῆ συνήνεικε γενέσθαι διαφυγεῖν τε καὶ μὴ ἀπολέσθαι, τοῦτο δὲ συνέβη ὅστε κακὸν ἐργασαμένην ἀπὸ τούτων αὐτὴν μάλιστα εὐδοκιμῆσαι παρὰ Ξέρξη. λέγεται γὰρ βασιλέα θηεύμενον μαθεῖν τὴν νέα ἐμβαλοῦσαν, καὶ δή τινα εἰπεῖν τῶν παρεόντων " Δέσποτα, ώρᾳς ' Αρτεμισίην ὡς εὖ ἀγωνίζεται καὶ νέα τῶν πολε-

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87. Now as touching some of the others I cannot with exactness say how they fought severally, foreigners or Greeks; but what befel Artemisia made her to be esteemed by the king even more than before. The king's side being now in dire confusion, Artemisia's ship was at this time being pursued by a ship of Attica; and she could not escape, for other friendly ships were in her way, and it chanced that she was the nearest to the enemy; wherefore she resolved that she would do that which afterwards tended to her advantage, and as she fled pursued by the Athenian she charged a friendly ship that bore men of Calyndus and the king himself of that place, Damasithymus. It may be that she had had some quarrel with him while they were still at the Hellespont, but if her deed was done of set purpose, or if the Calyndian met her by crossing her path at haphazard, I cannot say. But having charged and sunk the ship, she had the good luck to work for herself a double advantage. For when the Attic captain saw her charge a ship of foreigners, he supposed that Artemisia's ship was Greek or a deserter from the foreigners fighting for the Greeks, and he turned aside to deal with others.

88. By this happy chance it came about that she escaped and avoided destruction; and moreover the upshot was that the very harm which she had done won her great favour in Xerxes' eyes. For the king (it is said) saw her charge the ship as he viewed the battle, and one of the bystanders said, "Sire, see you Artemisia, how well she fights, and

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μίων κατέδυσε; " καὶ τον ἐπειρέο θαι εἰ ἀληθέως ἐστὶ 'Αρτεμισίης τὸ ἔργον, καὶ τοὺς φάναι, σαφέως τὸ ἐπίσημον τῆς νεὸς ἐπισταμένους: τὴν δὲ διαφθαρεῖσαν ἡπιστέατο εἰναι πολεμίην. τά τε γὰρ ἄλλα, ὡς εἴρηται, αὐτῆ συνήνεικε ἐς εὐτυχίην γενόμενα, καὶ τὸ τῶν ἐκ τῆς Καλυνδικῆς νεὸς μηδένα ἀποσωθέντα κατήγορον γενέσθαι. Ξέρξην δὲ εἰπεῖν λέγεται πρὸς τὰ φραζόμενα "Οἱ μὲν ἄνδρες γεγόνασὶ μοι γυναϊκες, αὶ δὲ γυναϊκες ἀνδοες." ταῦτα μὲν Ξέρξην φασὶ εἰπεῖν.

ανδρες." ταῦτα μὲν Ξέρξην φασὶ εἰπεῖν. 89. Ἐν δὲ τῷ πόνῷ τούτῷ ἀπὸ μὲν ἔθανε ὁ στρατηγὸς ᾿Αριαβίγνης ὁ Δαρείου, Ξέρξεω ἐὼν ἀδελφεός, ἀπὸ δὲ ἄλλοι πολλοί τε καὶ ονομαστοὶ Περσέων καὶ Μήδων καὶ τῶν ἄλλων συμμάχων, ὁλίγοι δὲ τινὲς καὶ Ἑλλήνων ἄτε γὰρ νέειν ἐπιστάμενοι, τοίσι αὶ νέες διεφθείροντο, καὶ μὴ ἐν χειρῶν νόμῷ ἀπολλύμενοι, ἐς τὴν Σαλαμῖνα διένεον. τῶν δὲ βαρβάρων οἱ πολλοὶ ἐν τῷ θαλάσση διεφθάρησαν νέειν οὐκ ἐπιστάμενοι. ἐπεὶ δὲ αὶ πρῶται ἐς φυγὴν ἐτράποντο, ἐνθαῦτα αὶ πλεῖσται διεφθείροντο οἱ γὰρ ὅπισθε τεταγμένοι, ἐς τὸ πρόσθε τῆσι νηυσὶ παριέναι πειρώμενοι ὡς ἀποδεξόμενοὶ τι καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔργον βασιλέι, τῆσι σφετέρησι νηυσὶ φευγούσησι περιέπιπτον.

90. Έγένετο δὲ καὶ τόδε ἐν τῷ θορύβῳ τούτῳ.
τῶν τινες Φοινίκων, τῶν αὶ νέες διεφθάρατο,
ἐλθόντες παρὰ βασιλέα διέβαλλον τοὺς "Ιωνας,
ὡς δὶ ἐκείνους ἀπολοίατο αὶ νέες, ὡς προδόντων,
συνήνεικε ὧν οὕτω ὥστε 'Ιώνων τε τοὺς στρατηγοὺς μὴ ἀπολέσθαι Φοινίκων τε τοὺς διαβάλλοντας λαβεῖν τοιόνδε μισθόν. ἔτι τούτων
ταῦτα λεγόντων ἐνέβαλε νηὶ 'Αττικῆ Σαμοθρηικίη

BOOK VIII. 88-90

how she has sunk an enemy ship?" Xerxes then asking if it were truly Artemisia that had done the deed, they affirmed it, knowing well the ensign of her ship; and they supposed that the ship she had sunk was an enemy; for the luckiest chance of all which had (as I have said) befallen her was, that not one from the Calyndian ship was saved alive to be her accuser. Hearing what they told him, Xerxes is reported to have said, "My men have become women, and my women men"; such, they say, were his words.

89. In that hard fighting Xerxes' brother the admiral Ariabignes, son of Darius, was slain, and withal many other Persians and Medes and allies of renown, and some Greeks, but few; for since they could swim, they who lost their ships, yet were not slain in hand-to-hand fight, swam across to Salamis; but the greater part of the foreigners were drowned in the sea, not being able to swim. When the foremost ships were turned to flight, it was then that the most of them were destroyed; for the men of the rearmost ranks, pressing forward in their ships that they too might display their valour to the king, ran foul of their friends' ships that were in flight.

90. It happened also amid this disorder that certain Phoenicians whose ships had been destroyed came to the king and accused the Ionians of treason, saying that it was by their doing that the ships had been lost; the end of which matter was, that the Ionian captains were not put to death, and those Phoenicians who accused them were rewarded as I will show. While they yet spoke as aforesaid, a Samothracian ship charged an Attic; and while

νηθς. ή τε δη 'Αττική κατεδύετο καὶ ἐπιφερομένη Αίγιναίη νηθς κατέδυσε των Σαμοθρηίκων την νέα. ἄτε δὲ ἐόντες ἀκοντισταὶ οἱ Σαμοθρήικες τούς ἐπιβάτας ἀπὸ τῆς καταδυσάσης νεὸς βάλλουτες απήραξαν και έπέβησάν τε και έσχου αὐτήν. ταῦτα γενόμενα τοὺς Ίωνας ἐρρύσατο· ώς γαρ είδε σφέας Ξέρξης έργον μέγα έργασαμένους, ετράπετο πρός τούς Φοίνικας οία ύπερλυπεόμενός τε και πάντας αιτιώμενος, και σφεων έκέλευσε τὰς κεφαλάς ἀποταμεῖν, ἵνα μη αὐτοί κακοί γενόμενοι τοὺς ἀμείνονας διαβάλλωσι. δκως γάρ τινα ίδοι Ξέρξης τῶν ἐωυτοῦ ἔργον τι αποδεικνύμενον έν τη ναυμαχίη, κατήμενος ύπὸ τῶ ὅρεῖ τῷ ἀντίον Σαλαμίνος τὸ καλέεται Αίγάλεως, άνεπυνθάνετο τον ποιήσαντα, και οί γραμματισταί ἀνέγραφον πατρόθεν τον τριήραρχον και την πόλιν. προς δέ τι και προσεβάλετο φίλος έων 'Αριαράμνης άνηρ Πέρσης παρεών τούτου του Φοινικηίου πάθεος. οι μέν δη πρός τούς Φοίνικας έτράποντο.

91. Τῶν δὲ βαρβάρων ἐς φυγὴν τραπομένων καὶ ἐκπλεόντων πρὸς τὸ Φάληρον, Αἰγινῆται ὑποστάντες ἐν τῷ πορθμῷ ἔργα ἀπεδέξαντο λόγου ἄξια. οἱ μὲν γὰρ ᾿Αθηναῖοι ἐν τῷ θορύβῳ ἐκεράιζον τάς τε ἀντισταμένας καὶ τὰς φευγούσας τῶν νεῶν, οἱ δὲ Αἰγινῆται τὰς ἐκπλεούσας ὅκως δὲ τινὲς τοὺς ᾿Αθηναίους διαφύγοιεν, φερόμενοι

έσέπιπτον ές τούς Αίγινήτας.

92. Ένθαῦτα συνεκύρεον νέες ή τε Θεμιστοκλέος διώκουσα νέα καὶ ἡ Πολυκρίτου τοῦ Κριοῦ ἀνδρὸς Αἰγινήτεω νηὶ ἐμβαλοῦσα Σιδωνίη, ή περ είλε τὴν προφυλάσσουσαν ἐπὶ Σκιάθω τὴν Αἰγιναίην, 88

the Attic ship was sinking, a ship of Aegina bore down and sank the Samothracian; but the Samothracians, being javelin throwers, swept the fighting men with a shower of javelins off from the ship that had sunk theirs, and boarded and seized her themselves. Thereby the Ionians were saved: for when Xerxes saw this great feat of their arms, he turned on the Phoenicians (being moved to blame all in the bitterness of his heart) and commanded that their heads be cut off, that so they might not accuse better men, being themselves cowards. For whenever Xerxes, from his seat under the hill over against Salamis called Aegaleos, saw any feat achieved by his own men in the battle, he inquired who was the doer of it, and his scribes wrote down the names of the ship's captain and his father and his city. Moreover it tended somewhat to the doom of the Phoenicians that Ariaramnes, a Persian, was there, who was a friend of the Ionians. So Xerxes' men dealt with the Phoenicians.

91. The foreigners being routed and striving to win out to Phalerum, the Aeginetans lay in wait for them in the passage and then achieved notable deeds; for the Athenians amid the disorder made have of all ships that would resist or fly, and so did the Aeginetans with those that were sailing out of the strait; and all that escaped from the Athenians fell in their course among the Aeginetans.

92. Two ships met there, Themistocles' ship pursuing another, and one that bore Polycritus son of Crius of Aegina; this latter had charged a Sidonian, the same which had taken the Aeginetan

έπ ἡς ἔπλεε Πυθέης ὁ Ἰσχενόου, τὸν οἱ Πέρσαι κατακοπέντα ἀρετής εἴνεκα εἰχον ἐν τῆ νηὶ ἐκπαγλεόμενοι τὸν δὴ περιάγουσα ἄμα τοῖσι Πέρσησι ῆλω ἡ νηῦς ἡ Σιδωνίη, ὥστε Πυθέην οὕτω σωθῆναι ἐς Αἴγιναν. ὡς δὲ ἐσείδε τὴν νέα τὴν ᾿Αττικὴν ὁ Πολύκριτος, ἔγνω τὸ σημήιον ἰδῶν τῆς στρατηγίδος, καὶ βώσας τὸν Θεμιστοκλέα ἐπεκερτόμησε ἐς τῶν Αἰγινητέων τὸν μηδισμὸν ὀνειδίζων. ταῦτα μέν νυν νηὶ ἐμβαλὼν ὁ Πολύκριτος ἀπέρριψε ἐς Θεμιστοκλέα οἱ δὲ βάρβαροι τῶν αἱ νέες περιεγένοντο, φεύγοντες ἀπίκοντο ἐς

Φάληρου ύπο του πεζου στρατόυ.

93. Έν δὲ τῆ ναυμαχίη ταύτη ἤκουσαν Ἑλλήνων ἄριστα Αἰγινῆται, ἐπὶ δὲ ᾿Αθηταῖοι,
ἀνδρῶν δὲ Πολύκριτός τε ὁ Λίγινήτης καὶ
᾿Αθηναῖοι Εὐμένης τε ὁ ᾿Αναγυράσιος καὶ ᾿Αμεινίης
Παλληνεύς, δς καὶ ᾿Αρτεμισίην ἐπεδίωξε. εἰ μέν
νυν ἔμαθε ὅτι ἐν ταύτη πλέοι ᾿Αρτεμισίη, οὐκ
ἄν ἐπαύσατο πρότερον ἡ εἶλέ μιν ἡ καὶ αὐτὸς
ῆλω. τοῖσι γὰρ ᾿Αθηναίων τριηράρχοισι παρεκεκὲλευστο, πρὸς δὲ καὶ ἄεθλον ἔκειτο μύριαι
δραχμαί, δς ἄν μιν ζωὴν ἔλη· δεινὸν γάρ τι
ἐποιεῦντο γυναῖκα ἐπὶ τὰς ᾿Αθήνας στρατεύεσθαι.
αὕτη μὲν δή, ὡς πρότερον εἴρηται, διέφυγε· ἡσαν
δὲ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι, τῶν αὶ νέες περιεγεγόνεσαν, ἐν
τῶ Φαλήρω.

94. 'Αδείμαντον δὲ τὸν Κορίνθιον στρατηγὸν λέγουσι 'Αθηναιοι αὐτίκα κατ' ἀρχάς, ὡς συνέμισγον αἰ νέες, ἐκπλαγέντα τε καὶ ὑπερδείσαντα,

Polycritus cries to Themistocles, "See how friendly we are to the Persians!" Polycritus and his father had been

ship that watched off Sciathus, wherein was Pytheas son of Ischenous, that Pytheas whom when gashed with wounds the Persians kept aboard their ship and made much of for his valour; this Sidonian ship was carrying Pytheas among the Persians when she was now taken, so that thereby he came safe back to Aegina. When Polycritus saw the Attic ship, he knew it by seeing the admiral's ship's ensign, and cried out to Themistocles with bitter taunt and reproach as to the friendship of Aegina with the Persians.¹ Such taunts did Polycritus burl at Themistocles, after that he had charged an enemy ship. As for the foreigners whose ships were yet undestroyed, they fled to Phalerum and took refuge with the land army.

93. In that sea-fight the nations that won most renown were the Aeginetans, and next to them the Athenians; among men the most renowned were Polycritus of Aegina and two Athenians, Eumenes of Anagyrus and Aminias of Pallene, he who pursued after Artemisia. Had he known that she was in that ship, he had never been stayed ere he took hers or lost his own; such was the bidding given to the Athenian captain, and there was a prize withal of ten thousand drachmae for whoever should take her alive; for there was great wrath that a woman should come to attack Athens. She, then, escaped as I have already said; and the rest also whose ships

were undestroyed were at Phalerum.

94. As for the Corinthian admiral Adimantus, the Athenians say that at the very moment when the ships joined battle he was struck with terror and

taken as hostages by the Athenians when Aegina was charged with favouring the Persians (vi. 49, 73).

τα ίστία αειράμενον οξικεσθαι φεύγοντα, ιδόντας δε τους Κορινθίους την στρατηγίδα φεύγουσαν ώσαύτως οίχεσθαι. ώς δὲ ἄρα φεύγοντας γίνεσθαι της Σαλαμινίης κατά ίρον 'Αθηναίης Σκιράδος, περιπίπτειν σφι κέλητα θείη πομπή, τον ούτε πέμψαντα φανήναι οὐδένα, οὕτε τι τῶν ἀπὸ τῆς στρατιής είδοσι προσφέρεσθαι τοίσι Κορινθίοισι. τήδε δε συμβάλλονται είναι θείον το πρήγμα. ώς γάρ άγχου γενέσθαι των νεών, τους άπο του κέλητος λέγειν τάδε. "'Αδείμαντε, σύ μεν άποστρέψιας τὰς νέας ἐς φυγὴν ὅρμησαι καταπροδούς τους "Ελληνας οι δέ και δή νικώσι όσον αύτοι ήρωντο επικρατήσαντες των έχθρων." ταθτα λεγόντων ἀπιστέειν γὰρ τὸν 'Αδείμαντον, αὐτις τάδε λέγειν, ώς αὐτοί οἰοί τε εἶεν ἀγόμενοι ὅμηροι άποθνήσκειν, ήν μη νικώντες φαίνωνται οί "Ελληνες, ούτω δη άποστρέψαντα την νέα αὐτόν τε καὶ τοὺς ἄλλους ἐπ' ἐξεργασμένοισι ἐλθεῖν ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον. τούτους μεν τοιαύτη φάτις έχει ύπο Αθηναίων, ου μέντοι αυτοί γε Κορίνθιοι ομολογέουσι, άλλ' έν πρώτοισι σφέας αὐτούς της ναυμαχίης νομίζουσι γενέσθαι μαρτυρέει δέ σφι καὶ ή ἄλλη Ελλάς.

95. 'Αριστείδης δὲ ὁ Λυσιμάχου ἀνὴρ' Αθηναίος, τοῦ καὶ ὀλίγω τι πρότερον τούτων ἐπεμνήσθην ὡς ἀνδρὸς ἀρίστου, οὖτος ἐν τῷ θορύβω τούτω τῷ περὶ Σαλαμῖνα γενομένω τάδε ἐποίες παραλαβῶν πολλούς τῶν ὁπλιτέων οῦ παρατετάχατο παρὰ τὴν ἀκτὴν τῆς Σαλαμινίης χώρης, γένος ἐόντες

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panie, and hoisting his sails fled away; and when the Corinthians saw their admiral's ship fleeing they were off and away likewise. But when (so the story goes) they came in their flight near that part of Salamis where is the temple of Athene Sciras,1 there by heaven's providence a boat met them which none was known to have sent, nor had the Corinthians, ere it drew nigh to them, known aught of the doings of the fleet; and this is how they infer heaven's hand in the matter: when the boat came nigh the ships, those that were in it cried, "Adimantus, you have turned back with your ships in flight, and betrayed the Greeks; but even now they are winning the day as fully as they ever prayed that they might vanquish their enemies." Thus they spoke, and when Adimantus would not believe they said further that they were ready to be taken for hostages and slain if the Greeks were not victorious for all to see. Thereupon Adimantus and the rest did turn their ships about and came to the fleet when all was now over and done. Thus the Athenians report of the Corinthians; but the Corinthians deny it, and hold that they were among the foremost in the battle; and all Hellas bears them witness likewise.

95. But Aristides son of Lysimachus, that Athenian of whose great merit I have lately made mention, did in this rout at Salamis as I will show: taking many of the Athenian men-at-arms who stood arrayed on the shores of Salamis, he carried them across to

¹ The temple stood on the southern extremity of Salamis. If the Persians at the outset of the battle were occupying the ends of the whole strait between Salamis and the mainland, it is not clear how the Corinthians could get to this point.

Αθηναίοι, ές την Ψυττάλειαν νήσον απέβησε ἄγων, οι τους Πέρσας τους εν τη νησιδι ταύτη

κατεφόνευσαν πάντας.

96. 'Ως δὲ ἡ ναυμαχίη διελέλυτο, κατειρύσαντες
ἐς τὴν Σαλαμίνα οἱ "Ελληνες τῶν ναυηγίων ὅσα
ταύτη ἐτύγχανε ἔτι ἐόντα, ἔτοιμοι ἦσαν ἐς ἄλλην
ναυμαχίην, ἐλπίζοντες τῆσι περιεούσησι νηυσὶ
ἔτι χρήσεσθαι βασιλέα. τῶν δὲ ναυηγίων πολλὰ
ὑπολαβὼν ἄνεμος ζέφυρος ἔφερε τῆς 'Αττικῆς ἐπὶ
τὴν ἡιόνα τὴν καλεομένην Κωλιάδα· ὅστε ἀποπλησθῆναι τὸν χρησμὸν τόν τε ἄλλον πάντα τὸν
περὶ τῆς ναυμαχίης ταύτης εἰρημένον Βάκιδι καὶ
Μουσαίω, καὶ δὴ καὶ κατὰ τὰ ναυήγια τὰ ταύτη
ἐξενειχθέντα τὸ εἰρημένον πολλοῖσι ἔτεσι πρότερον
τούτων ἐν χρησμῷ Λυσιστράτω 'Αθηναίω ἀνδρὶ
χρησμολόγω, τὸ ἐλελήθεε πάντας τοὺς Ελληνας,

Κωλιάδες δὲ γυναϊκες ἐρετμοῖσι φρύξουσι

τούτο δὲ ἔμελλε ἀπελάσαντος βασιλέος ἔσεσθαι.

97. Ξέρξης δὲ ὡς ἔμαθε τὸ γεγονὸς πάθος, δείσας μή τις τῶν Ἰώνων ὑποθῆται τοῖσι "Ελλησι ἡ αὐτοὶ νοήσωσι πλέειν ἐς τὸν 'Ελλήσποντον λύσοντες τὰς γεφύρας, καὶ ἀπολαμφθεὶς ἐν τῆ Εὐρώπη κινδυνεύση ἀπολέσθαι, δρησμὸν ἐβούλευε. θέλων δὲ μὴ ἐπίδηλος εἶναι μήτε τοῖσι "Ελλησι μήτε τοῖσι ἐωυτοῦ, ἐς τὴν Σαλαμῖνα χῶμα ἐπειρᾶτο διαχοῦν, γαύλους τε Φοινικηίους συνέδεε, ἵνα ἀντί τε σχεδίης ἔωσι καὶ τείχεος, ἀρτέετό τε ἐς πόλεμον ὡς ναυμαχίην ἄλλην ποιησόμενος.

A narrow headland 2½ miles south of Phalerum; just where ships would be driven from the battle by a west wind.

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the island Psyttalea, and they slaughtered all the

Persians who were on that islet.

96. The sea-fight being broken off, the Greeks towed to Salamis all the wrecks that were still afloat in those waters, and held themselves ready for another battle, thinking that the king would yet again use his ships that were left. But many of the wrecks were caught by a west wind and carried to the strand in Attica called Colias; 1 so that not only was the rest of the prophecy fulfilled which had been uttered by Bacis and Musaeus concerning that sea-fight, but also that which had been prophesied many years ago by an Athenian oracle-monger named Lysistratus, about the wrecks that were here cast ashore (the import of which prophecy no Greek had noted):

"Also the Colian dames shall roast their barley with oar-blades."

But this was to happen after the king's departure.

97. When Xerxes was aware of the calamity that had befallen him, he feared lest the Greeks (by Ionian counsel or their own devising) might sail to the Hellespont to break his bridges, and he might be cut off in Europe and in peril of his life; and so he planned flight. But that neither the Greeks nor his own men might discover his intent, he essayed to build a mole across to Salamis, and made fast a line of Phoenician barges to be a floating bridge and a wall; and he made preparation for war, as though he would fight at sea again. The rest who saw him

^{*} Ctesias and Strabo place this project before and not after the battle; plainly it would have been useless (and indeed impossible) to the Persians after their defeat.

ορώντες δέ μιν πάντες οι άλλοι ταθτα πρήσσοντα εὖ ήπιστέατο ὡς ἐκ παντὸς νόου παρεσκεύασται μένων πολεμήσειν· Μαρδόνιον δ' οὐδὲν τούτων ἐλάνθανε ὡς μάλιστα ἔμπειρον ἐόντα τῆς ἐκείνου

Scavolns.

98. Ταῦτά τε ἄμα Ξέρξης ἐποίεε καὶ ἔπεμπε ἐς Πέρσας ἀγγελέοντα τὴν παρεοῦσάν σφι συμφορήν. τούτων δὲ τῶν ἀγγέλων ἐστὶ οὐδὲν ὅ τι θᾶσσον παραγίνεται θνητον ἐόν οῦτω τοῖσι Πέρσησι ἔξεύρηται τοῦτο. λέγουσι γὰρ ὡς ὁσέων ἄν ἡμερέων ἢ ἡ πᾶσα ὁδός, τοσοῦτοι ἵπποι τε καὶ ἀνδρες διεστᾶσι κατὰ ἡμερησίην ὁδὸν ἐκάστην ἵππος τε καὶ ἀνὴρ τεταγμένος τοὺς οὕτε νιφετός, οὐκ ὅμβρος, οὐ καῦμα, οὐ νὺξ ἔργει μὴ οὐ κατανύσαι τὸν πρωτος δραμών παραδιδοί τὰ ἐντεταλμένα τῶ δευτέρω, ὁ δὲ δεύτερος τῷ τρίτω τὸ δὲ ἐνθεῦτεν ἡδη κατ ἀλλον καὶ ἄλλον διεξέρχεται παραδιδόμενα, κατά περ ἐν Ἑλλησι ἡ λαμπαδηφορίη τὴν τῷ Ἡφαίστω ἐπιτελέουσι. τοῦτο τὸ δράμημα τῶν ἵππων καλέουσι Πέρσαι ἀγγαρήιον.

99. Ἡ μὲν δὴ πρώτη ἐς Σοῦσα ἀγγελίη ἀπικομένη, ὡς ἔχοι ᾿Αθήνας Ξέρξης, ἔτερψε οὕτω δή τι Περσέων τοὺς ὑπολειφθέντας ὡς τάς τε ὁδοὺς μυρσίνη πάσας ἐστόρεσαν καὶ ἐθυμίων θυμιήματα καὶ αὐτοὶ ἦσαν ἐν θυσίησί τε καὶ εὐπαθείησι. ἡ δὲ δευτέρη σφι ἀγγελίη ἐπεσελθοῦσα συνέχεε οῦτω ὥστε τοὺς κιθῶνας κατερρή-

¹ Torch-races were run at certain Athenian festivals. They were of various kinds. One was "a relay or team race, There were several lines of runners; the first man in each

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so doing were fully persuaded that he was in all earnestness prepared to remain there and carry on the war; but none of this deceived Mardonius, who

had best experience of Xerxes' purposes.

98. While Xerxes did thus, he sent a messenger to Persia with news of his present misfortune. Now there is nothing mortal that accomplishes a course more swiftly than do these messengers, by the Persians' skilful contrivance. It is said that as many days as there are in the whole journey, so many are the men and horses that stand along the road, each horse and man at the interval of a day's journey; and these are stayed neither by snow nor rain nor heat nor darkness from accomplishing their appointed course with all speed. The first rider delivers his charge to the second, the second to the third, and thence it passes on from hand to hand, even as in the Greek torch-bearers' race ¹ in honour of Hephaestus. This riding-post is called in Persia, angarcion. ²

99. When the first message came to Susa, telling that Xerxes had taken Athens, it gave such delight to the Persians who were left at home that they strewed all the roads with myrtle boughs and burnt incense and gave themselves up to sacrificial feasts and jollity; but the second, coming on the heels of the first, so confounded them that they all rent

line had his torch lighted at the altar and ran with it at full speed to the second, to whom he passed it on, the second to the third, and so on till the last man carried it to the goal. The line of runners which first passed its torch alight to the goal was the winning team " (How and Wells).

* Δγγαροι is apparently a Babylonian word, the Persian word for a post-rider being in Greek Δσγάνθης (How and Wells). Δγγαροι passed into Greek usage; cp. Aesch. Ag.

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ξαντο πάντες, βοή τε καὶ οἰμωγή ἐχρέωντο ἀπλέτφ, Μαρδόνιον ἐν αἰτίη τιθέντες. οὐκ οῦτω δὲ περὶ τῶν νεῶν ἀχθόμενοι ταῦτα οἱ Πέρσαι ἐποίευν ὡς περὶ αὐτῷ Ξέρξη δειμαίνοντες.

100. Καὶ περὶ Πέρσας μὲν ἡν ταῦτα τὸν πάντα

μεταξύ χρόνον γενόμενον, μέχρι ου Ξέρξης αυτός σφεας απικόμενος επαυσε. Μαρδόνιος δε όρων μέν Ξέρξην συμφορήν μεγάλην έκ της ναυμαχίης ποιεύμενον, υποπτεύων δε αυτον δρησμον βουλεύειν έκ των 'Αθηνέων, φροντίσας προς έωυτον ώς δώσει δίκην ἀναγνώσας βασιλέα στρατεύεσθαι έπι την Έλλάδα, και οι κρέσσου είη ανακινδυνεύσαι ή κατεργάσασθαι την Ελλάδα ή αὐτον καλώς τελευτήσαι του βίου υπέρ μεγάλων αίωρηθέντα: πλέου μέντοι έφερε οί ή γνώμη κατεργάσασθαι την Έλλάδα· λογισάμενος ών ταῦτα προσέφερε τον λόγον τόνδε. "Δέσποτα, μήτε λυπέο μήτε συμφορήν μηδεμίαν μεγάλην ποιεῦ τοῦδε τοῦ γεγονότος είνεκα πρήγματος. οὐ γὰρ ξύλων ἀγὼν ὁ τὸ πᾶν φέρων ἐστὶ ἡμίν, ἀλλ' ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ σοί δε ούτε τις τούτων των το πάν σφίσι ήδη δοκεόντων κατεργάσθαι άποβάς άπο τών νεών πειρήσεται άντιωθήναι ουτ έκ τής ήπείρου τήσδε οι τε ήμιν ήντιώθησαν, έδοσαν δίκας. εί μέν νυν δοκέει, αὐτίκα πειρώμεθα τῆς Πελοποννήσου εί δὲ καὶ δοκέει ἐπισχείν, παρέχει ποιέειν ταύτα. μηδέ δυσθύμες ου γάρ έστι "Ελλησι οὐδεμία εκδυσις μη οὐ δόντας λόγον τῶν έποίησαν νύν τε καὶ πρότερον είναι σούς δούλους. μάλιστα μέν νυν ταῦτα ποίεε εἰ δ' ἄρα τοι βεβούλευται αυτον άπελαύνοντα άπάγειν την στρατιήν, ἄλλην έχω καὶ ἐκ τῶνδε βουλήν. σὺ 98

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their tunies, and cried and lamented without ceasing, holding Mardonius to blame; and it was not so much in grief for their ships that they did this as because

they feared for Xerxes himself.

100. Such was the plight of the Persians for all the time until the coming of Xerxes himself ended it. But Mardonius, seeing that Xerxes was greatly distressed by reason of the sea-fight, and suspecting that he planned flight from Athens, considered with himself that he would be punished for overpersuading the king to march against Hellas, and that it was better for him to risk the chance of either subduing Hellas or dying honourably by flying at a noble quarry; yet his hope rather inclined to the subduing of Hellas; wherefore taking all this into account he made this proposal: "Sire, be not grieved nor greatly distressed by reason of this that has befallen us. It is not on things of wood that all the issue hangs for us, but on men and horses; and there is not one of these men, who think that they have now won a crowning victory, that will disembark from his ship and essay to withstand you, no, nor anyone from this mainland; they that have withstood us have paid the penalty. If then it so please you, let us straightway attack the Peloponnese; or if it please you to wait, that also we can do. Be not cast down; for the Greeks have no way of escape from being accountable for their former and their latter deeds, and becoming your slaves. It is best then that you should do as I have said; but if you are resolved that you will lead your army away, even then I have another

Πέρσας, βασιλεύ, μη ποιήσης καταγελάστους γενέσθαι Έλλησι οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐν Πέρσησί τοί τι δεδήληται τῶν πρηγμάτων, οὐδ ἐρέεις ὅκου ἐγενόμεθα ἄνδρες κακοί. εἰ δὲ Φοίνικές τε καὶ Αἰγύπτιοι καὶ Κύπριοί τε καὶ Κίλικες κακοὶ ἐγενοντο, οὐδὲν πρὸς Πέρσας τοῦτο προσήκει τὸ πάθος. ἤδη ὧν, ἐπειδη οὐ Πέρσαι τοι αἴτιοι ἐισί, ἐμοὶ πείθεο εἴ τοι δέδοκται μη παραμένειν, σὰ μὲν ἐς ἤθεα τὰ σεωυτοῦ ἀπέλαυνε τῆς στρατίης ἀπάγων τὸ πολλόν, ἐμὲ δὲ σοὶ χρη την Ἑλλάδα παρασχεῖν δεδουλωμένην, τριήκοντα μυριάδας τοῦ

στρατοῦ ἀπολεξάμενον.

101. Ταύτα ἀκούσας Ξέρξης ώς ἐκ κακών έχάρη τε καὶ ήσθη, πρὸς Μαρδόνιόν τε βουλευσάμενος έφη υποκρινέεσθαι οκότερον ποιήσει τούτων. ώς δὲ έβουλεύετο άμα Περσέων τοίσι έπικλήτοισι, έδοξέ οί και 'Αρτεμισίην ές συμβουλίην μεταπέμψασθαι, ότι πρότερου έφαίνετο μούνη νοέουσα τὰ ποιητέα ην. ώς δὲ ἀπίκετο ή 'Αρτεμισίη, μεταστησάμενος τους άλλους τους τε συμβούλους Περσέων και τους δορυφόρους, έλεξε Ξέρξης τάδε. "Κελεύει με Μαρδόνιος μένοντα αυτού πειράσθαι τῆς Πελοποννήσου, λέγων ώς μοι Πέρσαι τε καὶ ὁ πεζὸς στρατὸς οὐδενὸς μεταίτιοι πάθεος εἰσί, ἀλλὰ βουλομένοισί σφι γένοιτ αν απόδεξις. έμε ων ή ταύτα κελεύει ποιέειν, ή αυτός εθέλει τριήκοντα μυριάδας απολεξάμενος τοῦ στρατοῦ παρασχεῖν μοι τὴν Ἑλλάδα δεδουλωμένην, αυτον δέ με κελεύει άπελαύνειν σύν τῷ λοιπῷ στρατῷ ἐς ἥθεα τὰ ἐμά. σὰ ὧν έμοί, και γάρ περί της ναυμαχίης ευ συνεβούplan. Do not, O king, make the Persians a laughing-stock to the Greeks; for if you have suffered harm, it is by no fault of the Persians, nor can you say that we have anywhere done less than brave men should; and if Phoenicians and Egyptians and Cyprians and Cilicians have so done, it is not the Persians who have any part in this disaster. Wherefore since the Persians are nowise to blame, be guided by me; if you are resolved that you will not remain, do you march away homewards with the greater part of your army; but it is for me to enslave and deliver Hellas to you, with three hundred thousand of your host whom I will choose."

101. When Xerxes heard that, he was as glad and joyful as a man in his evil case might be, and said to Mardonius that he would answer him when he had first taken counsel which of the two plans he would follow; and as he consulted with those Persians whom he summoned, he was fain to bid Artemisia too to the council, because he saw that she alone at the former sitting had discerned what was best to do. When Artemisia came, Xerxes bade all others withdraw, both Persian councillors and guards, and said to her: "It is Mardonius' counsel that I should abide here and attack the Peloponnese: for the Persians, he says, and the land army are nowise to blame for our disaster, and of that they would willingly give proof. Wherefore it is his counsel that I should do this; else he offers to choose out three hundred thousand men of the army and deliver Hellas to me enslaved, while I myself by his counsel march away homeward with the rest of the host. Now therefore I ask of you:

λευσας της γενομένης οὐκ ἐῶσα ποιέεσθαι, νῦν τε συμβούλευσον ὁκότερα ποιέων ἐπιτύχω εὐ

Βουλευσάμενος."

102. *Ο μέν ταύτα συνεβουλεύετο, ή δὲ λέγει " Βασιλεύ, χαλεπον μέν έστι συμβουλευομένο τυχείν τα άριστα είπασαν, έπὶ μέντοι τοίσι κατήκουσε πρήγμασε δοκέει μοι αὐτον μέν σε ἀπελαύνειν ὁπίσω, Μαρδόνιον δέ, εὶ ἐθέλει τε καὶ ὑποδέκεται ταῦτα ποιήσειν, αὐτοῦ καταλιπείν σύν τοίσι έθέλει. τούτο μέν γάρ ην καταστρέψηται τὰ φησί θέλειν καί οι προχωρήση τὰ νοέων λέγει, σὸν τὸ έργον ὡ δέσποτα γίνεται: οί γαρ σοι δούλοι κατεργάσαντο, τούτο δὲ ἡν τὰ έναντία τῆς Μαρδονίου γνώμης γένηται, οὐδεμία συμφορή μεγάλη έσται σέο τε περιεύντος καὶ έκείνων των πρηγμάτων περί οίκου του σόν ήν γάρ σύ τε περιής και οίκος ο σός, πολλούς πολλάκις άγωνας δραμέονται περί σφέων αὐτών οί "Ελληνες. Μαρδονίου δέ, ήν τι πάθη, λόγος ούδεις γίνεται, ούδέ τι νικώντες οι Έλληνες νικώσι, δούλον σον απολέσαντες συ δέ, τών είνεκα του στόλου εποιήσαο, πυρώσας τὰς 'Αθήνας ἀπελάς."

103. "Ησθή τε δή τή συμβουλίη Ξέρξης. λέγουσα γὰρ ἐπετύγχανε τά περ αὐτὸς ἐνόεε. οὐδὲ γὰρ εἰ πάντες καὶ πᾶσαι συνεβούλευον αὐτῷ μένειν, ἔμενε ᾶν δοκέειν ἐμοί· οὕτω καταρρωδήκεε. ἐπαινέσας δὲ τὴν 'Αρτεμισίην, ταύτην μὲν ἀποστέλλει ἄγουσαν αὐτοῦ παΐδας ἐς 'Εφεσον'

νόθοι γάρ τινές παιδές οι συνέσποντο.

104. Συνέπεμπε δὲ τοῖσι παισὶ φύλακον Έρμότιμον, γένος μὲν ἐόντα Πηδασέα, φερόμενον δὲ

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as you did rightly in counselling me against the late sea-fight, so now counsel me as to which of these two things I shall be best advised to do."

102. Being thus asked for advice she replied: "It is difficult, O king, to answer your asking for advice by saying that which is best; but in the present turn of affairs I think it best that you march away back, and that Mardonius, if he wills and promises to do as he says, be left here with those whom he desires. For if he subdue all that he offers to subdue, and prosper in the purpose wherewith he speaks, the achievement, Sire, is yours; for it will be your servants that have wrought it. But if again the issue be contrary to Mardonius' opinion, it is no great misfortune so long as you and all that household of yours be safe; for while you and they of your house are safe, many a time and oft will the Greeks have to fight for their lives. As for Mardonius, if aught ill befall him, it is no matter for that; nor will any victory of the Greeks be a victory in truth, when they have but slain your servant; but as for you, you will be marching home after the burning of Athens, which thing was the whole purpose of your expedition."

103. Artemisia's counsel pleased Xerxes; for it happened that she spoke his own purpose; in truth I think that he would not have remained, though all men and women had counselled him so to do; so panic-stricken was he. Having then thanked Artemisia, he sent her away to carry his sons to Ephesus;

for he had some bastard sons with him.

104. With these sons he sent Hermotimus as guardian; this man was by birth of Pedasa, and the

οὐ τὰ δεύτερα τῶν εὐνούχων παρὰ βασιλέι·ι [οἰ δὲ Πηδασέες οἰκέουσι ὑπὲρ 'Αλικαρνησσοῦ· ἐν δὲ τοῖσι Πηδάσοισι τουτέοισι τοιόνδε συμφέρεται πρῆγμα γίνεσθαι· ἐπεὰν τοῖσι ἀμφικτυόσι πᾶσι τοῖσι ἀμφὶ ταύτης οἰκέουσι τῆς πόλιος μέλλη τι ἐντὸς χρόνου ἔσεσθαι χαλεπόν, τότε ἡ ἰερείη αὐτόθι τῆς 'Αθηναίης φύει πώγωνα μέγαν. τοῦτο

δέ σφι δὶς ήδη ἐγένετο.

105. 'Εκ τούτων δὴ τῶν Πηδασέων ὁ 'Ερμότιμος ἢν] τῷ μεγίστη τίσις ἢδη ἀδικηθέντι ἐγένετο πάντων τῶν ἡμεῖς ἴδμεν. ἀλόντα γὰρ αὐτὸν ὑπὸ πολεμίων καὶ πωλεόμενον ὼνέεται Πανιώνιος ἀνὴρ Χίος, ὁς τὴν ζόην κατεστήσατο ἀπ' ἔργων ἀνοσιωτάτων ὅκως γὰρ κτήσαιτο παίδας εἴδεος ἐπαμμένους, ἐκτάμνων ἀγινέων ἐπώλεε ἐς Σάρδις τε καὶ "Εφεσον χρημάτων μεγάλων. παρὰ γὰρ τοῦσι βαρβάροισι τιμιώτεροι εἰσὶ οἱ εὐνοῦχοι πίστιος εἴνεκα τῆς πάσης τῶν ἐνορχίων. ἄλλους τε δὴ ὁ Πανιώνιος ἐξέταμε πολλούς, ἄτε ποιεύμενος ἐκ τούτου τὴν ζόην, καὶ δὴ καὶ τοῦτον. καὶ οὐ γὰρ τὰ πάντα ἐδυστύχεε ὁ 'Ερμότιμος, ἀπικνέεται ἐκ τῶν Σαρδίων παρὰ βασιλέα μετ' ἄλλων δώρων, χρόνου δὲ προϊόντος πάντων τῶν εὐνούχων ἐτιμήθη μάλιστα παρὰ Ξέρξη.

106. 'Ως δὲ τὸ στράτευμα τὸ Περσικὸν ὅρμα βασιλεὺς ἐπὶ τὰς 'Αθήνας ἐων ἐν Σάρδισι, ἐνθαῦτα καταβὰς κατὰ δή τι πρῆγμα ὁ 'Ερμότιμος ἐς γῆν τὴν Μυσίην, τὴν Χίοι μὲν νέμονται 'Αταρνεὺς δὲ καλέεται, εὐρίσκει τὸν Πανιώνιον ἐνθαῦτα. ἐπιγνοὺς δὲ ἔλεγε πρὸς αὐτὸν πολλοὺς καὶ φιλίους λόγους, πρῶτα μέν οἱ καταλέγων ὅσα αὐτὸς δι' ἐκεῖνον ἔχοι ἀγαθά, δεύτερα δὲ οἱ ὑπισχνεύμενος

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most honoured by Xerxes of all his eunuchs. The people of Pedasa dwell above Halicarnassus. This happens among these people: when aught untoward is about to befall within a certain time all those that dwell about their city, the priestess of Athene then grows a great beard. This had already happened to them twice.

105. Hermotimus, who came from this place Pedasa, had achieved a fuller vengeance for wrong done to him than had any man within my knowledge. Being taken captive by enemies and exposed for sale, he was bought by one Panionius of Chios, a man that had set himself to earn a livelihood out of most wicked practices; he would procure beautiful boys and castrate and take them to Sardis and Ephesus, where he sold them for a great price; for the foreigners value eunuchs more than perfect men, by reason of the full trust that they have in them. Now among the many whom Panionius had eastrated in the way of trade was Hermotimus, who was not in all things unfortunate; for he was brought from Sardis among other gifts to the king, and as time went on he stood higher in Xerxes' favour than any other ennuch.

106. Now while the king was at Sardis and there preparing to lead his Persian armament against Athens, Hermotimus came for some business that he had in hand down to the part of Mysia which is inhabited by Chians and called Atarneus, and there he found Panionius. Perceiving who he was, he held long and friendly converse with him; "it is to you," he said, "that I owe all this prosperity of

¹ The words in brackets are probably an interpolation, from i. 175, where they occur more appropriately.

άντὶ τούτων όσα μιν άγαθὰ ποιήσει ἡν κομίσας τούς οίκετας οίκεη εκείνη, ώστε υποδεξάμενον άσμενον τους λόγους τον Πανιώνιον κομίσαι τά τέκνα καὶ τὴν γυναῖκα. ὡς δὲ ἄρα πανοικίη μιν περιέλαβε, έλεγε ο Ερμότιμος τάδε. " Π πάντων ανδρών ήδη μάλιστα απ' έργων ανοσιωτάτων τον βίου κτησάμενε, τί σε έγω κακου ή αὐτος ή των έμων τίς σε προγόνων εργάσατο, ή σε ή των σων τινα, ότι με άντ ἀνδρος εποίησας το μηδέν είναι; έδοκεές τε θεούς λήσειν οία έμηχανώ τότε οί σε ποιήσαντα ἀνόσια, νόμφ δικαίφ χρεώμενοι, ὑπήγαγον ἐς χειρας τὰς ἐμάς, ὥστε σε μὴ μέμψασθαι τιν ἀπ' ἐμέο τοι ἐσομένην δίκην." ὡς δέ οἰ ταύτα ωνείδισε, αχθέντων των παίδων ές όψιν ηναγκάζετο ο Πανιώνιος των έωυτου παίδων τεσσέρων εόντων τὰ αίδοῖα ἀποτάμνειν, ἀναγκαζόμενος δὲ ἐποίεε ταῦτα· αὐτοῦ τε, ὡς ταῦτα έργάσατο, οἱ παίδες ἀναγκαζόμενοι ἀπέταμνον. Πανιώνιον μέν νυν ούτω περιήλθε ή τε τίσις καί Έρμότιμος.

107. Ξέρξης δὲ ὡς τοὺς παίδας ἐπέτρεψε Αρτεμισίη ἀπάγειν ἐς εφεσον, καλέσας Μαρδόνιον ἐκέλευσέ μιν τῆς στρατιῆς διαλέγειν τοὺς βούλεται, καὶ ποιέειν τοῖσι λόγοισι τὰ ἔργα πειρώμενον ὅμοια. ταύτην μὲν τὴν ἡμέρην ἐς τοσοῦτο ἐγίνετο, τῆς δὲ νυκτὸς κελεύσαντος βασιλέος τὰς νέας οἱ στρατηγοὶ ἐκ τοῦ Φαλήρου ἀπῆγον ὀπίσω ἐς τὸν Ελλήσποντον ὡς τάχεος εἰχε ἔκαστος, διαφυλαξούσας τὰς σχεδίας πορευθῆναι βασιλέι. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀγχοῦ ἡσαν Ζωστῆρος πλέοντες οἱ βάρβαροι, ἀνατείνουσι γὰρ ἄκραι

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mine; now if you will bring your household and dwell here, I will make you prosperous in return,"promising this and that: Panionius accepted his offer gladly, and brought his children and his wife. But Hermotimus, having got the man and all his household in his power, said to him: "Tell me, you that have made a livelihood out of the wickedest trade on earth! what harm had I or any of my forefathers done to you, to you or yours, that you made me to be no man, but a thing of nought? av, you thought that the gods would have no knowledge of your devices of old; but their just law has brought you for your wicked deeds into my hands, and now you shall be well content with the fulness of that justice which I will execute upon you." With these words of reproach, he brought Panionius' sons before him and compelled him to castrate all four of them. his own children; this Panionius was compelled to do; which done, the sons were compelled to castrate Thus was Panionius overtaken their father in turn. by vengeance and by Hermotimus.

107. Having given his sons to Artemisia's charge to be carried to Ephesus, Xerxes called Mardonius to him and bade him choose out whom he would from the army, and make his words good so far as endeavour availed. For that day matters went thus far; in the night, the admirals by the king's command put out to sea from Phalerum and made for the Hellespont again with all speed, to guard the bridges for the king's passage. When the foreigners came near to the "Girdle" in their course, they thought that certain little headlands, which here jut

A promontory on the west coast of Attica, between Piracus and Sunium.

λεπταὶ τῆς ἡπείρου ταύτης, ἔδοξάν τε νέας εἶναι καὶ ἔφευγον ἐπὶ πολλόν χρόνω δὲ μαθόντες ὅτι οὐ νέες εἶεν ἀλλ' ἄκραι, συλλεχθέντες ἐκομίζοντο.

108. 'Ως δὲ ἡμέρη ἐγίνετο, ὁρῶντες οἱ "Ελληνες κατά χώρην μένοντα του στρατόν του πεζου ηλπιζον και τας νέας είναι περί Φάληρον, έδόκεον τε ναυμαχήσειν σφέας παραρτέοντό τε ώς άλεξησόμενοι. έπει δε επύθοντο τὰς νέας οιγωκυίας. αὐτίκα μετά ταῦτα έδόκεε ἐπιδιώκειν. τὸν μέν νυν ναυτικόν του Ξέρξεω στρατόν ούκ ἐπείδον διώξαντες μέχρι "Ανδρου, ές δέ την 'Ανδρον άπικόμενοι έβουλεύοντο. Θεμιστοκλέης μέν νυν γνώμην ἀπεδείκνυτο διὰ νήσων τραπομένους καὶ έπιδιώξαντας τὰς νέας πλέειν ίθέως ἐπὶ τὸν Έλλήσποντον λύσοντας τὰς γεφύρας. Εὐρυ-Βιάδης δὲ τὴν ἐναντίην ταύτη γνώμην ἐτίθετο, λέγων ὡς εἰ λύσουσι τὰς σχεδίας, τοῦτ' ἄν μέγιστον πάντων σφι κακών την Έλλάδα έργάσαιτο. εί γὰρ ἀναγκασθείη ὁ Πέρσης μένειν ἐν τῆ Ευρώπη, πειρώτο αν ήσυχίην μη άγειν, ώς άγοντι μέν οι ήσυχίην ούτε τι προχωρέειν οδόν τε έσται των πρηγμάτων ούτε τις κομιδή τὰ οπίσω φανήσεται, λιμώ τέ οἱ ή στρατιή διαφθερέεται, έπιχειρέοντι δε αυτώ και έργου έχομένω πάντα τὰ κατὰ τὴν Εὐρώπην οἶά τε ἔσται προσχωρῆσαι κατά πόλις τε καὶ κατά ἔθνεα, ήτοι άλισκομένων γε ή πρό τούτου όμολογεόντων τροφήν τε έξειν σφέας του έπέτειου αίει του των Ελλήνων καρπόν. ἀλλὰ δοκέειν γὰρ νικηθέντα τῆ ναυμαχίη οὐ μενέειν ἐν τῆ Εὐρώπη τὸν Πέρσην ἐατέον ὧν είναι φεύγειν, ές δ έλθοι φεύγων ές την έωυτοῦ. τὸ ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ περί τῆς ἐκείνου ποιέεσθαι ἥδη τὸν 108

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out from the mainland, were ships, and they fled for a long way; but learning at last that they were no ships but headlands they drew together and went

on their way.

108. When it was day, the Greeks saw the land army abiding where it had been and supposed the ships also to be at Phalerum; and thinking that there would be a sea-fight they prepared to defend themselves. But when they learnt that the ships were gone, they straightway resolved on pursuit; so they pursued Xerxes' fleet as far as Andros, but had no sight of it; and when they came to Andros they held a council there. Themistocles declared his opinion that they should hold their course through the islands, and having pursued after the ships should sail forthwith to the Hellespont to break the bridges; but Eurybiades offered a contrary opinion, saving that to break the bridges would be the greatest harm that they could do to Hellas. said he, "if the Persian be cut off and compelled to remain in Europe, he will essay not to be inactive, seeing that if he be inactive neither can his cause prosper nor can he find any way of return home, but his army will perish of hunger; but if he be adventurous and busy, it may well be that every town and nation in Europe may join itself to him severally, by conquest or ere that by compact; and he will live on whatsoever yearly fruits of the earth Hellas produces. But, as I think that the Persian will not remain in Europe after his defeat in the sea-fight, let us suffer him to flee, till he come in his flight to his own country; and thereafter let it be that country and not ours that is at stake in the war."

άγωνα έκέλευε. ταύτης δε είχοντο τής γνώμης καὶ Πελοποννησίων των άλλων οι στρατηγοί.

109. 'Ως δὲ ἔμαθε ὅτι οὐ πείσει τούς γε πολλούς πλέειν ές του Ελλήσπουτου ο Θεμιστοκλέης. μεταβαλών πρός τους 'Αθηναίους (ούτοι γάρ μάλιστα έκπεφευγότων περιημέκτεον, όρμέατό τε ές του Ελλήσπουτου πλέειν και έπι σφέων αὐτών βαλόμενοι, εί οι άλλοι μη βουλοίατο) έλεγέ σφι τάδε. "Καὶ αὐτος ἥδη πολλοίσι παρεγενόμην καὶ πολλώ πλέω ἀκήκοα τοιάδε γενέσθαι, ἄνδρας ές άναγκαίην άπειληθέντας νενικημένους άναμάγεσθαί τε και αναλαμβάνειν την προτέρην κακότητα. ήμεις δέ, ευρημα γάρ ευρήκαμεν ήμέας τε αύτους και την Ελλάδα, νέφος τοσούτο άνθρώπων άνωσάμενοι, μη διώκωμεν άνδρας φεύγοντας, τάδε γαρ ούκ ήμεις κατεργασάμεθα, άλλα θεοί τε καί ήρωςς, οι εφθόνησαν άνδρα ένα της τε 'Ασίης και της Ευρώπης βασιλεύσαι έόντα άνόσιον τε καὶ ἀτάσθαλον: δς τά τε ίρὰ καὶ τὰ ίδια ἐν όμοίω έποιέετο, έμπιπράς τε και καταβάλλων των θεών τα αγάλματα δς και την θάλασσαν άπεμαστίγωσε πέδας τε κατήκε. άλλ' εδ γάρ έχει ές τὸ παρεὸν ἡμῖν, νῦν μὲν ἐν τῆ Ἑλλάδι καταμεί-ναντας ἡμέων τε αὐτῶν ἐπιμεληθῆναι καὶ τῶν οίκετέων, καί τις οίκιην τε άναπλασάσθω καί σπόρου ἀνακῶς ἐχέτω, παντελέως ἀπελάσας τὸν βάρβαρον ἄμα δὲ τῷ ἔαρι καταπλέωμεν ἐπὶ Ελλησπόντου καὶ Ἰωνίης." ταῦτα ἔλεγε ἀποθήκην μέλλων ποιήσασθαι ἐς τὸν Πέρσην, ἵνα ήν άρα τί μιν καταλαμβάνη πρὸς 'Αθηναίων πάθος έχη ἀποστροφήν τά περ ών καὶ έγένετο.

110. Θεμιστοκλέης μέν ταθτα λέγων διέβαλλε,

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With that opinion the rest of the Peloponnesian

admirals also agreed.

109. When Themistocles perceived that he could not persuade the greater part of them to sail to the Hellespont, he turned to the Athenians (for they were the angriest at the Persians' escape, and they were minded to sail to the Hellespont even by themselves, if the rest would not) and thus addressed them: "This I have often seen with my eyes, and much oftener heard, that beaten men when they be driven to bay will rally and retrieve their former mishap. Wherefore I say to you, as it is to a fortunate chance that we owe ourselves and Hellas, and have driven away so mighty a cloud of enemies, let us not pursue after men that flee. For it is not we that have won this victory, but the gods and the heroes, who deemed Asia and Europe too great a realm for one man to rule, and that a wicked man and an impious; one that dealt alike with temples and homes, and burnt and overthrew the images of the gods,-yea, that scourged the sea and threw fetters thereinto. But as it is well with us for the nonce, let us abide now in Hellas and take thought for ourselves and our households; let us build our houses again and be diligent in sowing, when we have driven the foreigner wholly away; and when the next spring comes let us set sail for the Hellespont This he said with intent to put somewhat to his credit with the Persian, so that he might have a place of refuge if ever (as might chance) he should suffer aught at the hands of the Athenians; and indeed it did so happen.

110. Thus spoke Themistocles with intent to

'Αθηναίοι δὲ ἐπείθοντο ἐπειδή γάρ καὶ πρότερον δεδογμένος είναι σοφός εφάνη εων άληθέως σοφός τε και ευβουλος, πάντως ετοιμοι ήσαν λέγοντι πείθεσθαι. ώς δὲ οὐτοί οἱ ἀνεγνωσμένοι ήσαν, αὐτίκα μετά ταῦτα ὁ Θεμιστοκλέης ἄνδρας ἀπέπεμπε έχοντας πλοίον, τοίσι ἐπίστευε σιγάν ἐς πάσαν βάσανον απικνεομένοισι τὰ αὐτὸς ἐνετείλατο βασιλέι φράσαι των και Σίκιννος ο οἰκέτης αύτις έγενετο οι έπείτε απίκοντο πρός την Αττικήν, οἱ μὲν κατέμενου ἐπὶ τῷ πλοίᾳ, Σίκιννος δὲ ἀναβὰς παρὰ Ξέρξην ἔλεγε τάδε. "Επεμψέ με Θεμιστοκλέης ὁ Νεοκλέος, στρατηγός μὲν Αθηναίων άνηρ δὲ τῶν συμμάχων πάντων ἄριστος και σοφώτατος, φράσοντά τοι ότι Θεμιστοκλέης ο 'Αθηναίος, σοι βουλόμενος υπουργέειν, έσχε τούς "Ελληνας τὰς νέας Βουλομένους διώκειν καὶ τας έν Έλλησπόντω γεφύρας λύειν. και νύν κατ' ήσυχίην πολλήν κομίζεο." οδ μέν ταῦτα σημήναντες ἀπέπλεον ὀπίσω.

111. Οί δὲ "Ελληνες, ἐπείτε σφι ἀπέδοξε μήτ ἐπιδιώκειν ἔτι προσωτέρω τῶν βαρβάρων τὰς νέας μήτε πλέειν ἐς τὸν 'Ελλήσποντον λύσοντας τὸν πόρον, τὴν 'Ανδρον περικατέατο ἐξελεῖν ἐθέλοντες. πρῶτοι γὰρ "Ανδριοι νησιωτέων αἰτηθέντες προς Θεμιστοκλέος χρήματα οὐκ ἔδοσαν, ἀλλὰ προϊσχομένου Θεμιστοκλέος λόγον τόνδε, ὡς ἤκοιεν 'Αθηναῖοι περὶ ἐωυτοὺς ἔχοντες δύο θεοὺς μεγάλους, πειθώ τε καὶ ἀναγκαίην, οὕτω τὰ σφι κάρτα δοτέα εἰναι χρήματα, ὑπεκρίναντο πρὸς ταῦτα λέγοντες ὡς κατὰ λόγον ἢσαν ἄρα αἰ 'Αθῆναι μεγάλαι τε καὶ εὐδαίμονες, αῖ καὶ θεῶν χρηστῶν ῆκοιεν εὖ, ἐπεὶ 'Ανδρίονς γε εἰναι

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deceive, and the Athenians obeyed him; for since he had ever been esteemed wise and now had shown himself to be both wise and prudent, they were ready to obey whatsoever he said. Having won them over, Themistocles straightway sent men in a boat whom he could trust not to reveal under any question whatsoever the message which he charged them to deliver to the king; of whom one was again his servant Sicinnus. When these men came to Attica, the rest abode with the boat, and Sicinnus went up to Xerxes; "Themistocles son of Neocles," he said, "who is the Athenian general, and of all the allies the worthiest and wisest, has sent me to tell you this: Themistocles the Athenian has out of his desire to do you a service stayed the Greeks when they would pursue your ships and break the bridges of the Hellespont; and now he bids you go your way, none hindering you." With that message, the men returned in their boat.

111. But the Greeks, now that they were no longer minded to pursue the foreigners' ships farther or sail to the Hellespont and break the way of passage, beleaguered Andros that they might take it. For the men of that place, the first islanders of whom Themistocles demanded money, would not give it; but when Themistocles gave them to understand that the Athenians had come with two great gods to aid them, even Persuasion and Necessity, and that therefore the Andrians must assuredly give money, they answered and said, "It is then but reasonable that Athens is great and prosperous, being blest with serviceable gods; as for us Andrians, we are but

γεωπείνας ές τὰ μέγιστα ἀνήκοντας, καὶ θεοὺς δύο ἀχρήστους οὐκ ἐκλείπειν σφέων τὴν νῆσον ἀλλ' αἰεὶ φιλοχωρέειν, πενίην τε καὶ ἀμηχανίην, καὶ τούτων τῶν θεῶν ἐπηβόλους ἐόντας 'Ανδρίους οὐ δώσειν χρήματα: οὐδέκοτε γὰρ τῆς ἐωυτῶν ἀδυναμίης τὴν 'Αθηναίων δύναμιν εἶναι κρέσσω.

112. Ούτοι μέν δή ταθτα υποκρινάμενοι καί ού δόντες τὰ χρήματα ἐπολιορκέοντο. Θεμιστοκλέης δέ, οὐ γὰρ ἐπαύετο πλεονεκτέων, ἐσπέμπων ές τὰς ἄλλας νήσους ἀπειλητηρίους λόγους αἴτεε χρήματα διὰ τῶν αὐτῶν ἀγγέλων, χρεώμενος τοίσι και πρός βασιλέα έχρήσατο, λέγων ώς εί μη δώσουσι το αιτεόμενου, επάξει την στρατιήν των Ελλήνων και πολιορκέων εξαιρήσει. λέγων ταθτα συνέλεγε χρήματα μεγάλα παρά Καρυστίων τε και Παρίων, οι πυνθανομενοι τήν τε "Ανδρον ώς πολιορκέσιτο διότι ἐμήδισε, καὶ Θεμιστοκλέα ώς είη εν αίνη μεγίστη των στρατηγών, δείσαντες ταύτα έπεμπον χρήματα, εί δὲ δὴ τινὲς καὶ άλλοι έδοσαν νησιωτέων, οὐκ έχω εἰπεῖν, δοκέω δὲ τινὰς καὶ ἄλλους δοῦναι καὶ οὐ τούτους μούνους. καίτοι Καρυστίοισί γε οὐδὲν τούτου είνεκα τοῦ κακοῦ ὑπερβολὴ ἐγένετο. Πάριοι δὲ Θεμιστοκλέα χρήμασι ίλασάμενοι διέφυγον τὸ στράτευμα. Θεμιστοκλέης μέν νυν έξ Ανδρου ορμώμενος χρήματα παρά νησιωτέων έκτατο λάθρη των άλλων στρατηγών.

113. Οἱ δ' ἀμφὶ Ξέρξην ἐπισχόντες ὁλίγας ἡμέρας μετὰ τὴν ναυμαχίην ἐξήλαυνον ἐς Βοιωτοὺς τὴν αὐτὴν ὁδόν. ἔδοξε γὰρ Μαρδονίω ἄμα μὲν προπέμψαι βασιλέα, ἄμα δὲ ἀνωρίη εἶναι τοῦ ἔτεος πολεμέειν, χειμερίσαι τε ἄμεινον εἶναι ἐν

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blest with a plentiful lack of land, and we have two unserviceable gods who never quit our island but are ever fain to dwell there, even Poverty and Impotence; being possessed of these gods, we of Andros will give no money; for the power of Athens

can never be stronger than our inability."

112. So for thus answering and refusing to give they were besieged. There was no end to Themistocles' avarice; using the same agents whom he had used with the king, he sent threatening messages to the other islands, demanding money, and saying that if they would not give what he asked he would bring the Greek armada upon them and besiege and take their islands. Thereby he collected great sums from the Carystians and Parians; for these were informed that Andros was besieged for taking the Persian part, and that Themistocles was of all the generals the most esteemed; which so affrighted them that they sent money; and I suppose that there were other islanders too that gave, and not these alone, but I cannot with certainty say. Nevertheless the Carystians got thereby no respite from misfortune ; but the Parians propitiated Themistocles with money and so escaped the armament. Themistocles issued out from Andros and took monies from the islanders, unknown to the other generals.

113. They that were with Xerxes waited for a few days after the sea-fight and then marched away to Boeotia by the road whereby they had come; for Mardonius was minded to give the king safe conduct, and deemed the time of year unseasonable for war; it was better, he thought, to

Θεσσαλίη, και έπειτα άμα τῷ ἔαρι πειρασθαι της Πελοποννήσου. ώς δὲ ἀπίκατο ές τὴν Θεσσαλίην, ένθαῦτα Μαρδόνιος έξελέγετο πρώτους μέν τους Πέρσας πάντας τους άθανάτους καλεομένους, πλην Τδάρνεος του στρατηγού (ούτος γάρ ούκ έφη λείψεσθαι βασιλέος), μετά δὲ τῶν ἄλλων Περσέων τους θωρηκοφόρους και την ίππον την χιλίην, και Μήδους τε και Σάκας και Βακτρίους τε και Ίνδούς, και τον πεζον και την άλλην ίππον. ταθτα μεν έθνεα όλα είλετο, έκ δε τών άλλων συμμάχων έξελέγετο κατ' όλίγους, τοίσι είδεά τε υπήρχε διαλέγων και εί τεοίσι τι χρηστόν συνήδες πεποιημένου. εν δε πλείστου έθνος Πέρσας αίρέετο, ἄνδρας στρεπτοφόρους τε καὶ ψελιοφόρους, έπὶ δὲ Μήδους ούτοι δὲ τὸ πλήθος μὲν ούκ έλάσσονες ήσαν των Περσέων, ρώμη δὲ ήσσονες. ώστε σύμπαντας τριήκοντα μυριάδας γενέσθαι σύν Ιππεύσι.

114. Έν δὲ τούτω τῷ χρόνω, ἐν τῷ Μαρδόνιος τε τὴν στρατιὴν διέκρινε καὶ Ξέρξης ἦν περὶ Θεσσαλίην, χρηστήριον ἐληλύθεε ἐκ Δελφῶν Λακεδαιμονίοισι, Ξέρξην αἰτέειν δίκας τοῦ Λεωνίδεω φόνου καὶ τὸ διδόμενον ἐξ ἐκείνου δέκεσθαι πέμπουσι δὴ κήρυκα τὴν ταχίστην Σπαρτιῆται, δς ἐπειδὴ κατέλαβε ἐοῦσαν ἔτι πᾶσαν τὴν στρατιὴν ἐν Θεσσαλίη, ἐλθῶν ἐς ὄψιν τὴν Ξέρξεω ἔλεγε τάδε. "Ω βασιλεῦ Μήδων, Λακεδαιμόνιοί τέ σε καὶ 'Ηρακλείδαι οἱ ἀπό Σπάρτης αἰτέουσι φόνου δίκας, ὅτι σφέων τὸν βασιλέα ἀπέκτεινας ρυόμενον τὴν 'Ελλάδα." ὁ δὲ γελάσας τε καὶ κατασχῶν πολλὸν χρόνον, ὡς οἱ ἐτύγχανε παρετιό

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winter in Thessaly, and then attack the Peloponnese in the spring. When they were arrived in Thessaly, Mardonius there chose out first all the Persians called Immortals, save only Hydarnes their general, who said that he would not quit the king's person; and next, the Persian cuirassiers, and the thousand horse,1 and the Medes and Sacae and Bactrians and Indians, alike their footmen and the rest of the He chose these nations entire; of the rest of his allies he picked out a few from each people, the goodliest men and those that he knew to have done some good service; but the Persians that he chose (men that wore torques and bracelets)2 were more in number than those of any other nation, and next to them the Medes; these indeed were as many as the Persians, but not so stout fighters. Thereby the whole number, with the horsemen, grew to three hundred thousand men.

114. Now while Mardonius was making choice of his army and Xerxes was in Thessaly, there came an oracle from Delphi to the Lacedaemonians, that they should demand justice of Xerxes for the slaying of Leonidas, and take what answer he should give them. The Spartans then sent a herald with all speed; who finding the army yet undivided in Thessaly, came into Xerxes' presence and thus spoke: "The Lacedaemonians and the Heraclidae of Sparta demand of you, king of the Medes! that you pay the penalty for the death of their king, whom you slew while he defended Hellas." At that Xerxes laughed; and after a long while he

¹ Two regiments of a thousand horse are mentioned in vii. 40 and 55

στεως Μαρδόνιος, δεικνύς ές τοῦτον εἰπε "Τοιγάρ σφι Μαρδόνιος ὅδε δίκας δώσει τοιαύτας οΐας

έκείνοισι πρέπει."

115. "Ο μεν δη δεξάμενος το ρηθέν απαλλάσσετο, Ξέρξης δὲ Μαρδόνιον ἐν Θεσσαλίη καταλιπών αύτος ἐπορεύετο κατὰ τάγος ἐς τὸν Ελλήσπουτου, και απικυέεται ές του πόρου της διαβάσιος έν πέντε και τεσσεράκοντα ημέρησι, απάγων της στρατιής οὐδεν μέρος ώς εἰπεῖν. όκου δέ πορευόμενοι γινοίατο και κατ ούστινας άνθρώπους, του τούτων καρπον άρπάζοντες έσιτέοντο· εί δὲ καρπον μηδένα εύροιεν, οἱ δὲ τὴν ποίην την έκ της γης αναφυσμένην και των δενδρέων του φλοιον περιλέποντες και τὰ φύλλα καταδρέποντες κατήσθιον, όμοίως τών τε ήμέρων και των άγρίων, και έλειπον οὐδέν ταῦτα δ' έποίεον ύπο λιμού. έπιλαβών δε λοιμός τε τον στρατον και δυσεντερίη κατ' όδον έφθειρε. τους δέ και νοσέοντας αυτών κατέλειπε, επιτάσσων τησι πόλισι, ίνα έκάστοτε γίνοιτο έλαύνων, μελεδαίνειν τε καὶ τρέφειν, ἐν Θεσσαλίη τε τινὰς καὶ έν Σίρι τῆς Παιονίης καὶ ἐν Μακεδονίη. ἔνθα καὶ τὸ ίρὸν ἄρμα καταλιπών τοῦ Διός, ὅτε ἐπὶ την Ελλάδα ήλαυνε, ἀπιών ούκ ἀπέλαβε, ἀλλά δόντες οι Παίονες τοίσι Θρήιξι απαιτέοντος Εέρξεω έφασαν νεμομένας άρπασθήναι ύπο τών άνω Θρηίκων των περί τὰς πηγάς του Στρυμόνος οίκημένων.

116. Ένθα καὶ ὁ τῶν Βισαλτέων βασιλεὺς γῆς τε τῆς Κρηστωνικῆς Θρῆιξ ἔργον ὑπερφυὲς ἐργάσατο ὑς οὕτε αὐτὸς ἔφη τῷ Ξέρξη ἐκὼν εἰναι δουλεύσειν, ἀλλ' οἴχετο ἄνω ἐς τὸ ὅρος τὴν 118

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pointed to Mardonius, who chanced to be standing by him, and said, "Then here is Mardonius, who shall pay those you speak of such penalty as befits

them."

115. So the herald took that utterance and departed; but Xerxes left Mardonius in Thessaly, and himself journeying with all speed to the Hellespont came in forty-five days to the passage for crossing, bringing back with him as good as none (if one may so say) of his host. Whithersoever and to whatsoever people they came, they seized and devoured its produce; and if they found none, they would take for their eating the grass of the field, and strip the bark and pluck the leaves of the trees, garden and wild alike, leaving nothing; so starved they were for hunger. Moreover a pestilence and a dysentery broke out among them on their way, whereby they died. Some that were sick Xerxes left behind, charging the cities whither he came in his march to care for them and nourish them, some in Thessaly and some in Siris of Paeonia and in Macedonia; in Siris he had left the sacred chariot of Zeus when he was marching to Hellas, but in his return he received it not again; for the Paeonians had given it to the Thracians, and when Xerxes demanded it back they said that the horses had been carried off from pasture by the Thracians of the hills who dwelt about the headwaters of the Strymon.

116. It was then that a monstrous deed was done by the Thracian king of the Bisaltae and the Crestonian country. He had refused to be of his own free will Xerxes' slave, and fled away to the

Ροδόπην, τοῖσί τε παισὶ ἀπηγόρευε μὴ στρατεύεσθαι ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα. οἱ δὲ ἀλογήσαντες, ἢ ἄλλως σφι θυμὸς ἐγένετο θεήσασθαι τὸν πόλεμον, ἐστρατεύοντο ἄμα τῷ Πέρση. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀνεχώρησαν ἀσινέες πάντες ἔξ ἐόντες, ἐξώρυξε αὐτῶν ὁ πατὴρ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς διὰ τὴν αἰτίην ταύτην.

117. Καὶ οὐτοι μὰν τοῦτον τὸν μισθὸν ἔλαβον, οἱ δὲ Πέρσαι ὡς ἐκ τῆς Θρηίκης πορευόμενοι ἀπίκοντο ἐπὶ τὸν πόρον, ἐπειγόμενοι τὸν Ἑλλήσποντον τῆσι νηυσὶ διέβησαν ἐς "Αβυδον" τὰς γὰρ σχεδίας οὐκ εὖρον ἔτι ἐντεταμένας ἀλλ' ὑπὸ χειμῶνος διαλελυμένας. ἐνθαῦτα δὲ κατεχόμενοι σιτία τε πλέω ἡ κατ' ὁδὸν ἐλάγχανον, καὶ οὐδένα τε κόσμον ἐμπιπλάμενοι καὶ ὕδατα μεταβάλλοντες ἀπέθνησκον τοῦ στρατοῦ τοῦ περιεόντος πολλοί. οἱ δὲ λοιποὶ ἄμα Ξέρξη ἀπικνέονται ἐς Σάρδις.

118. "Εστί δὲ καὶ ἄλλος ὅδε λόγος λεγόμενος,
ώς ἐπειδὴ Ξέρξης ἀπελαύνων ἐξ ' Αθηνέων ἀπίκετο
ἐπ' ' Ἡιόνα τὴν ἐπὶ Στρυμόνι, ἐνθεῦτεν οὐκέτι
ὁδοιπορίησι διεχρᾶτο, ἀλλὰ τὴν μὲν στρατιὴν ' Τδάρνεῖ ἐπιτράπει ἀπάγειν ἐς τὸν ' Ελλήσποντον,
αὐτὸς δ' ἐπὶ νεὸς Φοινίσσης ἐπιβὰς ἐκομίζετο ἐς
τὴν ' Ασίην. πλέοντα δέ μιν ἄνεμον Στρυμονίην
ὑπολαβεῖν μέγαν καὶ κυματίην. καὶ δὴ μᾶλλον
γάρ τι χειμαίνεσθαι γεμούσης τῆς νεός, ὥστε ἐπὶ
τοῦ καταστρώματος ἐπεόντων συχνῶν Περσέων
τῶν σὰν Ξέρξη κομιζομένων, ἐνθαῦτα ἐς δεῖμα
πεσόντα τὸν βασιλέα εἰρέσθαι βώσαντα τὸν
κυβερνήτην εἴ τις ἐστί σφι σωτηρίη, καὶ τὸν
εἰπαι ' Δέσποτα, οὐκ ἔστι οὐδεμία, εἰ μὴ τούτων
ἀπαλλαγή τις γένηται τῶν πολλῶν ἐπιβατέων.'

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mountains called Rhodope; and he forbade his sons to go with the army to Hellas; but they took no account of that, for they had ever a desire to see the war, and they followed the Persians' march; for which cause, when all the six of them returned back scatheless, their father tore out their eyes.

117. This was their reward. But the Persians, journeying through Thrace to the passage, made haste to cross to Abydos in their ships; for they found the bridges no longer made fast but broken by a storm. There their march was stayed, and more food was given them than on their way; and by reason of their immoderate gorging and the change of the water which they drank, many of the army that yet remained died. The rest came with Xerxes to Sardis.

When Xerxes came in his march from Athens to Eion on the Strymon, he travelled no farther than that by land, but committed his army to Hydarnes to be led to the Hellespont, and himself embarked and set sail for Asia in a Phoenician ship. In which voyage he was caught by a strong wind called Strymonian, that lifted up the waves. This storm bearing the harder upon him by reason of the heavy lading of the ship (for the Persians of his company that were on the deck were so many), the king was affrighted and cried to the ship's pilot asking him if there were any way of deliverance; whereat the man said, "Sire, there is none, except there be a riddance of these many that are on board." Hearing that, it

καὶ Ξέρξην λέγεται ἀκούσαντα ταῦτα εἰπεῖν
""Ανδρες Πέρσαι, νῦν τις διαδεξάτω ὑμέων βασιλέος κηδόμενος - ἐν ὑμῖν γὰρ οἰκε εἰναι ἐμοὶ ἡ
σωτηρίη." τὸν μὲν ταῦτα λέγειν, τοὺς δὲ προσκυνέοντας ἐκπηδᾶν ἐς τὴν θάλασσαν, καὶ τὴν νέα
ἐπικουφισθεῖσαν οὕτω δὴ ἀποσωθῆναι ἐς τὴν
'Ασίην. ὡς δὲ ἐκβῆναι τάχιστα ἐς γῆν τὸν
Ξέρξην, ποιῆσαι τοιόνδε - ὅτι μὲν ἔσωσε βασιλέος
τὴν ψυχήν, δωρήσασθαι χρυσέη στεφάνη τὸν
κυβερνήτην, ὅτι δὲ Περσέων πολλοὺς ἀπώλεσε,

άποταμείν την κεφαλήν αὐτοῦ.

119. Οὐτος δὲ ἄλλος λέγεται λόγος περὶ τοῦ Εέρξεω νόστου, οὐδαμῶς ἔμοιγε πιστὸς οὕτε ἄλλως οὕτε τὸ Περσέων τοῦτο πάθος: εἰ γὰρ δὴ ταῦτα οὕτω εἰρέθη ἐκ τοῦ κυβερνήτεω πρὸς Εέρξην, ἐν μυρίησι γνώμησι μίαν οὐκ ἔχω ἀντίξοον μὴ οὐκ ἄν ποιῆσαι βασιλέα τοιόνδε, τοὺς μὲν ἐπὶ τοῦ καταστρώματος καταβιβάσαι ἐς κοίλην νέα ἐόντας Πέρσας καὶ Περσέων τοὺς πρώτους, τῶν δ΄ ἐρετέων ἐόντων Φοινίκων ὅκως οὐκ ᾶν ἴσον πλῆθος τοῖσι Πέρσησι ἐξέβαλε ἐς τὴν θάλασσαν. ἀλλ' δ μέν, ὡς καὶ πρότερόν μοι εἴρηται, ὁδῷ χρεώμενος ἄμα τῷ ἄλλω στρατῷ ἀπενόστησε ἐς τὴν 'Ασίην.

120. Μέγα δὲ καὶ τόδε μαρτύριον φαίνεται γὰρ Ξέρξης ἐν τῆ ὀπίσω κομιδῆ ἀπικόμενος ἐς "Αβδηρα καὶ ξεινίην τέ σφι συνθέμενος καὶ δωρησάμενος αὐτοὺς ἀκινάκη τε χρυσέω καὶ τιήρη χρυσοπάστω. καὶ ὡς αὐτοὶ λίγουσι Αβδηρῖται, λέγοντες ἔμοιγε οὐδαμῶς πιστά, πρῶτον ἔλύσατο τὴν ζώνην φεύγων ἐξ 'Αθηνέων ὀπίσω, ὡς ἐν ἀδείη ἐών. τὰ δὲ "Αβδηρα Ιδρυται πρὸς τοῦ

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is said, Xerxes said to the Persians, "Now it is for you to prove yourselves careful for your king; for it seems that my deliverance rests with you"; whereat they did obeisance and leapt into the sea; and the ship, being thus lightened, came by these means safe to Asia. No sooner had Xerxes disembarked on land, than he made the pilot a gift of a golden crown for saving the king's life, but cut off his head for being the death of many Persians.

119. This is the other tale of Xerxes' return; but I for my part believe neither the story of the Persians' fate, nor any other part of it. For if indeed the pilot had spoken to Xerxes as aforesaid, I think that there is not one in ten thousand but would say that the king would have bidden the men on deck (who were Persians and of the best blood of Persia) descend into the ship's hold, and would have taken of the Phoenician rowers a number equal to the number of the Persians and cast them into the sea. Nay, the truth is that Xerxes did as I have already said, and returned to Asia with his army by road.

120. And herein too lies a clear proof of it: it is known that when Xerxes came to Abdera in his return he entered into bonds of friendship with its people, and gave them a golden sword and a gilt tiara; and as the people of Abdera say (but for my part 1 wholly disbelieve them), it was here that Xerxes in his flight back from Athens first loosed his girdle, as being here in safety. Now Abdera

that he will not take off his tunic till he reaches Ionia; or the reference may be to a man's being effects (with his 'loins girded up') for swift travel.

Έλλησπόντου μάλλον ή τοῦ Στρυμόνος καὶ τής Ἡιόνος, ὅθεν δή μιν φασὶ ἐπιβῆναι ἐπὶ τὴν νέα.

121. Οἱ δὲ Ἑλληνες ἐπείτε οὐκ οἰοί τε ἐγίνοντο ἐξελεῖν τὴν ᾿Ανδρον, τραπόμενοι ἐς Κάρυστον καὶ δηιώσαντες αὐτῶν τὴν χώρην ἀπαλλάσσοντο ἐς Σαλαμῖνα. πρῶτα μέν νυν τοῖσι θεοῖσι ἐξεῖλον ἀκροθίνια ἄλλα τε καὶ τριήρεας τρεῖς Φοινίσσας, τὴν μὲν ἐς Ἰσθμὸν ἀναθεῖναι, ἥ περ ἔτι καὶ ἐς ἐμὲ ἢν, τὴν δὲ ἐπὶ Σούνιον, τὴν δὲ τῷ Αἴαντι αὐτοῦ ἐς Σαλαμῖνα. μετὰ δὲ τοῦτο διεδάσαντο τὴν ληίην καὶ τὰ ἀκροθίνια ἀπέπεμψαν ἐς Δελφούς, ἐκ τῶν ἐγένετο ἀνδριὰς ἔχων ἐν τῆ χειρὶ ἀκρωτήριον νεός, ἐων μέγαθος δυώδεκα πηχέων ἔστηκε δὲ οὐτος τῆ περ ὁ Μακεδών ᾿Αλέξανδρος ὁ χρύσεος.

122. Πέμψαντες δὲ ἀκροθίνια οἱ Ἑλληνες ες Δελφοὺς ἐπειρώτων τὸν θεὸν κοινῆ εἰ λελάβηκε πλήρεα καὶ ἀρεστὰ τὰ ἀκροθίνια. δ δὲ παρ Ἑλλήνων μὲν τῶν ἄλλων ἔφησε ἔχειν, παρὰ Αἰγινητέων δὲ οῦ, ἀλλὰ ἀπαίτεε αὐτοὺς τὰ ἀριστήια τῆς ἐν Σαλαμῖνι ναυμαχίης. Αἰγινῆται δὲ πυθόμενοι ἀνέθεσαν ἀστέρας χρυσέους, οῖ ἐπὶ ἱστοῦ χαλκέου ἐστᾶσι τρεῖς ἐπὶ τῆς γωνίης.

άγχοτάτω του Κροίσου κρητήρος.

123. Μετά δὲ τὴν διαίρεσιν τῆς ληίης ἔπλεον οι "Ελληνες ἐς τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ἀριστήια δώσοντες τῷ ἀξιωτάτω γενομένω Ελλήνων ἀνὰ τὸν πόλεμον τοῦτον. ὡς δὲ ἀπικόμενοι οι στρατηγοί διένεμον τὰς ψήφους ἐπὶ τοῦ Ποσειδέωνος τῷ βωμῷ, τὸν πρῶτον καὶ τὸν δεύτερον κρίνοντες ἐκ πάντων, ἐνθαῦτα πᾶς τις αὐτῶν ἐωυτῷ ἐτίθετο τὴν ψῆφον, αὐτὸς ἔκαστος δοκέων ἄριστος γενέσθαι, δεύτερα

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lies nearer to the Hellespont than the Strymon and

Eion, where they say that he took ship.

121. As for the Greeks, not being able to take Andros they betook themselves to Carystus, and having laid it waste they returned to Salamis. First of all they set apart for the gods, among other first-fruits, three Phoenician triremes, one to be dedicated at the Isthmus, where it was till my lifetime, the second at Sunium, and the third for Aias at Salamis where they were. After that, they divided the spoil and sent the firstfruits of it to Delphi; whereof was made a man's image twelve cubits high, holding in his hand the figure-head of a ship; this stood in the same place as the golden statue of Alexander the Macedonian.

122. Having sent the firstfruits to Delphi the Greeks inquired in common of the god, if the first-fruits that he had received were of full measure and if he was content therewith; whereat he said that this was so as touching what he received from all other Greeks, but not from the Aeginetans; of these he demanded the victor's prize for the sea-fight of Salamis. When the Aeginetans learnt that, they dedicated three golden stars that are set on a bronze mast, in the angle, nearest to Croesus' bowl.

123. After the division of the spoil, the Greeks sailed to the Isthmus, there to award the prize of excellence to him who had shown himself most worthy of it in that war. But when the admirals came and gave their divers votes at the altar of Poseidon, to judge who was first and who second among them, each of them there voted for himself, supposing himself to have done the best service, but the greater part of them united in giving the second

δὲ οἱ πολλοὶ συνεξέπιπτον Θεμιστοκλέα κρίνοντες. οῦ μὲν δὴ ἐμουνοῦντο, Θεμιστοκλέης δὲ δευτερείοισι

ύπερεβάλλετο πολλόν.

124. Οὐ βουλομένων δὲ ταῦτα κρίνειν τῶν. Έλλήνων φθόνω, άλλ' άποπλεόντων έκάστων ές την έωυτων ακρίτων, όμως Θεμιστοκλέης έβώσθη τε καὶ έδοξώθη είναι άνηρ πολλον Έλλήνων σοφώτατος ανά πάσαν την Έλλάδα. ότι δὲ νικών οὐκ ἐτιμήθη πρὸς τῶν ἐν Σαλαμίνι ναυμαχησάντων, αὐτίκα μετὰ ταῦτα ἐς Λακεδαίμονα ἀπίκετο θέλων τιμηθήναι καί μιν Λακεδαιμόνιοι καλώς μεν ύπεδέξαντο, μεγάλως δε έτίμησαν. άριστήια μέν νυν έδοσαν1 . . Εύρυβιάδη έλαίης στέφανον, σοφίης δὲ καὶ δεξιότητος Θεμιστοκλέι και τούτω στέφανον έλαίης. έδωρήσαντό τέ μιν όχφ τῷ ἐν Σπάρτη καλλιστεύσαντι. αινέσαντες δε πολλά, προέπεμψαν άπιόντα τριηκόσιοι Σπαρτιητέων λογάδες, ούτοι οί περ ίππέες καλέονται, μέχρι ούρων των Τεγεητικών. μούνον δή τούτον πάντων άνθρώπαν τών ήμεις ίδμεν Σπαρτιήται προέπεμψαν.

125. 'Ως δὲ ἐκ τῆς Λακεδαίμονος ἀπίκετο ἐς τὰς 'Αθήνας, ἐνθαῦτα Τιμόδημος 'Αφιδναῖος τῶν ἐχθρῶν μὲν τῶν Θεμιστοκλέος ἐών, ἄλλως δὲ οὐ τῶν ἐπιφανέων ἀνδρῶν, φθώνω καταμαργέων ἐνείκεε τὸν Θεμιστοκλέα, τὴν ἐς Λακεδαίμονα ἄπιξιν προφέρων, ὡς διὰ τὰς 'Αθήνας ἔχοι τὰ γέρεα τὰ παρὰ Λακεδαιμονίων, ἀλλ οὐ δι' ἐωντόν. ὁ δέ, ἐπείτε οὐκ ἐπαύετο λέγων ταῦτα ὁ Τιμόδημος, εἰπε "Οὕτω ἔχει τοι' οῦτ' ἀν ἐγὼ ἐὼν Βελβινίτης

¹ Stein supposes that something is omitted before Εὐρωβιάδη, perhaps ἀνδραγαθίης.

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place to Themistocles. So they each gained but one vote, but Themistocles far outstripped them in votes

for the second place.

124. The Greeks were too jealous to adjudge the prize, and sailed away each to his own place, leaving the matter doubtful; nevertheless, Themistocles was eried up, and all Hellas glorified him for the wisest man by far of the Greeks. But because he had not received from them that fought at Salamis the honour due to his pre-eminence, immediately afterwards he betook himself to Lacedaemon, that he might receive honour there: and the Lacedaemonians made him welcome and paid him high bonour. They bestowed on Eurybiades a crown of olive as the reward of excellence, and another such crown on Themistocles for his wisdom and eleverness; and they gave him the finest chariot in Sparta; and with many words of praise, they sent him on his homeward way with the three hundred picked men of Sparta who are called Knights to escort him as far as the borders of Tegea. Themistocles was the only man of whom I have heard to whom the Spartans gave this escort.

125. But when Themistocles returned to Athens from Lacedaemon, Timodemus of Aphidnae, who was one of Themistocles' enemies but a man in nowise notable, was crazed with envy and spoke bitterly to Themistocles of his visit to Lacedaemon, saying that the honours he had from the Lacedaemonians were paid him for Athens' sake and not for his own. This he would continually be saying; till Themistocles replied, "This is the truth of the matter—had I been of Belbina¹ I had not been thus honoured

An islet S. of Sunium; a typical instance of an unimportant place.

έτιμήθην ούτω πρὸς Σπαρτιητέων, οὕτ' ᾶν σὺ, ὤνθρωπε, ἐὼν' Αθηναΐος." ταῦτα μέν νυν ἐς τοσοῦτο

εγένετο.

126. `Αρτάβαζος δὲ ὁ Φαρνάκεος ἀνὴρ ἐν Πέρσησι λόγιμος καὶ πρόσθε ἐών, ἐκ δὲ τῶν Πλαταικῶν καὶ μᾶλλον ἔτι γενόμενος, ἔχων ἔξ μυριάδας στρατοῦ τοῦ Μαρδόνιος ἐξελέξατο, προέπεμπε βασιλέα μέχρι τοῦ πόρου. ὡς δὲ ὁ μὲν ἡν ἐν τῆ ᾿Ασίη, ὁ δὲ ὁπίσω πορευόμενος κατὰ τὴν Παλλήνην ἐγίνετο, ἄτε Μαρδονίου τε χειμερίζοντος περὶ Θεσσαλίην τε καὶ Μακεδονίην καὶ οὐδέν κω κατεπείγοντος ῆκειν ἐς τὸ ἄλλο στρατόπεδον, οὐκ ἐδικαίου ἐντυχὼν ἀπεστεῶσι Ποτιδαιήτησι μὴ οὐκ ἔξανδραποδίσασθαι σφέας. οἱ γὰρ Ποτιδαιῆται, ὡς βασιλεὺς παρεξεληλάκεε καὶ ὁ ναυτικὸς τοῖσι Πέρσησι οἰχώκεε φεύγων ἐκ Σαλαμῖνος, ἐκ τοῦ φανεροῦ ἀπέστασαν ἀπὸ τῶν βαρβάρων ὡς δὲ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι οἱ τὴν Παλλήνην ἔχοντες.

127. Ένθαῦτα δὴ ᾿Αρτάβαζος ἐπολιόρκες τὴν Ποτίδαιαν. ὑποπτεύσας δὲ καὶ τοὺς Ὁλυνθίους ἀπίστασθαι ἀπὸ βασιλέος, καὶ ταύτην ἐπολιόρκες εἰχον δὲ αὐτὴν Βοττιαῖοι ἐκ τοῦ Θερμαίου κόλπου ἐξαναστάντες ὑπὸ Μακεδόνων. ἐπεὶ δὲ σφέας εἰλε πολιορκέων, κατέσφαζε ἐξαγαγὼν ἐς λίμνην, τὴν δὲ πόλιν παραδιδοῖ Κριτοβούλω Τορωναίω ἐπιτροπεύειν καὶ τῷ Χαλκιδικῷ γένει, καὶ οὕτω

Ολυνθον Χαλκιδέες έσχον.

128. Έξελων δε ταύτην ο 'Αρτάβαζος τη Ποτιδαίη εντεταμένως προσείχει προσέχοντι δε οι προθύμως συντίθεται προδοσίην Τιμόξεινος ο των Σκιωναίων στρατηγός, δυτινα μεν τρόπου άρχην, έγωγε οὐκ έχω εἰπεῖν (οὐ γὰρ ὧν λέγεται), τέλος 128

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by the Spartans; nor had you, sirrah, for all you are of Athens." Such was the end of that business.

a notable man among the Persians and grew to be yet more so by the Plataean business, escorted the king as far as the passage with sixty thousand men of the army that Mardonius had chosen. Xerxes being now in Asia, when Artabazus came near Pallene in his return (for Mardonius was wintering in Thessaly and Macedonia and making no haste to come to the rest of his army), he thought it right that he should enslave the people of Potidaea, whom he found in revolt. For the king having marched away past the town and the Persian fleet taken flight from Salamis, Potidaea had openly revolted from the foreigners; and so too had the rest of the people of Pallene.

127. Thereupon Artabazus laid siege to Potidaea; and suspecting that Olynthus too was plotting revolt from the king, he laid siege to it also, the town being held by Bottiaeans who had been driven from the Thermaic gulf by the Macedonians. Having besieged and taken Olynthus, he brought these men to a lake and there cut their throats, and delivered their city over to the charge of Critobulus of Torone and the Chalcidian people; and thus the

Chalcidians gained possession of Olynthus.

128. Having taken Olynthus, Artabazus was instant in dealing with Potidaea; and his zeal was aided by Timoxenus the general of the Scionaeans, who agreed to betray the place to him; I know not how the agreement was first made, nothing being told thereof; but the end was as I

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μέντοι τοιάδε έγίνετο· ὅκως βυβλίον γράψειε ἡ Τιμόξεινος ἐθέλων παρὰ ᾿Αρτάβαζον πέμψαι ἡ ᾿Αρτάβαζος παρὰ Τιμόζεινον, τοξεύματος παρὰ τὰς γλυφίδας περιειλίξαντες καὶ πτερώσαντες τὸ βυβλίον ἐτόξευον ἐς συγκείμενον χωρίον. ἐπάιστος δὲ ἐγένετο ὁ Τιμόξεινος προδιδούς τὴν Ποτίδαιαν· τοξεύων γὰρ ὁ ᾿Αρτάβαζος ἐς τὸ συγκείμενον, ἀμαρτών τοῦ χωρίου τούτου βάλλει ἀνδρὸς Ποτιδαιήτεω τὸν ὅμον, τὸν δὲ βληθέντα περιέδραμε ὅμιλος, οἶα φιλέει γίνεσθαι ἐν πολέμφ, οἱ αὐτίκα τὸ τόξευμα λαβόντες ὡς ἔμαθον τὸ βυβλίον, ἔφερον ἐπὶ τοὺς στρατηγούς· παρῆν δὲ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων Παλληναίων συμμαχίη. τοῖσι δὲ στρατηγοίσι ἐπιλεξαμένοισι τὸ βυβλίον καὶ μαθοῦσι τὸν αἴτιον τῆς προδοσίης ἔδοξε μὴ καταπλῆξαι Τιμόξεινον προδοσίη τῆς Σκιωναίων πόλιος εἴνεκα, μὴ νομιζοίατο εἶναι Σκιωναίοι ἐς τὸν μετέπειτα χρόνον αἰεὶ προδόται.

129. Ο μεν δη τοιούτω τρόπω επάιστος εγεγόνεε 'Αρταβάζω δε επειδη πολιορκέοντι εγεγόνεσαν τρεῖς μηνες, γίνεται άμπωτις της θαλάσσης μεγάλη και χρόνον επὶ πολλόν. ἰδόντες δε οἱ βάρβαροι τέναγος γενόμενον παρήισαν ες την Παλληνην. ὡς δε τὰς δύο μεν μοίρας διοδοιπορηκεσαν, ετι δε τρεῖς ὑπόλοιποι ήσαν, τὰς διελθόντας χρῆν εἰναι ἔσω ἐν τῆ Παλλήνη, ἐπῆλθε πλημμυρίς τῆς θαλάσσης μεγάλη, ὅση οὐδαμά κω, ὡς οἱ ἐπιχώριοι λέγουσι, πολλάκις γινομένη. οἱ μὲν δὴ νέειν αὐτῶν οὐκ ἐπιστάμενοι διεφθεί-

Probably points on each side of the notch (where the arrow lies on the string) to give the fingers better grip.

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will now show. Whenever Timoxenus wrote a letter for sending to Artabazus, or Artabazus to Timoxenus, they would wrap it round the shaft of an arrow at the notches 1 and put feathers to the letter, and shoot it to a place whereon they had agreed. But Timoxenus' plot to betray Potidaea was discovered; for Artabazus in shooting an arrow to the place agreed upon, missed it and hit the shoulder of a man of Potidaea; and a throng gathering quickly round the man when he was struck (which is a thing that ever happens in war), they straightway took the arrow and found the letter and carried it to their generals, the rest of their allies of Pallene being also there present. The generals read the letter and perceived who was the traitor, but they resolved for Scione's sake that they would not smite Timoxenus to the earth with a charge of treason, lest so the people of Scione should ever after be called traitors.

129. Thus was Timoxenus' treachery brought to light. But when Artabazus had besieged Potidaea for three months, there was a great ebb-tide in the sea, lasting for a long while, and when the foreigners saw that the sea was turned to a marsh they made to pass over it into Pallene. But when they had made their way over two fifths of it and three yet remained to cross ere they could be in Pallene, there came a great flood-tide, higher, as the people of the place say, than any one of the many that had been before; and some of them that knew not how

[&]quot;The purchment was rolled round the butt end of the arrow and then feathers put over it to hide it" (How and Wells).

ροντο, τοὺς δὲ ἐπισταμένους οἱ Ποτιδαιῆται ἐπιπλώσαντες πλοίοισι ἀπώλεσαν, αἴτιον δὲ λέγουσι Ποτιδαιῆται τῆς τε ῥηχίης καὶ τῆς πλημμυρίδος καὶ τοῦ Περσικοῦ πάθεος γενέσθαι τόδε, ὅτι τοῦ Ποσειδέωνος ἐς τὸν νηὸν καὶ τὸ ἄγαλμα τὸ ἐν τῷ προαστείῳ ἡσέβησαν οὕτοι τῶν Περσέων οἴ περ καὶ διεφθάρησαν ὑπὸ τῆς θαλάσσης αἴτιον δὲ τοῦτο λέγοντες εὐ λέγειν ἔμουγε δοκέσυσι. τοὺς δὲ περιγενομένους ἀπῆγε Αρτάβαζος ἐς Θεσσαλίην παρὰ Μαρδόνιον. οὐτοι μὲν οἱ προπέμψαντες βασιλέα οὕτω ἔπρηξαν.

130. Ο δε ναυτικός ὁ Εέρξεω περιγενόμενος ώς προσέμιξε τη 'Ασίη φεύγων έκ Σαλαμίνος καί Βασιλέα τε και την στρατιήν έκ Χερσονήσου διεπόρθμευσε ές "Αβυδον, έχειμέριζε έν Κύμη. έαρος δε επιλάμψαντος πρώιος συνελέγετο ές Σάμον αι δέ των νεών και έχειμέρισαν αὐτοῦ. Περσέων δε και Μήδων οι πλεύνες επεβάτευον. στρατηγοί δέ σφι ἐπῆλθον Μαρδόντης τε ὁ Βαγαίου και 'Αρταθντης ο 'Αρταχαίεω' συνήρχε δέ τούτοισι και άδελφιδέος αὐτοῦ Αρταθντέω προσελομένου 'Ιθαμίτρης. άτε δὲ μεγάλως πληγέντες, οὐ προήισαν ἀνωτέρω το προς ἐσπέρης, οὐο ἐπηνάγκαζε οὐδείς, ἀλλ ἐν τῆ Σάμφ κατήμενοι εφύλασσον την Ιωνίην μη άποστη, νέας έγοντες σύν τησι Ίασι τριηκοσίας. οὐ μέν οὐδέ προσεδέκοντο τους "Ελληνας έλεύσεσθαι ές την Ιωνίην άλλ' άπογρήσειν σφι την έωυτών φυλάσσειν, σταθμεύμενοι ότι σφέας οὐκ ἐπεδίωξαν φεύγουτας έκ Σαλαμίνος άλλ' άσμενοι άπαλλάσσοντο, κατά μέν νυν την θάλασσαν έσσωμένοι ήσαν τῶ θυμῶ, πεζή δὲ ἐδόκεον πολλῶ κρατήσειν 132

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to swim were drowned, and those that knew were slain by the Potidaeans, who came among them in boats. The Potidaeans say that the cause of the high sea and flood and the Persian disaster lay herein, that those same Persians who now perished in the sea had profaned the temple and the image of Poseidon that was in the suburb of the city; and I think that in saying that this was the cause they say rightly. They that escaped alive were led away by Artabazus to Mardonius in Thessaly. Thus fared

these men, who had been the king's escort,

130. All that was left of Xerxes' fleet, having in its flight from Salamis touched the coast of Asia and ferried the king and his army over from the Chersonese to Abydos, wintered at Cyme. Then early in the first dawn of spring they mustered at Samos, where some of the ships had wintered; the most of their fighting men were Persians and Medes. Mardontes son of Bagaeus and Artavntes son of Artachaees came to be their admirals, and Artayntes chose also his own nephew Ithamitres to have a share in the command. But by reason of the heavy blow dealt them they went no further out to sea westwards, nor was any man instant that they should so do, but they lay off Samos keeping watch against a revolt in Ionia, the whole number of their ships, Ionian and other, being three hundred; nor in truth did they expect that the Greeks would come to Ionia, but rather that they would be content to guard their own country; thus they inferred, because the Greeks had not pursued them when they fled from Salamis, but had been glad to be quit of them. In regard to the sea, the Persians were at heart beaten men, but they supposed that

τον Μαρδόνιον. ἐύντες δὲ ἐν Σάμφ ἄμα μὲν ἐβουλεύοντο εἴ τι δυναίατο κακὸν τοὺς πολεμίους ποιέειν, ἄμα δὲ καὶ ἀτακούστεον ὅκη πεσέεται τὰ

Μαρδονίου πρήγματα.

131. Τούς δε "Ελληνας τό τε έαρ γινόμενον ήνειρε και Μαρδόνιος έν Θεσσαλίη έων. ὁ μέν δή πεζός ούκω συνελέγετο, ό δὲ ναυτικός ἀπίκετο ές Αίγιναν, νέες ἀριθμον δέκα καὶ έκατόν. στρατηγος δε και ναύαρχος ήν Λευτυχίδης ὁ Μενάρεος τοῦ Ἡγησίλεω τοῦ Ἱπποκρατίδεω τοῦ Λευτυχίδεω τοῦ 'Αναξίλεω τοῦ 'Αρχιδήμου τοῦ 'Αναξανδρίδεω τοῦ Θεοπόμπου τοῦ Νικάνδρου τοῦ Χαρίλεω τοῦ Εὐνόμου τοῦ Πολυδέκτεω τοῦ Πρυτάνιος τοῦ Εὐρυφῶντος τοῦ Προκλέος τοῦ 'Αριστοδήμου τοῦ 'Αριστομάχου τοῦ Κλεοδαίου τοῦ "Υλλου τοῦ 'Ηρακλέος, έων της έτέρης οικίης των βασιλέων. ούτοι πάντες, πλην τών έπτα τών μετά Λευτυχίδεα πρώτων καταλεχθέντων, οἱ ἄλλοι βασιλέες έγένουτο Σπάρτης. Αθηναίων δὲ ἐστρατήγεε Ξάνθιππος ο Αρίφρονος.

132. 'Ως δὲ παρεγένοντο ἐς τὴν Αἴγιναν πᾶσαι αί νέες, ἀπίκοντο Ἰώνων ἄγγελοι ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον τῶν Ἑλλήνων, οῖ καὶ ἐς Σπάρτην ὁλίγω πρότερον τούτων ἀπικόμενοι ἐδέοντο Λακεδαιμονών ἐλευθεροῦν τὴν Ἰωνίην τῶν καὶ Ἡρόδοτος ὁ Βασιληίδεω ἢν οῖ στασιῶται σφίσι γενόμενοι ἐπεβούλευον θάνατον Στράττι τῷ Χίον τυράννω, ἐόντες ἀρχὴν ἐπτά· ἐπιβουλεύοντες δὲ ὡς φανεροὶ ἐγένοντο, ἐξενείκαντος τὴν ἐπιχείρησιν ἐνὸς τῶν

¹ The first royal house was the line of Agis, from whom Leonidas was descended (vii. 204). The second was the line of Euryphon. In the present list "the first king among the

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on land Mardonius would easily prevail. So they were at Samos, and there planned to do what harm they could to their enemies, and to listen the while

for tidings of how it went with Mardonius.

131. But as for the Greeks, the coming of spring and Mardonius' being in Thessaly moved them to action. They had not yet begun the mustering of their army, but their fleet, an hundred and ten ships, came to Aegina; and their general and admiral was Leutychides son of Menares, tracing his lineage from son to father through Hegesilaus, Hippocratides, Leutychides, Anaxilaus, Archidemus, Anaxandrides, Theopompus, Nicandrus, Charilaus, Euromus, Polydectes, Prytanis, Euryphon, Procles, Aristodemus, Aristomachus, Cleodaeus, to Hyllus who was the son of Heracles: he was of the second royal house.1 All the aforesaid had been kings of Sparta, save the seven named first after Leutychides. The general of the Athenians was Xanthippus son of Ariphron.

132. When all the ships were arrived at Aegina, there came to the Greek quarters messengers from the Ionians, the same who a little while before that had gone to Sparta and entreated the Lacedaemonians to free Ionia; of whom one was Herodotus the son of Basileides. These, who at first were seven, made a faction and conspired to slay Strattis, the despot of Chios; but when their conspiracy became known, one of the accomplices

ancestors of Leutychides is Theopompus, the seven more immediate ancestors of L. belonging to a younger branch, which gained the throne by the deposition of Demaratus'' (How and Wells).

2 Otherwise unknown.

μετεχόντων, οὕτω δὴ οἱ λοιποὶ ἐξ ἐόντες ὑπεξεσχον ἐκ τῆς Χίου καὶ ἐς Σπάρτην τε ἀπίκοντο καὶ δὴ καὶ τότε ἐς τὴν Αἴγιναν, τῶν Ἑλλήνων δεόμενοι καταπλῶσαι ἐς τὴν Ἰωνίην οἱ προήγαγον αὐτοὺς μόγις μέχρι Δήλου. τὸ γὰρ προσωτέρω πᾶν δεινον ἢν τοῖσι "Ελλησι οὕτε τῶν χώρων ἐοῦσι ἐμπείροισι, στρατιῆς τε πάντα πλέα ἐδόκεε εἶναι, τὴν δὲ Σάμον ἐπιστέατο δόξη καὶ Ἡρακλέας στήλας ἴσον ἀπέχειν. συνέπιπτε δὲ τοιοῦτο ὥστε τοὺς μὲν βαρβάρους τὸ πρὸς ἐσπέρης ἀνωτέρω Σάμου μὴ τολμᾶν καταπλώσαι καταρρωδηκότας, τοὺς δὲ "Ελληνας, χρηιζόντων Χίων, τὸ πρὸς τὴν ἡῶ κατωτέρω Δήλου" οὕτω δέος τὸ μέσον ἐψύλασσε σφέων.

133. Οἱ μὲν δὴ Ἑλληνες ἔπλεον ἐς τὴν Δῆλον, Μαρδόνιος δὲ περὶ τὴν Θεσσαλίην ἐχείμαζε. ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ ὁρμώμενος ἔπεμπε κατὰ τὰ χρηστήρια ἄνδρα Εὐρωπέα γένος, τῷ οὕνομα ἢν Μῦς, ἐντειλάμενος πανταχῆ μιν χρησόμενον ἐλθεῖν, τῶν οἰά τε ἢν σφι ἀποπειρήσασθαι. ὅ τι μὲν βουλόμενος ἐκμαθεῖν πρὸς τῶν χρηστηρίων ταῦτα ἐνετέλλετο, οὐκ ἔχω φράσαι οὐ γὰρ ὧν λέγεται δοκέω δ΄ ἔγωγε περὶ τῶν παρεόντων πρηγμάτων καὶ οὐκ

άλλων πέρι πέμψαι.

134. Ούτος ὁ Μῦς ἔς τε Λεβάδειαν φαίνεται ἀπικόμενος καὶ μισθῷ πείσας τῶν ἐπιχωρίων ἄνδρα καταβῆναι παρὰ Τροφώνιον, καὶ ἐς "Αβας τὰς Φωκέων ἀπικόμενος ἐπὶ τὸ χρηστήριον καὶ δὴ καὶ ἐς Θήβας πρῶτα ὡς ἀπίκετο, τοῦτο μὲν τῷ Ἰσμηνίῳ 'Απόλλωνι ἐχρήσατο· ἔστι δὲ κατά περ

^{1 &}quot;As far off as the Straits of Gibraltar"—a figure of distance.

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having revealed their enterprise, the six that remained got them privily out of Chios, whence they went to Sparta and now to Aegina, entreating the Greeks to sail to Ionia. The Greeks brought them as far as Delos, and that not readily; for they feared all that lay beyond, having no knowledge of those parts, and thinking that armed men were everywhere; and they supposed that Samos was no nearer to them than the Pillars of Heracles. So it fell out that the foreigners were too disheartened to dare to sail farther west than Samos, while at the same time the Greeks dared go at the Chians' request no farther east than Delos; thus fear kept the middle space between them.

133. The Greeks, then, sailed to Delos, and Mardonius wintered in Thessaly. Having here his headquarters he sent thence a man of Europus called Mys to visit the places of divination, charging him to inquire of all the oracles whereof he could make trial. What it was that he desired to learn from the oracles when he gave this charge, I cannot say, for none tells of it; but I suppose that he sent to inquire concerning his present business,

and that alone.

134. This man Mys is known to have gone to Lebadea and to have bribed a man of the country to go down into the cave of Trophonius, and to have gone to the place of divination at Abae in Phocis; to Thebes too he first went, where he inquired of Ismenian Apollo (sacrifice is there the

^{*} See How and Wells ad loc. for a full description of the method of consulting this subterranean deity; also on Amphiaraus and "Ptoan" Apollo. All these shrines are in Bocotia, the home of early Greek superstitions.

έν 'Ολυμπίη ἰροῖσι αὐτόθι χρηστηριάζεσθαι' τοῦτο δὲ ξεῖνον τινὰ καὶ οὐ Θηβαίον χρήμασι πείσας κατεκοίμησε ἐς 'Αμφιάρεω. Θηβαίων δὲ οὐδενὶ ἔξεστι μαντεύεσθαι αὐτόθι διὰ τόδε' ἐκέλευσε σφέας ὁ 'Αμφιάρεως διὰ χρηστηρίων ποιεύμενος ὁκότερα βούλονται ἐλέσθαι τούτων, ἐωυτῷ ἡ ἄτε μάντι χρᾶσθαι ἡ ἄτε συμμάχω, τοῦ ἐτέρου ἀπεχομένους' οἱ δὲ σύμμαχόν μιν εἴλοντο εἶναι. διὰ τοῦτο μὲν οὐκ ἔξεστι Θηβαίων οὐδενὶ αὐτόθι

έγκατακοιμηθήναι.

135. Τότε δὲ θῶμά μοι μέγιστον γενέσθαι λέγεται ύπο Θηβαίων έλθειν άρα τον Ευρωπέα Μύν, περιστρωφώμενον πάντα τὰ χρηστήρια, καὶ ές του Πτώου 'Απόλλωνος το τέμενος. τούτο δέ το ίρου καλέεται μεν Πτώον, έστι δε Θηβαίων, κείται δὲ ὑπὲρ τῆς Κωπαίδος λίμνης πρὸς ὅρεῖ άγχοτάτω 'Ακραιφίης πόλιος. ές τοῦτο το ίρον έπείτε παρελθείν τον καλεόμενον τοθτον Μθν, έπεσθαι δέ οι των αστών αίρετους ανδρας τρείς άπο τοῦ κοινοῦ ώς ἀπογραψομένους τὰ θεσπίξειν έμελλε, και πρόκατε του πρόμαντιν βαρβάρφ γλώσση χράν. καὶ τοὺς μὲν ἐπομένους τῶν Θηβαίων εν θώματι έχεσθαι άκούοντας βαρβάρου γλώσσης άντι Έλλάδος, ούδε έχειν ο τι χρήσωνται το παρεόντι πρήγματι τον δε Ευρωπέα Μθν έξαρπάσαντα παρ' αὐτῶν τὴν ἐφέροντο δέλτον, τὰ λεγόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ προφήτεω γράφειν ἐς αὐτήν, φάναι δὲ Καρίη μιν γλώσση χρᾶν, συγγραψά-μενον δὲ οἴχεσθαι ἀπιόντα ἐς Θεσσαλίην.

136. Μαρδόνιος δὲ ἐπιλεξάμενος ὅ τι δὴ λέγοντα
 ἡν τὰ χρηστήρια μετὰ ταῦτα ἔπεμψε ἄγγελον ἐς

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way of divination, even as at Olympia), and moreover bribed one that was no Theban but a stranger to lie down to sleep in the shrine of Amphiaraus. No Theban may seek a prophecy there; for Amphiaraus bade them by an oracle to choose which of the two they would and forgo the other, and take him either for their prophet or for their ally; and they chose that he should be their ally; wherefore no Theban may lay him down to sleep in that place.

135. But at this time there happened, as the Thebans say, a thing at which I marvel greatly. would seem that this man Mys of Europus came in his wanderings among the places of divination to the precinct of Ptoan Apollo. This temple is called Ptoum,1 and belongs to the Thebans; it lies by a hill, above the lake Copais, very near to the town Acraephia. When the man called Mys entered into this temple, three men of the town following him that were chosen on the state's behalf to write down the oracles that should be given, straightway the diviner prophesied in a foreign tongue. The Thebans that followed him stood astonied to hear a strange language instead of Greek, and knew not what this present matter might be; but Mys of Europus snatched from them the tablet that they carried and wrote on it that which was spoken by the prophet, saving that the words of the oracle were Carian; and having written all down he went away back to Thessalv.

136. Mardonius read whatever was said in the oracles; and presently he sent a messenger to Athens,

¹ Called after Ptous, son of Athamas, according to Apollodorus. The story of Athamas, and his plot with Ino their stepmother against his children's lives, was localised in Bocotia as well as Achaea, cp. vii. 197.

'Αθήνας 'Αλέξανδρον τον 'Αμύντεω άνδρα Μακεδόνα, αμα μεν ότι οι προσκηδέες οι Πέρσαι ήσαν 'Αλεξάνδρου γὰρ ἀδελφεὴν Γυγαίην, 'Αμύντεω δὲ θυγατέρα, Βουβάρης ανήρ Πέρσης ἔσχε, ἐκ τῆς οἱ ἐγεγόνεε ἀμύντης ὁ ἐν τῆ Ασίη, ἔχων τὸ ούνομα του μητροπάτορος, τω δη έκ βασιλέος της Φρυγίης έδόθη 'Αλάβανδα πόλις μεγάλη νέμεσθαι αμα δὲ ὁ Μαρδόνιος πυθόμενος ὅτι πρόξεινός τε είη και εὐεργέτης ὁ 'Αλέξανδρος ἔπεμπε. τοὺς γαρ Αθηναίους ούτω εδόκεε μάλιστα προσκτήσεσθαι, λεών τε πολλον άρα ακούων είναι καὶ άλκιμου, τά τε κατά την θάλασσαν συντυγόντα σφι παθήματα κατεργασαμένους μάλιστα 'Αθηναίους ἐπίστατο. τούτων δὲ προσιγενομένων κατήλπιζε εύπετέως της θαλάσσης κρατήσειν, τά περ αν και ήν, πεζή τε έδόκες πολλώ είναι κρέσσων, ούτω τε έλογίζετο κατύπερθε οι τὰ πρήγματα έσεσθαι τῶν Ἑλληνικῶν. τάχα δ' ἄν καὶ τὰ χρηστήρια ταῦτά οἱ προλέγοι, συμβουλεύοντα σύμμαχον τον 'Αθηναίον ποιέεσθαι τοίσι δή πειθόμενος έπεμπε.

137. Τοῦ δὲ ᾿Αλεξάνδρου τούτου ἔβδομος γενέτωρ Περδίκκης ἐστὶ ὁ κτησάμενος τῶν Μακεδόνων τὴν τυραννίδα τρόπω τοιῷδε. ἐξ "Αργεος ἔφυγον ἐς Ἰλλυριοὺς τῶν Τημένου ἀπογόνων τρεῖς ἀδελφεοί, Γαυάνης τε καὶ 'Αέροπος καὶ Περδίκκης, ἐκ δὲ Ἰλλυριῶν ὑπερβαλώντες ἐς τὴν ἄνω Μακεδονίην ἀπίκοντο ἐς Λεβαίην πόλιν. ἐνθαῦτα δὲ

Alabanda was not in Phrygia but in Caria (cp. vii. 195); Stein prefers to read Alabastra, a town which Herodotus, according to Stephanus of Byzantium, places in Phrygia.

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Alexander, a Macedonian, son of Amyntas; him he sent, partly because the Persians were akin to him; for Bubares, a Persian, had taken to wife Gygaea Alexander's sister and Amyntas' daughter, who had borne to him that Amyntas of Asia who was called by the name of his mother's father, and to whom the king gave Alabanda 1 a great city in Phrygia for his dwelling; and partly he sent him because he learnt that Alexander was a protector and benefactor to the Athenians. It was thus that he supposed he could best gain the Athenians for his allies, of whom he heard that they were a numerous and valiant people, and knew that they had been the chief authors of the calamities which had befallen the Persians at sea. If he gained their friendship he looked to be easily master of the seas, as truly he would have been; and on land he supposed himself to be by much the stronger; so he reckoned that thus he would have the upper hand of the Greeks. Peradventure this was the prediction of the oracles, counselling him to make the Athenian his ally, and it was in obedience to this that he sent his messenger.

137. This Alexander was seventh in descent from Perdiceas, who got for himself the despotism of Macedonia in the way that I will show. Three brothers of the lineage of Temenus came as banished men from Argos² to Illyria, Gauanes and Aeropus and Perdiceas; and from Illyria they crossed over into the highlands of Macedonia till they came to the town Lebaea. There they served for wages as

The story of an Argive origin of the Macedonian dynasty appears to be mythical. It rests probably on the similarity of the name Argeadae, the tribe to which the dynasty belonged.

έθήτευου έπὶ μισθῷ παρὰ τῷ βασιλέι, ὁ μὲν ἵππους νέμων, ὁ δὲ βοῦς, ὁ δὲ νεώτατος αὐτῶν Περδίκκης τὰ λεπτὰ τών προβάτων. ή δὲ γυνή του βασιλέος αὐτή τὰ σιτία σφι ἔπεσσε ήσαν γάρ το πάλαι και αι τυραννίδες των άνθρωπων άσθενέες χρήμασι, ου μοῦνον ο δήμος δκως δὲ όπτωη, ο άρτος του παιδός του θητός Περδίκκεω διπλήσιος έγίνετο αύτὸς έωυτου. έπει δὲ αίει τώυτο τουτο εγίνετο, είπε προς τον άνδρα τον έωυτης τον δε άκούσαντα εσηλθε αυτίκα ώς εξη τέρας και φέροι μέγα τι. καλέσας δὲ τοὺς θήτας προηγόρευε σφι απαλλάσσεσθαι έκ γης της έωυτου. οι δέ τον μισθον έφασαν δίκαιοι είναι άπολαβόντες ούτω εξιέναι. ένθαύτα ο βασιλεύς του μισθού πέρι ακούσας, ην γαρ κατά την καπνοδόκην ές τον οίκον έσεχων ο ήλιος, είπε θεοβλαβής γενόμενος "Μισθον δε ύμιν έγω ύμεων άξιον τόνδε άποδίδωμι," δέξας τον ήλιον. ό μεν δή Γανάνης τε και ο 'Αέροπος οι πρεσβύτεροι έστασαν έκπεπληγμένοι, ώς ήκουσαν ταθτα ό δὲ παίς, ἐτύγχανε γάρ έχων μάχαιραν, είπας τάδε " Δεκόμεθα & βασιλεύ τὰ διδοΐς," περιγράφει τἢ μαχαίρη ές τὸ ἔδαφος τοῦ οἴκου τὸν ήλιον, περιγράψας δέ, ἐς τον κόλπον τρις άρυσάμενος του ήλίου, απαλλάσσετο αυτός τε και οι μετ' ἐκείνου.

138. Οι μεν δη ἀπήισαν, τῷ δὲ βασιλέι σημαίνει τις τῶν παρέδρων οἰόν τι χρῆμα ποιήσειε ὁ
παῖς καὶ ὡς σὰν νοψ κείνων ὁ νεώτατος λάβοι τὰ
διδόμενα. ὁ δὲ ταῦτα ἀκούσας καὶ ὀξυνθεὶς πέμπει ἐπ' αὐτοὺς ἐππέας ἀπολέοντας. ποταμὸς δὲ
ἐστὶ ἐν τῆ χώρη ταύτη, τῷ θύουσι οἱ τούτων τῶν

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thralls in the king's household, one tending horses and another oxen, and Perdiccas, who was the youngest, the lesser flocks. Now the king's wife cooked their food for them; for in old times the ruling houses among men, and not the commonalty alone, were lacking in wealth; and whenever she baked bread, the loaf of the thrall Perdiccas grew double in bigness. Seeing that this ever happened, she told her husband; and it seemed to him when he heard it that this was a portent, signifying some great matter. So he sent for his thralls and bade them depart out of his territory. They said it was but just that they should have their wages ere they departed; whereupon the king, when they spoke of wages, was moved to foolishness, and said, "That is the wage you merit, and it is that I give you," pointing to the sunlight that shone down the smokevent into the house. Gauanes and Aeropus, who were the elder, stood astonied when they heard that; but the boy said, "We accept what you give, O king," and with that he took a knife that he had upon him and drew a line with it on the floor of the house round the sunlight1; which done, he thrice gathered up the sunlight into the fold of his garment, and went his way with his companions.

138. So they departed; but one of them that sat by declared to the king what this was that the boy had done, and how it was of set purpose that the youngest of them had accepted the gift offered; which when the king heard, he was angered, and sent riders after them to slay them. But there is in that land a river, whereto the descendants from

¹ The action is said to symbolise claiming possession of house and land, and also to call the sun to witness the claim. Ancient Germany, apparently, had a similar custom.

ἀνδρῶν ἀπ' Αργεος ἀπόγονοι σωτῆρι· οὐτος, ἐπείτε διέβησαν οἱ Τημενίδαι, μέγας οὕτω ἐρρύη ιστε τοὺς ἰππέας μὴ οἴους τε γενέσθαι διαβῆναι. οἱ δὲ ἀπικόμενοι ἐς ἄλλην γῆν τῆς Μακεδονίης οἴκησαν πέλας τῶν κήπων τῶν λεγομένων εἶναι Μίδεω τοῦ Γορδίεω, ἐν τοῖσι φύεται αὐτόματα ρόδα, ἐν ἔκαστον ἔχον ἐξήκοντα φύλλα, ὀδμῆ τε ὑπερφέροντα τῶν ἄλλων. ἐν τούτοισι καὶ ὁ Σιληνός τοῖσι κήποισι ῆλω, ὡς λέγεται ὑπὸ Μακεδόνων. ὑπὲρ δὲ τῶν κήπων ὅρος κέεται Βέρμιον οὔνομα, ἄβατον ὑπὸ χειμῶνος. ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ ὁρμώμενοι, ὡς ταύτην ἔσχον, κατεστρέφοντο καὶ τὴν ἄλλην Μακεδονίην.

139. 'Απὸ τούτου δὴ τοῦ Περδίκκεω 'Αλέξανδρος ὅδε ἐγένετο: 'Αμύντεω παῖς ἡν 'Αλέξανδρος, 'Αμύντης δὲ 'Αλκέτεω, 'Αλκέτεω δὲ πατὴρ ἡν 'Αέροπος, τοῦ δὲ Φίλιππος, Φιλίππου δὲ 'Αργαῖος,

τοῦ δὲ Περδίκκης ὁ κτησάμενος τὴν ἀρχήν.

140. Έγεγόνεε μὲν δη ώδε ὁ Αλέξανδρος ὁ Αμύντεω ώς δὲ ἀπίκετο ἐς τὰς Αθήνας ἀποπεμφθεὶς ὑπὸ Μαρδονίου, ἔλεγε τάδε. "Ανόρες Αθηναίοι Μαρδόνιος τάδε λέγει. ἐμοὶ ἀγγελίη ῆκει παρὰ βασιλέος λέγουσα ούτω. ' Αθηναίοισι τὰς ἀμαρτάδας τὰς ἐς ἐμὲ ἐξ ἐκείνων γενομένας πάσας μετίημι. νῦν τε ὧδε Μαρδόνιε ποίεε τοῦτο μὲν την γῆν σφι ἀπόδος, τοῦτο δὲ ἄλλην πρὸς ταύτη ἐλέσθων αὐτοί, ῆντινα ἀν ἐθέλωσι, ἐόντες αὐτόνομοι ἱρά τε πάντα σφι, ἡν δη βού-

¹ This was the fertile and beautiful valley in which stood Aegae or Edessa (modern Vodena), the ancient home of the Macedonian kings.

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Argos of these men offer sacrifice, as their deliverer; this river, when the sons of Temenus had crossed it, rose in such flood that the riders could not cross. So the brothers came to another part of Macedonia and settled near the place called the garden of Midas son of Gordias, wherein roses grow of themselves, each bearing sixty blossoms and of surpassing fragrance; in which garden, by the Macedonian story, Silenus was taken captive; above it rises the mountain called Bermius, which none can ascend for the wintry cold. Thence they issued forth when they had won that country, and presently subdued also the rest of Macedonia.

139. From that Perdiccas Alexander was descended, being the son of Amyntas, who was the son of Alcetes; Alcetes' father was Aeropus, and his was Philippus; Philippus' father was Argaeus, and his

again was Perdiccas, who won that lordship.

140. Such was the lineage of Alexander son of Amyntas; who, when he came to Athens from Mardonius who had sent him, spoke on this wise. "This, Athenians, is what Mardonius says to you:—There is a message come to me from the king, saying, 'I forgive the Athenians all the offences which they have committed against me; and now, Mardonius, I bid you do this:—Give them back their territory, and let them choose more for themselves besides, wheresoever they will, and dwell under their own laws; and rebuild all their temples

² This is a Phrygian tale, transferred to Macedonia. Silenus was a "nature-deity," inhabiting places of rich vegetation: if captured, he was fabled in the Greek version of the myth to give wise counsel to his captor. One may compare the story of Proteus captured by Menelaus, in the Odyssey.

λωνταί γε έμοι ομολογέειν, ανόρθωσον, όσα έγω ενέπρησα. τούτων δε άπιγμένων άναγκαίως έχει μοι ποιέειν ταῦτα, ἡν μὴ τὸ ὑμέτερον αἴτιον λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν τάδε. νῦν τί μαίνεσθε πόλεμον βασιλέι ἀειρόμενοι; ούτε γὰρ αν ὑπερβάλοισθε ούτε οδοί τε έστε άντέχειν τον πάντα χρόνον. είδετε μέν γάρ της Ξέρξεω στρατηλασίης το πλήθος και τα έργα, πυνθάνεσθε δε και την νύν παρ' έμοι έουσαν δύναμιν ώστε και ην ήμέας ύπερβάλησθε και νικήσητε, του περ ύμιν ούδεμία έλπις εί περ εύ φρονέετε, άλλη παρέσται πολλαπλησίη. μη ων βούλεσθε παρισούμενοι Βασιλέι στέρεσθαι μεν της χώρης, θέειν δε αίει περί ύμέων αὐτῶν, ἀλλά καταλύσασθε παρέγει δὲ ύμῶν κάλλιστα καταλύσασθαι, βασιλέος ταύτη όρμημένου. έστε έλεύθεροι, ήμιν όμαιγμίην συνθέμενοι άνευ τε δόλου και άπάτης. Μαρδόνιος μεν ταυτα ω 'Αθηναΐοι ένετείλατό μοι είπειν πρός ύμέας έγω δέ περί μέν εύνοίης τής προς ύμεας εούσης εξ εμεῦ οὐδεν λέξω, οὐ γαρ αν νῦν πρώτον ἐκμάθοιτε, προσχρηίζω δὲ ὑμέων πείθεσθαι Μαρδονίω. ένορω γάρ υμίν ούκ οΐοισί τε έσομένοισι τον πάντα χρόνον πολεμέειν Εέρξη εί γαρ ενώρων τοῦτο εν ύμιν, ούκ αν κοτε ες ύμεας ηλθον έχων λόγους τούσδε καὶ γὰρ δύναμις ὑπὲρ άνθρωπον ή βασιλέος έστι και χειρ ύπερμήκης. ήν ων μη αυτίκα ομολογήσητε, μεγάλα προτεινόντων έπ' οίσι ομολογέειν έθέλουσι, δειμαίνω ύπερ ύμέων έν τρίβω τε μάλιστα οίκημένων τών συμμάχων πάντων αλεί τε φθειρομένων μούνων, έξαί-ρετον μεταίχμιον τε την γην έκτημένων. άλλά

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that I burnt, if they will make a covenant with me." This being the message, needs must that I obey it (says Mardonius), unless you take it upon you to And this I say to you :- Why are you hinder me. so mad as to wage war against the king? you cannot overcome him, nor can you resist him for For the multitude of Xerxes' host, and what they did, you have seen, and you have heard of the power that I now have with me; so that even if you overcome and conquer us (whereof, if you be in your right minds, you can have no hope), yet there will come another host many times as great as this. Be not then minded to match yourselves against the king, and thereby lose your land and ever be yourselves in jeopardy, but make peace; which you can most honourably do, the king being that way inclined; keep your freedom, and agree to be our brothers in arms in all faith and honesty.-This, Athenians, is the message which Mardonius charges me to give you. For my own part I will say nothing of the goodwill that I have towards you, for it would not be the first that you have learnt of that; but I entreat you to follow Mardonius' counsel. Well I see that you will not have power to wage war against Xerxes for ever; did I see such power in you, I had never come to you with such language as this; for the king's might is greater than human, and his arm is long. If therefore you will not straightway agree with them, when the conditions which they offer you, whereon they are ready to agree, are so great, I fear what may befall you; for of all the allies you dwell most in the very path of the war, and you alone will never escape destruction, your country being marked out for a battlefield. Nay, follow his counsel;

πείθεσθε· πολλοῦ γὰρ ὑμῖν ἄξια ταῦτα, εἰ βασιλεύς γε ὁ μέγας μούνοισι ὑμῖν Ἑλλήνων τὰς

άμαρτάδας άπιεις έθέλει φίλος γενέσθαι.

141. 'Αλέξανδρος μὲν ταῦτα ἔλεξε. Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ πυθόμενοι ῆκειν 'Αλέξανδρον ἐς 'Λθήνας ἐς ὁμολογίην ἄξοντα τῷ βαρβάρω 'Αθηναίους, ἀναμνησθέντες τῶν λογίων ὡς σφεας χρεόν ἐστι ἄμα τοῖσι ἄλλοισι Δωριεῦσι ἐκπίπτειν ἐκ Πελοποννήσου ὑπὸ Μήδων τε καὶ 'Αθηναίων, κάρτα τε ἔδεισαν μὴ ὁμολογήσωσι τῷ Πέρση 'Αθηναίοι, αὐτίκα τέ σφι ἔδοξε πέμπειν ἀγγέλους. καὶ δὴ συνέπιπτε ὡστε όμοῦ σφεων γίνεσθαι τὴν κατάστασιν ἐπανέμειναν γὰρ οἱ 'Αθηναίοι διατρίβοντες, εὖ ἐπιστάμενοι ὅτι ἔμελλον Λακεδαιμόνιοι πεύσεσθαι ῆκοντα παρὰ τοῦ βαρβάρου ἄγγελον ἐπ ὁμολογίη, πυθόμενοὶ τε πέμψειν κατὰ τάχος ἀγγέλους. ἐπίτηδες ὧν ἐποίευν, ἐνδεικνύμενοι τοῖσι Λακεδαιμονίοισι τὴν ἐωυτῶν γνώμην.

142. 'Ως δὲ ἐπαύσατο λέγων 'Αλέξανδρος, διαδεξάμενοι ἔλεγον οἱ ἀπὸ Σπάρτης ἄγγελοι "'Ημέας
δὲ ἔπεμψαν Λακεδαιμόνιοι δεησομένους ὑμέων
μήτε νεώτερον ποιέειν μηδὲν κατὰ τὴν 'Ελλάδα
μήτε λόγους ἐνδέκεσθαι παρὰ τοῦ βαρβάρου.
οῦτε γὰρ δίκαιον οὐδαμῶς οῦτε κόσμον φέρον οῦτε
γε ἄλλοισι 'Ελλήνων οὐδαμοῖσι, ὑμῖν δὲ δὴ καὶ
διὰ πάντων ἥκιστα πολλῶν εἴνεκα. ἡγείρατε γὰρ
τόνδε τὸν πόλεμον ὑμεῖς οὐδὲν ἡμέων βουλομένων,
καὶ περὶ τῆς ὑμετέρης ἀρχῆθεν ὁ ἀγὼν ἐγένετο,
νῦν δὲ φέρει καὶ ἐς πᾶσαν τὴν 'Ελλάδα' ἄλλως
τε τούτων ἀπάντων αἰτίους γενέσθαι δουλοσύνης

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for it is not to be lightly regarded by you that you are the only men in Hellas whose offences the great king is ready to forgive and whose friend he would be."

141. Thus spoke Alexander. But the Lacedaemonians had heard that Alexander was come to Athens to bring the Athenians to an agreement with the foreigner; and remembering the oracles, how that they themselves with the rest of the Dorians must be driven out of the Peloponnese by the Medes and the Athenians, they were greatly afraid lest the Athenians should agree with the Persian, and they straightway resolved that they would send envoys. Moreover it so fell out for both, that they made their entry at one and the same time; for the Athenians delayed, and tarried for them, being well assured that the Lacedaemonians were like to hear that the messenger was come from the Persians for an agreement; and they had heard that the Lacedaemonians would send their envoys with all speed; therefore it was of set purpose that they did it, that they might make their will known to the Lacedaemonians.

142. So when Alexander had made an end of speaking, the envoys from Sparta took up the tale, and said, "We on our part are sent by the Lacedaemonians to entreat you to do nought hurtful to Hellas and accept no offer from the foreigner. That were a thing unjust and dishonourable for any Greek, but for you most of all, on many counts; it was you who stirred up this war, by no desire of ours, and your territory was first the stake of that battle, wherein all Hellas is now engaged; and setting that apart, it is a thing not to be borne that not all this alone but slavery too should be brought

τοῖσι "Ελλησι 'Αθηναίους οὐδαμῶς ἀνασχετόν, οἴτινες αἰεὶ καὶ τὸ πάλαι φαίνεσθε πολλοὺς ἐλευερώσαντες ἀνθρώπων. πιεζευμένοισι μέντοι ὑμῖν συναχθόμεθα, καὶ ὅτι καρπῶν ἐστερήθητε διξῶν ἤδη καὶ ὅτι οἰκοφθόρησθε χρόνον ἤδη πολλόν. ἀντὶ τούτων δὲ ὑμῖν Λακεδαιμόνιοί τε καὶ οἱ σύμμαχοι ἐπαγγέλλονται γυναῖκάς τε καὶ τὰ ἐς πόλεμον ἄχρηστα οἰκετέων ἐχόμενα πάντα ἐπιθρέψειν, ἔστ ἀν ὁ πόλεμος ὅδε συνεστήκη. μηδὲ ὑμέας ᾿Αλέξανδρος ὁ Μακεδῶν ἀναγνώση, λεήνας τον Μαρδονίου λόγον. τούτω μὲν γάρ ταῦτα ποιητέα ἐστί τύραννος γὰρ ἐῶν τυράννως συγκατεργάζεται ὑμῖν δὲ οὐ ποιητέα, εἴ περ εὐ τυγχάνετε φρονέοντες, ἐπισταμένοισι ὡς βαρβάροισι ἐστὶ οὐτε πιστὸν οὕτε ἀληθὲς οὐδέν." ταῦτα

έλεξαν οι άγγελοι.

143. 'Αθηναίοι δὲ πρὸς μὲν 'Αλέξανδρον ὑπεκρίναντο τάδε. "Καὶ αὐτοὶ τοῦτό γε ἐπιστάμεθα ὅτι πολλαπλησίη ἐστὶ τῷ Μήδῷ δύναμις ἡ περ ἡμῖν, ὅστε οὐδὲν δέει τοῦτό γε ὀνειδίζειν. ἀλλ ὅμως ἐλευθερίης γλιχόμενοι ἀμυνεύμεθα οὕτῶ ὅκως ἀν και δυνώμεθα. ὁμολογήσαι δὲ τῷ βαρβάρω μήτε σὰ ἡμέας πειρῶ ἀναπείθειν οὕτε ἡμεῖς πεισόμεθα. νῦν τε ἀπάγγελλε Μαρδονίῷ ὡς 'Αθηναίοι λέγουσι, ἔστ' ἀν ὁ ἤλιος τὴν αὐτὴν ὁδὸν ἱŋ τῆ περ καὶ νῦν ἔρχεται, μήκοτε ὁμολογήσειν ἡμέας Ξέρξη ἀλλὰ θεοῖσί τε συμμάχοισι πίσυνοί μιν ἐπέξιμεν ἀμυνόμενοι καὶ τοῖσι ἡρωσι, τῶν ἐκεῖνος οὐδεμίαν ὅπιν ἔχων ἐνέπρησε τούς τε οἴκους καὶ τὰ ἀγάλματα. σύ τε τοῦ λοιποῦ λόγους ἔχων τοιούσδε μὴ ἐπιφαίνεο 'Αθηναίοισι, μηδὲ δοκέων χρηστὰ ὑπουργέειν ἀθέμιστα ἔρδειν 150

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upon the Greeks by you Athenians, who have ever of old been known for givers of freedom to many. Nevertheless we grieve with you in your afflictions, for that now you have lost two harvests and your substance has been for a long time wasted; in requital wherefor the Lacedaemonians and their allies declare that they will nourish your women and all of your households that are unserviceable for war, so long as this war shall last. But let not Alexander the Macedonian win you with his smooth-tongued praise of Mardonius' counsel. It is his business to follow that counsel, for as he is a despot so must he be the despot's fellow-worker; but it is not your business, if you be men rightly minded; for you know, that in foreigners there is no faith nor truth."

Thus spoke the envoys.

143. But to Alexander the Athenians thus replied : "We know of ourselves that the power of the Mede is many times greater than ours; there is no need to taunt us with that. Nevertheless in our zeal for freedom we will defend ourselves to the best of our ability. But as touching agreements with the foreigner, do not you essay to persuade us thereto, nor will we consent; and now carry this answer back to Mardonius from the Athenians, that as long as the sun holds the course whereby he now goes, we will make no agreement with Xerxes; but we will fight against him without ceasing, trusting in the aid of the gods and the heroes whom he has set at nought and burnt their houses and their adornments. To you we say, come no more to Athenians with such a plea, nor under the semblance of rendering us a service counsel us to do wickedly;

παραίνεε οὐ γάρ σε βουλόμεθα οὐδὲν ἄχαρι πρὸς `Αθηναίων παθεῖν ἐόντα πρόξεινόν τε καὶ

dixor."

144. Πρός μεν 'Αλέξανδρον ταθτα ύπεκρίναντο, πρὸς δὲ τοὺς ἀπὸ Σπάρτης ἀγγέλους τάδε. "Τὸ μὲν δεῖσαι Λακεδαιμονίους μὴ ὁμολογήσωμεν τῷ Βαρβάρω, κάρτα ἀνθρωπήιον ην ἀτὰρ αἰσχρώς γε οἴκατε ἐξεπιστάμενοι τὸ ᾿Αθηναίων φρόνημα ἀρρωδήσαι, ὅτι σὕτε χρυσός ἐστι γῆς οὐδαμόθι τοσοῦτος οὕτε χώρη κάλλει καὶ ἀρετῆ μέγα ύπερφέρουσα, τὰ ήμεις δεξάμενοι εθέλοιμεν αν μηδίσαντες καταδουλώσαι την Έλλάδα, πολλά τε γὰρ καὶ μεγάλα ἐστὶ τὰ διακωλύοντα ταῦτα μὴ ποιέειν μηδ' ἡν ἐθέλωμεν, πρῶτα μὲν καὶ μέγιστα τῶν θεῶν τὰ ἀγάλματα καὶ τὰ οἰκήματα έμπεπρησμένα τε και συγκεχωσμένα, τοίσι ήμέας άναγκαίως έχει τιμωρέειν ές τὰ μέγιστα μᾶλλον ἥ περ ομολογέειν τῷ ταῦτα ἐργασαμένῳ, αὐτις δὲ τὸ Ελληνικον ἐὸν ὅμαιμόν τε καὶ ὁμόγλωσσον καὶ θεών ίδρύματά τε κοινά καλ θυσίαι ήθεά τε όμότροπα, τών προδότας γενέσθαι 'Αθηναίους οὐκ αν εὖ έχοι. ἐπίστασθέ τε οὕτω, εἰ μὴ πρότερον έτυγγάνετε επιστάμενοι, έστ' αν και είς περιή Αθηναίων, μηδαμά όμολογήσοντας ήμέας Ξέρξη. ύμέων μέντοι αγάμεθα την προνοίην την πρός ήμέας ἐοῦσαν, ὅτι προείδετε ἡμέων οἰκοφθορη-μένων οὕτω ὥστε ἐπιθρέψαι ἐθέλειν ἡμέων τοὺς οίκέτας. καὶ ύμιν μέν ή χάρις ἐκπεπλήρωται, ήμεις μέντοι λιπαρήσομεν ούτω δκως αν έχωμεν, οὐδεν λυπέοντες ύμεας. νῦν δέ, ὡς οὕτω ἐχοντων, στρατιήν ώς τάχιστα έκπέμπετε. ώς γάρ ήμεις εἰκάζομεν, οὐκ ἐκὰς γρόνου παρέσται ὁ Βάρβαρος 152

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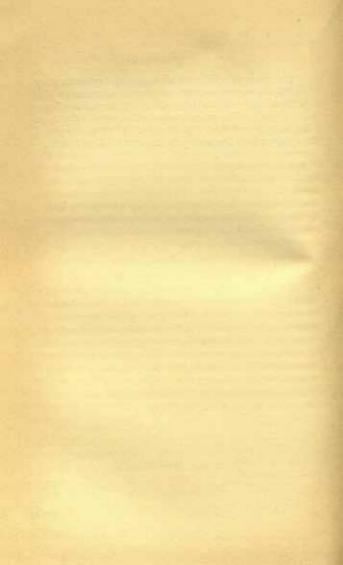
for we would not that you who are our friend and protector should suffer any harm at Athenian hands."

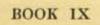
144. Such was their answer to Alexander: but to the Spartan envoys they said, "It was most human that the Lacedaemonians should fear our making an agreement with the foreigner; but we think you do basely to be afraid, knowing the Athenian temper to be such that there is nowhere on earth such store of gold or such territory of surpassing fairness and excellence that the gift of it should win us to take the Persian part and enslave Hellas. For there are many great reasons why we should not do this, even if we so desired; first and chiefest, the burning and destruction of the adornments and temples of our gods, whom we are constrained to avenge to the uttermost rather than make covenants with the doer of these things, and next the kinship of all Greeks in blood and speech, and the shrines of gods and the sacrifices that we have in common, and the likeness of our way of life, to all which it would ill beseem Athenians to be false. Know this now, if you knew it not before, that as long as one Athenian is left alive we will make no agreement with Xerxes. Nevertheless we thank you for your forethought concerning us, in that you have so provided for our wasted state that you offer to nourish our households. For your part, you have given us full measure of kindness; yet for ourselves, we will make shift to endure as best we may, and not be burdensome to you. But now, seeing that this is so, send your army with all speed; for as we guess, the foreigner

έσβαλων ές την ημετέρην, άλλ' ἐπειδάν ταχιστα πύθηται την ἀγγελίην ὅτι οὐδὲν ποιήσομεν τῶν ἐκεῖνος ἡμέων προσεδέετο, πρὶν ὧν παρεῖναι ἐκεῖνον ἐς τὴν ᾿Αττικήν, ἡμέας καιρός ἐστι προβοηθήσαι ἐς τὴν Βοιωτίην." οῦ μὲν ταῦτα ὑποκριναμένων ᾿Αθηναίων ἀπαλλάσσοντο ἐς Σπάρτην.

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will be upon us and invading our country in no long time, but as soon as ever the message comes to him that we will do nothing that he requires of us; wherefore, ere he comes into Attica, now is the time for us to march first into Bocotia." At this reply of the Athenians the envoys returned back to Sparta.





 Μαρδόνιος δέ, ῶς οἱ ἀπονοστήσας ᾿Αλέξανδρος τὰ παρὰ ᾿Αθηναίων ἐσήμηνε, ὁρμηθεὶς ἐκ Θεσσαλίης ἡγε τὴν στρατιὴν σπουδῷ ἐπὶ τὰς ᾿Αθήνας. ὅκου δὲ ἐκάστοτε γίνοιτο, τούτους παρελάμβανε. τοῖσι δὲ Θεσσαλίης ἡγεομένοισι οὕτε τὰ πρὸ τοῦ πεπρηγμένα μετέμελε οὐδὲν πολλῷ τε μᾶλλον ἐπῆγον τὸν Περσην, καὶ συμπροέπεμψέ τε Θώρηξ ὁ Ληρισαῖος Εέρξην φεύγοντα καὶ τότε ἐκ τοῦ φανεροῦ παρῆκε Μαρδόνιον ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλλάδα.

2. Έπεὶ δὲ πορευόμενος γίνεται ὁ στρατὸς ἐν Βοιωτοισι, οἱ Θηβαίοι κατελάμβανον τὸν Μαρδόνιον καὶ συνεβούλευον αὐτῷ λέγοντες ὡς οὐκ εἴη χῶρος ἐπιτηδεότερος ἐνστρατοπεδεύεσθαι ἐκείνου, οὐδὲ ἔων ἰέναι ἐκαστέρω, ἀλλ' αὐτοῦ ἰζόμενον ποιέειν ὅκως ἀμαχητὶ τὴν πᾶσαν Ἑλλάδα καταστρέψεται. κατὰ μὲν γὰρ τὸ ἰσχυρὸν Ἑλληνας ὁμοφρονέοντας, οἴ περ καὶ πάρος ταὐτὰ ἐγίνωσκον, χαλεπὰ εἰναι περιγίνεσθαι καὶ ἄπασι ἀνθρώποισι "εἰ δὲ ποιήσεις τὰ ἡμεῖς παραινέομεν," ἔφασαν λέγοντες, "ἔξεις ἀπόνως πάντα τὰ ἐκείνων ἰσχυρὰ βουλεύματα πέμπε χρήματα ἐς τοὺς δυναστεύοντας ἄνδρας ἐν τῆσι πόλισι, πέμπων δὲ τὴν Ἑλλάδα διαστήσεις ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ

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1. Mardonius, when Alexander returned and told him what he had heard from the Athenians, set forth from Thessaly and led his army with all zeal against Athens¹; and to whatsoever country he came he took its people along with him. The rulers of Thessaly repented no whit of what they had already done, and were but readier than before to further his march; and Thorax of Larissa, who had aided to give Xerxes safe-conduct in his flight, did now without disguise open a passage for Mardonius into Hellas.

2. But when the army in its march was come into Bocotia, the Thebans sought to stay Mardonius, advising him that he could find no country better fitted than theirs for encampment; he should not (they pleaded) go further, but rather halt there and so act as to subdue all Hellas without fighting. For as long as the Greeks who before had been of the same way of thinking remained in accord, it would be a hard matter even for the whole world to overcome them by force of arms; "but if you do as we advise," said the Thebans as they spoke, "you will without trouble be master of all their counsels of battle. Send money to the men that have power in their cities, and thereby you will divide Hellas against

In the summer of 479. Mardonius occupied Athens in July.

τους μη τὰ σὰ φρονέοντας ρηιδίως μετά τῶν

στασιωτέων καταστρέψεαι."

3. Οι μεν ταυτα συνεβούλευον, ο δε οὐκ ἐπείθετο, ἀλλά οἱ δεινὸς ἐνέστακτο ἵμερος τὰς ᾿Αθήνας δεύτερα ἐλεῖν, ἄμα μεν ὑπ᾽ ἀγνωμοσύνης, ἄμα δὲ πυρσοῖσι διὰ νήσων ἐδόκεε βασιλέι δηλώσειν ἐόντι ἐν Σάρδισι ὅτι ἔχοι ᾿Αθήνας ˚ος οὐδὲ τότε ἀπικόμενος ἐς τὴν ᾿Αττικὴν εὖρε τοὺς ᾿Αθηναίους, ἀλλ᾽ ἔν τε Σαλαμῖνι τοὺς πλείστους ἐπυνθάνετο εἶναι ἔν τε τῆσι νηυσί, αἰρέει τε ἔρημον τὸ ἄστυ. ἡ δὲ βασιλέος αἵρεσις ἐς τὴν ὑστέρην τὴν Μαρδονίου ἐπιστρατηίην δεκάμηνος ἐγένετο.

4. Έπεὶ δὲ ἐν ᾿Αθήνησι ἐγένετο ὁ Μαρδόνιος,

πέμπει ές Σαλαμίνα Μουρυχίδην ἄνδρα Έλλησπόντιον φέροντα τοὺς αὐτοὺς λόγους τοὺς καὶ 'Αλέξανδρος ὁ Μακεδών τοῖσι 'Αθηναίοισι διεπόρθμευσε. ταῦτα δὲ τὸ δεύτερον ἀπέστελλε προέχων μὲν τῶν 'Αθηναίων οὐ φιλίας γνώμας, ἐλπίζων δὲ σφέας ὑπήσειν τῆς ἀγνωμοσύνης, ὡς δοριαλώτου ἐούσης τῆς 'Αττικῆς γώρης καὶ ἐούσης

ύπ' έωυτώ.

5. Τούτων μεν είνεκα ἀπέπεμψε Μουρυχίδην
ες Σαλαμίνα, δ δὲ ἀπικόμενος ἐπὶ τὴν βουλὴν
ελεγε τὰ παρὰ Μαρδονίου. τῶν δὲ βουλευτέων
Αυκίδης εἰπε γνώμην ὡς ἐδόκες ἄμεινον εἰναι δεξαμένους τὸν λόγον, τόν σφι Μουρυχίδης προφέρει,
εξενεῖκαι ἐς τὸν δῆμον. δ μὲν δὴ ταύτην τὴν
γνώμην ἀπεφαίνετο, εἴτε δὴ δεδεγμένος χρήματα
παρὰ Μαρδονίου, εἴτε καὶ ταῦτά οἰ ἐάνδανε·
'Αθηναῖοι δὲ αὐτίκα δεινὸν ποιησάμενοι οἴ τε ἐκ
τῆς βουλῆς καὶ οἱ ἔξωθεν ὡς ἐπύθοντο, περι-

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itself; and after that, with your partisans to aid, you will easily subdue those who are your adversaries."

3. Such was their counsel, but he would not follow it; rather he was imbued with a wondrous desire to take Athens once more; this was partly of mere perversity, and partly because he thought to signify to the king at Sardis by a line of beacons across the islands that he held Athens. Yet on his coming to Attica he found the Athenians no more there than before, but, as he learnt, the most of them were on shipboard at Salamis; and he took the city, but no men therein. There were ten months between the king's taking of the place and the later invasion of Mardonius.

4. When Mardonius came to Athens, he sent to Salamis one Murychides, a man of the Hellespont, bearing the same offer as Alexander the Macedonian had ferried across to the Athenians. He sent this the second time because, albeit he knew already the Athenians' unfriendly purpose, he expected that they would abate their stiff-neckedness now that Attica was the captive of his spear and lay at his

mercy.

5. For this reason he sent Murychides to Salamis, who came before the council and told them Mardonius' message. Then Lycidas, one of the councillors, gave it for his opinion that it seemed to him best to receive the offer brought to them by Murychides and lay it before the people. This was the opinion which he declared, either because he had been bribed by Mardonius, or because the plan pleased him; but the Athenians in the council were very wroth, and so too when they heard of it were they that were outside; and they made a ring

στάντες Λυκίδην κατέλευσαν βάλλοντες, τον δε Έλλησπόντιον Μουρυχίδην ἀπέπεμψαν ἀσινέα. γενομένου δε θορύβου ἐν τῆ Σαλαμῖνι περὶ τὸν Λυκίδην, πυνθάνονται τὸ γινόμενον αὶ γυναῖκες τῶν ᾿Αθηναίων, διακελευσαμένη δὲ γυνὴ γυναικὶ καὶ παραλαβοῦσα ἐπὶ τὴν Λυκίδεω οἰκίην ἤισαν αὐτοκελέες, καὶ κατὰ μὲν ἔλευσαν αὐτοῦ τὴν

γυναϊκα κατά δὲ τὰ τέκνα.

6. Ές δὲ τὴν Σαλαμῖνα διέβησαν οἱ ᾿Λθηναῖοι τόδε. ἔως μὲν προσεδέκοντο ἐκ τῆς Πελοποννήσου στρατὸν ῆξειν τιμωρήσοντά σφι, οἱ δὲ ἔμενον ἐν τῆ ᾿Λττικῆ ἐπεὶ δὲ οἱ μὲν μακρότερα καὶ σχολαίτερα ἐποίεον, ὁ δὲ ἐπιὼν καὶ δὴ ἐν τῆ Βοιωτίη ἐλέγετο εἶναι, οὕτω δὴ ὑπεξεκομίσαντό τε πάντα καὶ αὐτοὶ διέβησαν ἐς Σαλαμῖνα, ἐς Λακεδαίμονά τε ἔπεμπον ἀγγέλους ᾶμα μὲν μεμψομένους τοῖσι Λακεδαιμονίοισι ὅτι περιεῖδον ἐμβαλόντα τὸν βάρβαρον ἐς τὴν ᾿Αττικὴν ἀλλ᾽ οὐ μετὰ σφέων ἡντίασαν ἐς τὴν Βοιωτίην, ᾶμα δὲ ὑπομνήσοντας ὅσα σφι ὑπέσχετο ὁ Πέρσης μεταβαλοῦσι δώσειν, προεῖπαί τε ὅτι εἰ μὴ ἀμυνεῦσι ᾿Αθηναίοισι, ὡς καὶ αὐτοί τινα ἀλεωρὴν εὐρήσονται.

7. Οἱ γὰρ δη Λακεδαιμόνιοι ὅρταζόν τε τοῦτον τὸν χρόνον καί σφι ἢν Ὑακίνθια, περὶ πλείστου δ' ἦγον τὰ τοῦ θεοῦ πορσύνειν ἄμα δὲ τὸ τεῖχός σφι, τὸ ἐν τῷ Ἰσθμῷ ἐτείχεον, καὶ ἤδη ἐπάλξις ἐλάμβανε. ὡς δὲ ἀπίκοντο ἐς τὴν Λακεδαίμονα οἱ ἄγγελοι οἱ ἀπ' ᾿Αθηνέων, ἄμα ἀγόμενοι ἔκ τε Μεγάρων ἀγγέλους καὶ ἐκ Πλαταιέων, ἔλεγον

round Lycidas and stoned him to death. But they suffered Murychides the Hellespontian to depart unharmed. There was much noise at Salamis over the business of Lycidas; and when the Athenian women learnt what was afoot, one calling to another and bidding her follow, they went of their own motion to the house of Lycidas, and stoned to death his wife and his children.

6. Now this was how the Athenians had passed over to Salamis. As long as they expected that the Peloponnesian army would come to their aid, so long they abode in Attica. But when the Peloponnesians were ever longer and slower in action, and the invader was said to be already in Boeotia, they did then convey all their goods out of harm's way and themselves crossed over to Salamis; and they sent envoys to Lacedaemon, who should upbraid the Lacedaemonians for suffering the foreigner to invade Attica and not meeting him in Bocotia with the Athenians to aid; and should bid the Lacedaemonians withal remember what promises the Persian had made to Athens if she would change sides, and warn them that the Athenians would devise some succour for themselves if the Lacedaemonians sent them no help.

7. For the Lacedaemonians were at this time holiday-making, keeping the festival of Hyacinthus, and their chiefest care was to give the god his due; moreover, the wall that they were building on the Isthmus was by now even getting its battlements. When the Athenian envoys were arrived at Lacedaemon, bringing with them envoys from Megara

A festival said to be of pre-Dorian origin, commemorating the killing of Hyacinthus by Apollo,

τάδε έπελθύντες έπὶ τους έφύρους. "Επεμψαν ήμέας 'Αθηναΐοι λέγοντες ότι ήμιν βασιλεύς ό Μήδων τούτο μεν την χώρην ἀποδιδοί, τούτο δε συμμάχους εθέλει έπ' ίση τε και όμοιη ποιήσασθαι ανευ τε δόλου και απάτης, εθέλει δε και άλλην χώρην πρὸς τῆ ἡμετέρη διδόναι, τὴν ἄν αὐτοὶ έλωμεθα, ήμεις δε Δία τε Ελλήνιον αίδεσθέντες και την Ελλάδα δεινον ποιεύμενοι προδούναι οὐ καταινέσαμεν άλλ' άπειπάμεθα, καίπερ άδικεόμενοι υπ' Ελλήνων και καταπροδιδόμενοι, έπιστάμενοί τε ότι κερδαλεώτερον έστὶ ομολογέειν τῶ Πέρση μάλλον ή περ πολεμέειν οὐ μέν οὐδὲ ομολογήσομεν έκόντες είναι. καὶ τὸ μὲν ἀπ' ημέων ούτω ακίβδηλον νέμεται έπὶ τοὺς "Ελληνας· ύμεις δε ές πάσαν άρρωδίην τότε απικόμενοι μή ομολογήσωμεν τώ Πέρση, έπείτε έξεμάθετε το ημέτερον φρόνημα σαφέως, ότι οὐδαμά προδώσομεν την Έλλάδα, και διότι τείχος ύμιν διά τοῦ 'Ισθμοῦ έλαυνόμενον ἐν τέλει ἐστί, και δή λόγον οὐδένα τῶν ᾿Αθηναίων ποιέεσθε, συνθέμενοί τε ήμιν τον Πέρσην αντιώσεσθαι ές την Βοιωτίην προδεδώκατε, περιείδετέ τε προεσβαλόντα ές την 'Αττικήν του βάρβαρου. Ες μέν νυν το παρεον Αθηναίοι υμίν μηνίουσι ου γάρ εποιήσατε έπιτηδέως. νῦν δὲ ὅτι τάχος στρατιὴν ἄμα ήμεν εκέλευσαν ύμεας εκπέμπειν, ώς αν τον βάρ-Βαρον δεκώμεθα εν τη Αττική επειδή γαρ ήμαρ-τομεν της Βοιωτίης, της γε ήμετέρης επιτηδεότατον έστι μαχέσασθαι το Θριάσιον πεδίον."

 Ως δὲ ἄρα ἤκουσαν οἱ ἔφοροι ταῦτα, ἀνεβάλλοντο ἐς τὴν ὕστεραίην ὑποκρίνασθαι, τῆ δὲ

and Plataeae, they came before the ephors and said: "The Athenians have sent us with this message: The king of the Medes is ready to give us back our country, and to make us his confederates, equal in right and standing, in all honour and honesty, and to give us withal whatever land we ourselves may choose besides our own. But we, for that we would not sin against Zeus the god of Hellas, and think it shame to betray Hellas, have not consented, but refused, and this though the Greeks are dealing with us wrongfully and betraying us to our hurt. and though we know that it is rather for our advantage to make terms with the Persian than to wage war with him; yet we will not make terms with him, of our own free will. Thus for our part we act honestly by the Greeks; but what of you, who once were in great dread lest we should make terms with the Persian? Because now you have clear knowledge of our temper and are sure that we will never betray Hellas, and because the wall that you are building across the Isthmus is well-nigh finished, to-day you take no account of the Athenians, but have deserted us for all your promises that you would withstand the Persian in Boeotia, and have suffered the foreigner to march into Attica. the nonce, then, the Athenians are angry with you; for that which you have done beseems you ill. But now they pray you to send with us an army with all speed, that we may await the foreigner's onset in Attica: for since we have lost Bocotia, in our own land the fittest battle-ground is the Thriasian plain."

8. When the ephors, it would seem, heard that, they delayed answering till the next day, and again

ύστεραίη èς τὴν ἐτέρην τοῦτο καὶ ἐπὶ δέκα ἡμέρας ἐποίεον, ἐξ ἡμέρης ἐς ἡμέρην ἀναβαλλόμενοι. ἐν δὲ τούτφ τῷ χρόνφ τὸν Ἰσθμὸν ἐτείχεον σπουδὴν ἔχοντες πολλην πάντες Πελοποννήσιοι, καί σφι ἡν πρὸς τέλει. οὐδ' ἔχω εἰπεῖν τὸ αἴτιον διότι ἀπικομένου μὲν ᾿Αλεξάνδρου τοῦ Μακεδόνος ἐς ᾿Αθήνας σπουδὴν μεγάλην ἐποιήσαντο μὴ μηδίσαι ᾿Αθηναίους, τότε δὲ ἄρην ἐποιήσαντο οὐδεμίαν, ἄλλο γε ἡ ὅτι ὁ Ἰσθμός σφι ἐτετείχιστο καὶ ἐδόκεον ᾿Αθηναίων ἔτι δεῖσθαι οὐδέν ὅτε δὲ ᾿Αλέξανδρος ἀπίκετο ἐς τὴν ᾿Αττικήν, οὔκω ἀπετετείχιστο, ἐργάζοντο δὲ μεγάλως καταρρωδηκότες

τους Πέρσας.

9. Τέλος δὲ τῆς τε ὑποκρίσιος καὶ ἐξόδου τῶν Σπαρτιητέων ἐγένετο τρόπος τοιόσδε. τῆ προτεραίη τῆς ὑστάτης καταστάσιος μελλούσης ἔσεσθαι Χίλεος ἀνὴρ Τεγεήτης, δυνάμενος ἐν Λακεδαίμονι μέγιστον ξείνων, τῶν ἐφόρων ἐπύθετο πάντα λόγον τὸν δὴ οἱ 'Αθηναίοι ἔλεγον' ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Χίλεος ἔλεγε ἄρα σφι τάδε. "Οὕτω ἔχει, ἄνδρες ἔφοροι 'Αθηναίων ἡμῖν ἐόντων μὴ ἀρθμίων τῷ δὲ βαρβάρω συμμάχων, καίπερ τείχεος διὰ τοῦ 'Ισθμοῦ ἐληλαμένου καρτεροῦ, μεγάλαι κλισιάδες ἀναπεπτέαται ἐς τὴν Πελοπόννησον τῷ Πέρση. ἀλλ' ἐσακούσατε, πρίν τι ἄλλο 'Αθηναίοισι δόξαι σφάλμα φέρον τῆ 'Ελλάδι.'

10. 'Ο μέν σφι ταῦτα συνεβούλευε οἱ δὲ φρενὶ λαβόντες τὸν λύγον αὐτίκα, φράσαντες οὐδὲν τοῖσι ἀγγέλοισι τοῖσι ἀπιγμένοισι ἀπὸ τῶν πολίων, νυκτὸς ἔτι ἐκπέμπουσι πεντακισχιλίους Σπαρτιητέων καὶ ἔπτὰ περὶ ἔκαστον τάξαντες

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till the day after; and this they did for ten days, putting off from day to day. In the meantime all the Peloponnesians were fortifying the Isthmus with might and main, and they had the work well-nigh done. Nor can I say why it was that when Alexander the Macedonian came to Athens! the Lacedaemonians were urgent that the Athenians should not take the Persian part, yet now made no account of that; except it was that now they had the Isthmus fortified and thought they had no more need of the Athenians, whereas when Alexander came to Attica their wall was not yet built, and they were working thereat in great fear of the Persians.

9. But the manner of their answering at last and sending the Spartan army was this: On the day before that hearing which should have been the last, Chileüs, a man of Tegca, who had more authority with the Lacedaemonians than any other of their guests, learnt from the ephors all that the Athenians had said; and having heard it he said, as the tale goes, to the ephors, "Sirs, this is how the matter stands: if the Athenians be our enemies and the foreigner's allies, then though you drive a strong wall across the Isthmus the Persian has an effectual door opened for passage into the Peloponnese. Nay, hearken to them, ere the Athenians take some new resolve that will bring calamity to Hellas."

10. This was the counsel he gave the ephors, who straightway took it to heart; saying no word to the envoys who were come from the cities, they bade march before dawn of day five thousand Spartans, with seven helots appointed to attend each of them;

τῶν εἰλώτων, Παυσανίη τῷ Κλεομβρότου ἐπιτάξαντες ἐξάγειν. ἐγίνετο μὲν ἡ ἡγεμονίη Πλειστάρχου τοῦ Λεωνίδεω· ἀλλ' ὁ μὲν ἡν ἔτι παῖς,
δ δὲ τούτου ἐπίτροπός τε καὶ ἀνεψιός. Κλεόμβροτος ἡὰρ ὁ Παυσανίεω μὲν πατὴρ 'Αναξανδρίδεω δὲ παῖς οὐκέτι περιῆν, ἀλλ' ἀπαγαγὰν ἐκ
τοῦ Ἰσθμοῦ τὴν στρατιὴν τὴν τὸ τεῖχος δείμασαν
μετὰ ταῦτα οὐ πολλὸν χρόνον τινὰ βιοὺς ἀπέθανε.
ἀπῆγε δὲ τὴν στρατιὴν ὁ Κλεόμβροτος ἐκ τοῦ
Ἰσθμοῦ διὰ τόδε· θυομένω οἱ ἐπὶ τῷ Πέρση ὁ
ἤλιος ἀμαυρώθη ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. προσαιρέεται δὲ
ἐωυτῷ Παυσανίης Εὐρυάνακτα τὸν Δωριέος, ἄνδρα

ολκίης εόντα της αὐτης.

11. Οι μέν δη σύν Παυσανίη εξεληλύθεσαν έξω Σπάρτης οι δὲ ἄγγελοι, ὡς ἡμέρη ἐγεγόνεε, ούδεν είδότες περί της εξόδου επηλθον επί τους έφόρους, έν νόφ δη έχοντες απαλλάσσεσθαι καί αύτοι έπι την έωυτοῦ έκαστος ἐπελθόντες δὲ έλεγον τάδε. "Τμεῖς μὲν, ὁ Λακεδαιμόνιοι αὐτοῦ τήδε μένοντες Τακίνθιά τε άγετε και παίζετε. καταπροδόντες τους συμμάχους 'Αθηναΐοι δε ώς άδικεόμενοι ύπο ύμέων χήτει τε συμμάχων καταλύσονται τῶ Πέρση οὕτω ὅκως ἄν δύνωνται καταλυσάμενοι δέ, δήλα γάρ ότι σύμμαχοι βασιλέος γινόμεθα, συστρατευσόμεθα έπ' ην αν έκείνοι έξηγέωνται. ύμεις δε το ενθεύτεν μαθήσεσθε όκοιον αν τι ύμιν έξ αύτου έκβαίνη." ταθτα λεγόντων των άγγέλων, οἱ ἔφοροι εἶπαν ἐπ' ὅρκου και δη δοκέειν είναι έν 'Ορεσθείφ στείχοντας έπι

¹ His cousin; Euryanax was son of Dorieus, who was a brother of Pausanias' father Cleombrotus.

and they gave the command to Pausanias son of Cleombrotus. The leader's place belonged of right to Pleistarchus son of Leonidas; but he was yet a boy, and Pausanias his guardian and cousin. For Cleombrotus, Pausanias' father and Anaxandrides' son, was no longer living; after he led away from the Isthmus the army which had built the wall, he lived but a little while ere his death. The reason of Cleombrotus' leading his army away from the Isthmus was that while he was offering sacrifice for victory over the Persian the sun was darkened in the heavens. Pausanias chose as his colleague a man of the same family, Euryanax son of Dorieus.

11. So Pausanias' army had marched away from Sparta; but as soon as it was day, the envoys came before the ephors, having no knowledge of the expedition, and being minded themselves too to depart each one to his own place; and when they were come, "You Lacedaemonians," they said, "abide still where you are, keeping your Hyacinthia and disporting yourselves, leaving your allies deserted; the Athenians, for the wrong that you do them and for lack of allies, will make their peace with the Persian as best they can, and thereafter, seeing that plainly we shall be the king's allies, we will march with him against whatever land his men lead us. Then will you learn what the issue of this matter shall be for you." Thus spoke the envoys; and the ephors swore to them that they believed their army to be even now at Orestheum, marching

Other references place Orestheum N.W. of Sparta, therefore hardly on the direct route to the Isthmus.

τούς ξείνους. ξείνους γαρ εκάλεον τούς Βαρβάρους. οι δε ώς ούκ είδοτες επειρώτων το λεγόμενον, ἐπειρόμενοι δὲ ἐξέμαθον πᾶν τὸ ἐόν, ὥστε έν θώματι γενόμενοι έπορεύοντο την ταχίστην διώκοντες σύν δέ σφι των περιοίκων Λακεδαιμονίων λογάδες πεντακισχίλιοι οπλίται τώυτο τούτο emoleov.

12. Ο μεν δή ές τον Ισθμον ήπείγοντο 'Αργεοίι δε έπείτε τάχιστα έπύθοντο τους μετά Παυσανίεω έξεληλυθότας έκ Σπάρτης, πέμπουσι κήρυκα τών ήμεροδρόμων άνευρόντες του άριστου ές την Αττικήν, πρότερον αύτοι Μαρδονίω ύποδεξάμενοι σχήσειν του Σπαρτιήτην μη εξιέναι δε επείτε απίκετο ές τὰς 'Αθήνας έλεγε τάδε. "Μαρδόνιε, έπεμψάν με 'Αργείοι φράσοντά τοι ότι έκ Λακεδαίμονος έξεληλυθε ή νεότης, και ώς οὐ δυνατοί αὐτὴν ἔγειν είσὶ 'Αργείοι μὴ οὐκ ἐξιέναι. πρὸς

ταθτα τύγχανε εὐ βουλευόμενος."

13. "Ο μέν δή είπας ταῦτα ἀπαλλάσσετο ὸπίσω, Μαρδόνιος δὲ οὐδαμῶς ἔτι πρόθυμος ἡν μένειν έν τη Αττική, ώς ήκουσε ταθτα, πρίν μέν νυν ή πυθέσθαι ανεκώχευε, θέλων είδεναι τὸ παρ' 'Αθηναίων, ὁκοῖον τι ποιήσουσι, καὶ οῦτε έπήμαινε ούτε έσίνετο γην την Αττικήν, έλπίζων διά παυτός του χρόνου ομολογήσειν σφέας έπει δε ούκ έπειθε, πυθόμενος πάντα λόγον, πρίν ή τούς μετά Παυσανίεω ές του Ίσθμου έσβαλείν, ύπεξεχώρεε έμπρήσας τε τὰς 'Αθήνας, καὶ εἴ κού τι όρθον ήν των τειχέων ή των ολκημάτων ή των ίρων, πάντα καταβαλών και συγγώσας. Εξήλαυνε

Inhabitants of the country districts of Laconia, not enjoying the full privileges of Spartans.

against the "strangers," as they called the foreigners. Having no knowledge of this, the envoys questioned them further as to what the tale might mean, and thereby learnt the whole truth; whereat they marvelled, and took the road with all speed after the army; and with them went likewise five thousand chosen men-at-arms of the Lacedaemonian countrymen, 1

12. So they made baste to reach the Isthmus. But the Argives had already promised Mardonius that they would hinder the Spartan from going out to war; and as soon as they were informed that Pausanias and his army had departed from Sparta, they sent as their herald to Attica the swiftest runner of long distances that they could find; who, when he came to Athens, spoke on this wise to Mardonius: "I am sent by the Argives to tell you that the young men have gone out from Lacedaemon to war, and that the Argives cannot stay them from so doing; wherefore, may fortune grant you good counsel."

13. So spoke the herald, and departed back again; and when Mardonius heard that, he was no longer desirous of remaining in Attica. Before he had word of it, he had held his hand, desiring to know the Athenians' plan and what they would do, and neither harmed nor harried the land of Attica, for he still ever supposed that they would make terms with him; but when he could not move them, and learnt all the truth of the matter, he drew off from before Pausanias' army ere it entered the Isthmus; but first he burnt Athens, and utterly overthrew and demolished whatever wall or house or temple was left standing. The reason of his

δε τώνδε είνεκεν, ότι οὕτε ίππασιμη ή χώρη ην ή Αττική, εί τε νικῷτο συμβαλών, ἀπάλλαξις οὐκ ην ότι μη κατὰ στεινόν, ὥστε ὀλίγους σφέας ἀνθρώπους ἴσχειν. ἐβουλεύετο ὧν ἐπαναχωρήσας ἐς τὰς Θήβας συμβαλεῖν πρὸς πόλι τε φιλίη καὶ

χώρη ίππασίμω.

14. Μαρδόνιος μεν δη ὑπεξεχώρεε, ήδη δὲ ἐν τῆ ὁδῷ ἐόντι αὐτῷ ἡλθε ἀγγελίη πρόδρομον ἄλλην στρατιὴν ἥκειν ἐς Μέγαρα, Λακεδαιμονίων χιλίους πυθόμενος δὲ ταῦτα ἐβουλεύετο θέλων εἰ κως τούτους πρῶτον ἔλοι. ὑποστρέψας δὲ τὴν στρατιὴν ἡγε ἐπὶ τὰ Μέγαρα· ἡ δὲ ἴππος προελθοῦσα κατιππάσατο χώρην τὴν Μεγαρίδα. ἐς ταύτην δὴ ἐκαστάτω τῆς Εὐρώπης τὸ πρὸς ἡλίου δύνοντος ἡ Περσικὴ αὕτη στρατιὴ ἀπίκετο.

15. Μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα Μαρδονίφ ἡλθε ἀγγελίη ώς ἀλέες εἴησαν οἱ "Ελληνες ἐν τῷ Ἰσθμῷ. οὕτω δὴ ὀπίσω ἐπορεύετο διὰ Δεκελέης: οἱ γὰρ βοιωτάρχαι μετεπέμψαντο τοὺς προσχώρους τῶν 'Ασωπίων, οὖτοι δὲ αὐτῷ τὴν ὁδὸν ἡγέοντο ἐς Σφενδαλέας, ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ ἐς Τάναγραν ἐν Τανάγρη δὲ νύκτα ἐναυλισάμενος, καὶ τραπόμενος τῆ ὑστεραίη ἐς Σκῶλον ἐν γῆ τῆ Θηβαίων ἤν. ἐνθαῦτα δὲ τῶν Θηβαίων καίπερ μηδιζόντων ἔκειρε τοὺς χώρους, οὕτι κατὰ ἔχθος αὐτῶν ἀλλ' ὑπ' ἀναγκαίης μεγάλης ἐχόμενος ἔρυμά τε τῷ στρατῷ ποιήσασθαι, καὶ ἡν συμβαλόντι οἱ μὴ ἐκβαίνη ὁκοιον τι ἐθέλοι, κρησφύγετον τοῦτο ἐποιέετο. παρῆκε δὲ αὐτοῦ τὸ στρατόπεδον ἀρξάμενον ἀπὸ Ἑρυθρέων

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marching away was, that Attica was no country for horsemen's work, and if he should be worsted in a battle there was no way of retreat save one so narrow that a few men could stay his passage.¹ Wherefore it was his plan to retreat to Thebes and do battle where he had a friendly city at his back

and ground fitted for horsemen.

14. So Mardonius drew his men off, and when he had now set forth on his road there came a message that over and above the rest an advance guard of a thousand Lacedaemonians was arrived at Megara; at which hearing he took counsel how he might first make an end of these; and he turned about and led his army against Megara, his horse going first and overrunning the lands of that city. That was the most westerly place in Europe to which this Persian armament attained.

15. Presently there came a message to Mardonius that the Greeks were gathered together on the Isthmus. Thereupon he marched back again through Decelea; for the rulers of Boeotia sent for those of the Asopus country that dwelt near, and these guided him to Sphendalae and thence to Tanagra, where he camped for the night; and on the next day he turned thence to Scolus, where he was in Theban territory. There he laid waste the lands of the Thebans, though they took the Persian part; not for any ill-will that he bore them, but because sheer necessity drove him to make a strong place for his army, and to have this for a refuge if the fortune of battle were other than he desired. His army covered the ground from Erythrae past

¹ He would have to retreat into Bocotia by way of the pass over Cithaeron.

παρὰ Τσιάς, κατέτεινε δὲ ἐς τὴν Πλαταιίδα γῆν, παρὰ τὸν ᾿Ασωπὸν ποταμὸν τεταγμένον. οὐ μέντοι τό γε τείχος τοσοῦτο ἐποιέετο, άλλ᾽ ὡς ἐπὶ δέκα σταδίους μάλιστά κη μέτωπον ἔκαστον.

16. Έχόντων δε του πόνου τοῦτου τῶν βαρβάρων, Ατταγίνος ὁ Φρύνωνος ἀνὴρ Θηβαίος παρασκευασάμενος μεγάλως εκάλεε έπι ξείνια αυτόν τε Μαρδόνιον και πεντήκοντα Περσέων τους λογιμωτάτους, κληθέντες δὲ οὐτοι εἴποντο· ἡν δὲ το δεῖπνον ποιεύμενον ἐν Θήβησι. τάδε δε ήδη τὰ ἐπίλοιπα ήκουον Θερσάνδρου ἀνδρὸς μέν 'Ορχομενίου, λογίμου δέ ές τὰ πρώτα έν Ορχομενώ. έφη δὲ ο Θέρσανδρος κληθήναι καὶ αύτος ύπο 'Ατταγίνου έπὶ τὸ δεῖπνον τοῦτο, κληθήναι δε και Θηβαίων ἄνδρας πεντήκοντα, καί σφεων ου γωρίς έκατέρους κλίναι, άλλα Πέρσην τε καὶ Θηβαίου ἐν κλίνη ἐκάστη. ὡς δὲ ἀπὸ δείπνου ήσαν, διαπινόντων του Περσην του όμόκλινον Έλλάδα γλώσσαν ίέντα είρεσθαι αὐτὸν όποδαπός έστι, αὐτὸς δὲ ὑποκρίνασθαι ώς είη 'Ορχομένιος. τον δε είπειν "Επεί νῦν όμοτράπεζός τέ μοι καὶ ομόσπονδος έγένεο, μνημόσυνά τοι γνώμης της έμης καταλιπέσθαι θέλω, ίνα καί προειδώς αὐτὸς περί σεωυτοῦ βουλεύεσθαι έχης τα συμφέροντα. οράς τούτους τους δαινυμένους Πέρσας και του στρατού του ελίπομεν έπι τώ ποταμώ στρατοπεδευόμενου τούτων πάντων δψεαι όλίγου τινός χρόνου διελθόντος όλίγους τινάς τούς περιγενομένους." ταύτα άμα τε τον Πέρσην λέγειν καὶ μετιέναι πολλά τῶν δακρύων. αύτος δε θωμάσας του λόγου είπειν προς αύτου "Οὐκῶν Μαρδονίω τε ταῦτα χρεόν ἐστι λέγειν

Hysiae and reached unto the lands of Plataeae, where it lay ranked by the Asopus river. I say not that the walled camp which he made was so great; each side of it was of a length of about ten

furlongs.

16. While the foreigners were employed about this work, Attaginus son of Phrynon, a Theban, made great preparation and invited Mardonius with fifty who were the most notable of the Persians to be his guests at a banquet. They came as they were bidden; the dinner was given at Thebes. Now here follows the end of that matter, which was told me by Thersandrus of Orchomenus, one of the most notable men of that place. Thersandrus too (he said) was bidden to this dinner, and fifty Thebans besides; and Attaginus made them sit, not each man by himself, but on each couch a Persian and a Theban together. Now after dinner while they drank one with another, the Persian that sat with him asked Thersandrus in the Greek tongue of what country he was; and Thersandrus answered that he was of Orchomenus. Then said the Persian: "Since now you have eaten at the board with me and drunk with me thereafter, I would fain leave some record of my thought, that you yourself may have such knowledge as to take fitting counsel for your safety. See you these Persians at the banquet, and that host which we left encamped by the river side? of all these in a little while you shall see but a little remnant left alive"; and as he said this, the Persian wept bitterly. Marvelling at this saying, Thersandrus answered: " Must you not then tell this to Mardonius

καὶ τοισι μετ' ἐκείνον ἐν αίνη ἐοῦσι Περσέων;"
τὸν δὲ μετὰ ταῦτα εἰπεῖν " Ξείνε, ὅ τι δεῖ γενέσθαι ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ ἀμήχανον ἀποτρέψαι ἀνθρώπω οὐδείς, ταῦτα δὲ Περσέων συχνοὶ ἐπιστάμενοι ἐπόμεθα ἀναγκαίη ἐνδεδεμένοι, ἐχθίστη δὲ ὀδύνη ἐστὶ τῶν ἐν ἀνθρώποισι αῦτη, πολλὰ φρονέοντα μηδενὸς κρατέειν." ταῦτα μὲν 'Ορχομενίου Θερσάνδρου ῆκουον, καὶ τάδε πρὸς τούτοισι, ὡς αὐτὸς αὐτίκα λέγοι ταῦτα πρὸς ἀνθρώπους πρότερον ἡ γενέσθαι

έν Πλαταιήσι την μάχην.

17. Μαρδονίου δε έν τη Βοιωτίη στρατοπεδευομένου οι μεν άλλοι παρείχοντο άπαντες στρατιήν και συνεσέβαλον ές 'Αθήνας, όσοι περ εμήδιζον Ελλήνων των ταύτη ολκημένων, μούνοι δὲ Φωκέες οὐ συνεσέβαλον (ἐμήδιζον γὰρ δὴ σφόδρα καὶ οὐτοι) οὐκ ἐκόντες ἀλλ' ὑπ' ἀναγκαίης. ἡμέρησι δὲ οὐ πολλήσι μετὰ τὴν ἄπιξιν τὴν ἐς Θήβας ύστερον ήλθον αὐτών όπλίται γίλιοι, ήγε δέ αὐτούς 'Αρμοκύδης ἀνὴρ τῶν ἀστῶν δοκιμώτατος. έπει δε άπίκατο και ούτοι ές Θήβας, πέμψας ο Μαρδόνιος ίππέας εκέλευσε σφέας επ' έωυτών έν τῶ πεδίω Κεσθαι. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐποίησαν ταῦτα, αὐτίκα παρήν ίππος ή ἄπασα. μετὰ δὲ ταῦτα διεξήλθε μεν δια του στρατοπέδου του Έλληνικου του μετά Μήδων έύντος φήμη ώς κατακοντιεί σφεας, διεξήλθε δὲ δι' αὐτῶν Φωκέων τώυτὸ τούτο. ἔνθα δή σφι ὁ στρατηγὸς 'Αρμοκύδης παραίνεε λέγων τοιάδε. "' Ω Φωκέες, πρόδηλα γάρ ότι ήμέας ούτοι οι άνθρωποι μέλλουσι προόπτω θανάτω δώσειν, διαβεβλημένους ύπο Θεσσαλών, ως έγω εἰκάζω νῦν ἄνδρα πάντα τινὰ 176

and those honourable Persians that are with him?"
"Sir," said the Persian, "that which heaven wills to send no man can turn aside; for even truth finds none to believe it. What I have said is known to many of us Persians; but we follow, in the bonds of necessity. And it is the hatefulest of all human sorrows to have much knowledge and no power." This tale I heard from Thersandrus of Orchomenus; who said to me, moreover, that he had straightway

told it to others before the fight of Platacae.

17. So Mardonius was making his encampment in Bocotia; all the Greeks of that region who took the Persian part furnished fighting men, and they joined with him in his attack upon Athens, except only the Phocians; as to taking the Persian part, that they did in good sooth, albeit not willingly but of necessity. But when a few days were past after the Persians' coming to Thebes, there came a thousand Phocian men-at-arms, led by Harmocydes, the most notable of their countrymen. These also being arrived at Thebes, Mardonius sent horsemen and bade the Phocians take their station on the plain by themselves. When they had so done, straightway appeared the whole of the Persian cavalry; and presently it was bruited about through all the Greek army that was with Mardonius, and likewise among the Phocians themselves, that Mardonius would shoot them to death. Then their general Harmocydes exhorted them: "Men of Phocis," he said, "seeing it is plain that death at these fellows' hands stares us in the face (we being, as I surmise, maligned by the Thessalians); now it is meet for

ύμεων χρεον έστι γενεσθαι άγαθόν κρέσσον γάρ ποιεθντάς τι καὶ άμυνομένους τελευτήσαι τον αἰῶνα ή περ παρέχοντας διαφθαρήναι αἰσχίστω μόρω. άλλὰ μαθέτω τις αὐτῶν ὅτι ἐόντες βάρ-βαροι ἐπ' Ελλησι ἀνδράσι φόνον ἔρραψαν."

18. "Ο μέν ταῦτα παραίνεε οἱ δὲ ἰππέες έπει σφεας έκυκλώσαντο, ἐπήλαυνον ώς άπολέοντες, και δη διετείνοντο τὰ βέλεα ώς ἀπήσοντες, καί κού τις καὶ ἀπῆκε. καὶ οἱ ἀντίοι ἔστησαν πάντη συστρέψαντες ἐωυτούς καὶ πυκυώσαυτες ώς μάλιστα. ἐυθαῦτα οί ίππόται υπέστρεφου και απήλαυνου οπίσω. ούκ έχω δ' άτρεκέως είπειν ούτε εί ήλθον μεν άπολέοντες τους Φωκέας δεηθέντων Θεσσαλών, έπει δε ώρων προς αλέξησιν τραπομένους, δείσαντες μη και σφίσι γένηται τρώματα, ούτω δη απήλαυνον όπίσω. ώς γάρ σφι ένετείλατο Μαρδόνιος. ούτ' εἰ αὐτῶν πειρηθήναι ἡθέλησε εἴ τι άλκῆς μετέχουσι. ώς δὲ ὁπίσω ἀπήλασαν οἱ ἰππόται, πέμψας Μαρδόνιος κήρυκα έλεγε τάδε. "Θαρσέετε & Φωκέες άνδρες γαρ εφάνητε εόντες άγαθοί, οὐκ ὡς ἐγὼ ἐπυνθανόμην. καὶ νῦν προθύμως φέρετε τὸν πόλεμον τοῦτον· εὐεργεσίησε γὰρ οὐ νικήσετε ούτ' ων έμε ούτε βασιλέα." τὰ περί Φωκέων μέν ές τοσούτο έγένετο.

19. Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ ώς ἐς τὸν Ἱσθμὸν ἢλθον, ἐν τούτω ἐστρατοπεδεύοντο. πυνθανόμενοι δὲ ταῦτα οἱ λοιποὶ Πελοποννήσιοι τοῖσι τὰ ἀμείνω ἐάνδανε, οἱ δὲ καὶ ὁρῶντες ἐξιόντας Σπαρτιήτας, οὐκ ἐδικαίευν λείπεσθαι τῆς ἐξόδου Λακεδαιμονίων. ἐκ δὴ ὧν τοῦ Ἱσθμοῦ καλλιερησάντων

every one of you to play the man; for it is better to end our lives in action and fighting than tamely to suffer a shameful death. Nav. but we will teach them that they whose slaying they have devised are men of Hellas," Thus he exhorted them.

18. But when the horsemen had encircled the Phocians they rode at them as it were to slav them, and drew their bows to shoot, and 'tis like that some did even shoot. The Phocians fronted them every way, drawing in together and closing their ranks to the best of their power; whereat the horsemen wheeled about and rode back and away. Now I cannot with exactness say if they came at the Thessalians' desire to slay the Phocians, but, when they saw the men preparing to defend themselves, feared lest they themselves should suffer some hurt, and so rode away back (for such was Mardonius' command), -or if Mardonius desired to test the Phocians' mettle. But when the horsemen had ridden away, Mardonius sent a herald, with this message: "Men of Phocis, be of good courage; for you have shown yourselves to be valiant men, and not as it was reported to me. And now push this war zealously forward; for you will outdo neither myself nor the king in the rendering of service."1 Thus far went the Phocian business.

19. As for the Lacedaemonians, when they were come to the Isthmus, they encamped there. the rest of the Peloponnesians who chose the better cause heard that, seeing the Spartans setting forth to war, they deemed it was not for them to be behind the Lacedaemonians in so doing. Wherefore they all marched from the Isthmus (the omens of

¹ That is, serve us and we will serve you.

τῶν ἱρῶν ἐπορεύοντο πάντες καὶ ἀπικνέονται ἐς Ἐλευσῖνα· ποιήσαντες δὲ καὶ ἐνθαῦτα ἰρά, ὡς σφι ἐκαλλιέρεε, τὸ πρόσω ἐπορεύοντο, ᾿Αθηναῖοι δὲ ἄμα αὐτοῖσι, διαβάντες μὲν ἐκ Σαλαμῖνος, συμμιγέντες δὲ ἐν Ἑλευσῖνι. ὡς δὲ ἄρα ἀπίκοντο τῆς Βοιωτίης ἐς Ἐρυθράς, ἔμαθόν τε δὴ τοὺς βαρβάρους ἐπὶ τῷ ᾿Ασωπῷ στρατοπεδευομένους, φρασθέντες δὲ τοῦτο ἀντετάσσοντο ἐπὶ τῆς ὑπωρέης τοῦ Κιθαιρῶνος.

20. Μαρδόνιος δέ, ως οὐ κατέβαινον οἱ ελληνες εἰς τὸ πεδίον, πέμπει εἰς αὐτοὺς πᾶσαν τὴν ἴππον, τῆς ἰππάρχεε Μασίστιος εὐδοκιμέων παρὰ Πέρσησι, τὸν Ελληνες Μακίστιον καλέουσι, ἵππον ἔχων Νησαῖον χρυσοχάλινον καὶ ἄλλως κεκοσμημένον καλῶς. ἐνθαῦτα ὡς προσήλασαν οἱ ἰππόται πρὸς τοὺς Ελληνας, προσέβαλλον κατὰ τέλεα, προσβάλλοντες δὲ κακὰ μεγάλα ἐργάζοντο

και γυναϊκας σφέας άπεκάλεον.

21. Κατά συντυχίην δὲ Μεγαρέες ἔτυχου ταχθέντες τῆ τε ἐπιμαχώτατου ἦν τοῦ χωρίου
παντός, καὶ πρόσοδος μάλιστα ταύτη ἐγίνετο τῆ
ἔππω. προσβαλλούσης ὧν τῆς ἵππου οἱ Μεγαρέςς πιεζόμενοι ἔπεμπον ἐπὶ τοὺς στρατηγοὺς τῶν
Ελλήνων κήρυκα, ἀπικόμενος δὲ ὁ κῆρυξ πρὸς
αὐτους ἔλεγε τάδε. "Μεγαρέες λέγουσι ἡμεῖς,
ἄνδρες σύμμαχοι, οὐ δυνατοί εἰμεν τὴν Περσέων
ἵππου δέκεσθαι μοῦνοι, ἔχοντες στάσιν ταύτην
ἐς τὴν ἔστημεν ἀρχήν ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐς τόδε λιπαρίη
τε καὶ ἀρετῆ ἀντέχομεν καίπερ πιεζόμενοι. νῶν
τε εἰ μῆ τινας ἄλλους πέμψετε διαδόχους τῆς
τάξιος, ἴστε ἡμέας ἐκλείψοντας τὴν τάξιν." ὁ
μὲν δή σφι ταῦτα ἀπήγγελλε, Παυσανίης δὲ ἀπε180

sacrifice being favourable) and came to Eleusis; and when they had offered sacrifice there also and the omens were favourable, they held on their march further, having now the Athenians with them, who had crossed over from Salamis and joined with them at Eleusis. When they came (as it is said) to Erythrae in Boeotia, they learnt that the foreigners were encamped by the Asopus, and taking note of that they arrayed themselves over against the enemy on the lower hills of Cithaeron.

20. The Greeks not coming down into the plain, Mardonius sent against them all his horse, whose commander was Masistius (whom the Greeks call Macistius), a man much honoured among the Persians; he rode a Nesacan horse that had a golden bit and was at all points gaily adorned. Thereupon the horsemen rode up to the Greeks and charged them by squadrons, doing them much hurt thereby

and calling them women,

21. Now it chanced that the Megarians were posted in that part of the field which was openest to attack, and here the horsemen found the readiest approach. Wherefore, being hard pressed by the charges, the Megarians sent a herald to the generals of the Greeks, who came to them and thus spoke: "From the men of Megara to their allies: We cannot alone withstand the Persian horse (albeit we have till now held our ground with patience and valour, though hard pressed) in this post whereunto we were first appointed; and now be well assured that we will leave our post, except you send others to take our place therein." Thus the herald reported, and

πειράτο τῶν 'Ελλήνων εἴ τινες ἐθέλοιεν ἄλλοι ἐθελονταὶ ἱέναι τε ἐς τὸν χῶρον τοῦτον καὶ τάσ-σεσθαι διάδοχοι Μεγαρεῦσι. οὐ βουλομένων δὲ τῶν ἄλλων 'Αθηναῖοι ὑπεδέξαντο καὶ 'Αθηναίων οἱ τριηκόσιοι λογάδες, τῶν ἐλοχήγεε' Ολυμπιόδωρος

δ Λάμπωνος.

22. Ούτοι ήσαν οί τε ύποδεξάμενοι και οί προ των άλλων των παρεύντων Ελλήνων ές Έρυθρας ταχθέντες, τους τοξότας προσελόμενοι. μαχομένων δε σφέων επί χρόνον τέλος τοιόνδε εγένετο τής μάχης. προσβαλλούσης της ίππου κατά τέλεα, ο Μασιστίου προέχων των άλλων ίππος βάλλεται τοξεύματι τὰ πλευρά, ἀλγήσας δὲ Ισταταί τε όρθος και άποσείεται τον Μασίστιον πεσόντι δε αυτώ οι 'Αθηναίοι αυτίκα επεκέατο. τον τε δή ίππον αὐτοῦ λαμβάνουσι καὶ αὐτὸν άμυνόμενον κτείνουσι, κατ' άρχὰς οὐ δυνάμενοι. ἐνεσκεύαστο γαρ ούτω έντος θώρηκα είχε χρύσεον λεπιδωτόν, κατύπερθε δέ του θώρηκος κιθώνα φοινίκεον ένεδεδύκεε. τύπτοντες δὲ ἐς τὸν θώρηκα ἐποίευν οὐδέν, πρίν γε δη μαθών τις τὸ ποιεύμενον παίει μεν ές του οφθαλμόν. ούτω δη έπεσέ τε και απέθανε. ταθτα δέ κως γινόμενα έλελήθεε τους άλλους ίππέας· ούτε γάρ πεσόντα μιν είδον άπο τοῦ ἴππου ούτε ἀποθνήσκοντα, ἀναχωρήσιος τε γινομένης καὶ ύποστροφής οὐκ ἔμαθον τὸ γινόμενου. ἐπείτε δὲ ἔστησαν, αὐτίκα ἐπόθεσαν, ώς σφεας οὐδείς ην ὁ τάσσων μαθόντες δὲ τὸ γεγονός, διακελευσάμενοι ήλαυνον τους ίππους πάντες, ώς άν του νεκρου άνελοίατο.

 'Ιδόντες δὲ οἱ 'Αθηναῖοι οὐκέτι κατὰ τέλεα προσελαύνοντας τοὺς ἱππέας ἀλλὰ πάντας, τὴν

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Pausanias inquired among the Greeks if any would offer themselves to go to that place and relieve the Megarians by holding the post. None other would go; but the Athenians took it upon themselves, even three hundred picked men of Athens, whose

captain was Olympiodorus son of Lampon,

22. These were they who took it upon themselves, and were posted at Erythrae in advance of the whole Greek army; and they took with them the archers also. For a long time they fought; and the end of the battle was as I shall show. The horsemen charged by squadrons; and Masistius' horse, being at the head of the rest, was smitten in the side by an arrow, and rearing up in its pain it threw Masistius; who when he fell was straightway set upon by the Athenians. His horse they took then and there, and he himself was slain fighting, though at first they could not kill him; for the fashion of his armour was such, that he wore a purple tunic over a cuirass of golden scales that was within it; and it was all in vain that they smote at the cuirass, till someone saw what they did and stabbed him in the eye, so that he fell dead. as chance would have it the rest of the horsemen knew nought of this; for they had not seen him fall from his horse, or die; and they wheeled about and rode back without perceiving what was done. But as soon as they halted they saw what they lacked, since there was none to order them; and when they perceived what had chanced, they gave each other the word, and all rode together torecover the dead body.

 When the Athenians saw the horsemen riding at them, not by squadrons as before, but all together,

ἄλλην στρατιήν ἐπεβώσαντοι ἐν ῷ δὲ ὁ πεζὸς ἄπας ἐβοήθεε, ἐν τούτω μάχη ὁξέα περὶ τοῦ νεκροῦ γίνεται. ἔως μέν νυν μοῦνοι ἤσαν οἱ τριηκόσιοι, ἐσσοῦντό τε πολλὸν καὶ τὸν νεκρὸν ἀπέλειπον ὡς δέ σφι τὸ πλήθος ἐπεβοήθησε, οῦτω δὴ οἰκέτι οἱ ἱππόται ὑπέμενον οὐδέ σφι ἐξεγένετο τὸν νεκρὸν ἀνελέσθαι, ἀλλὰ πρὸς ἐκείνῷ ἄλλους προσαπώλεσαν τῶν ἱππέων. ἀποστήσαντες ὧν ὅσον τε δύο στάδια ἐβουλεύοντο ὅ τι χρεὸν εἴη ποιέειν ἐδόκεε δὲ σφι ἀναρχίης ἐούσης ἀπελαύνειν παρὰ Μαρδόνιον.

24. 'Απικομένης δὲ τῆς ἵππου ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον πένθος ἐποιήσαντο Μασιστίου πᾶσά τε ἡ στρατιὴ καὶ Μαρδόνιος μέγιστον, σφέας τε αὐτοὺς κείροντες καὶ τοὺς ἵππους καὶ τὰ ὑποζύγια οἰμωγῷ τε χρεώμενοι ἀπλέτω· ἄπασαν γὰρ τὴν Βοιωτίην κατεῖχε ἡχὰ ὡς ἀνδρὸς ἀπολομένου μετά γε Μαρδόνιον λογιμωτάτου παρά τε Πέρσησι καὶ βασιλέι.

25. Οι μέν νυν βάρβαροι τρόπω τῷ σφετέρω ἀποθανόντα ἐτίμων Μασίστιον οι δὲ "Ελληνες ὡς τὴν ἴππον ἐδέξαντο προσβάλλουσαν καὶ δεξάμενοι ισσαντο, ἐθάρσησάν τε πολλω μάλλον καὶ πρώτα μὲν ἐς ἄμαξαν ἐσθέντες τὸν νεκρὸν παρὰ τὰς τάξις ἐκόμιζον ὁ δὲ νεκρὸς ἢν θέης ἄξιος μεγάθεος εἴνεκα καὶ κάλλεος, τῶν δὴ εἴνεκα καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίευν ἐκλείποντες τὰς τάξις ἐφοίτων θεησόμενοι Μασίστιον. μετὰ δὲ ἔδοξέ σφι ἐπικαταβῆναι ἐς Πλαταιάς ὁ γὰρ χώρος ἐφαίνετο πολλῷ ἐὼν ἐπιτηδεότερος σφι ἐνστρατοπεδεύεσθαι ὁ Πλαταιικὸς τοῦ Ἐρυθραίου τὰ τε ἄλλα καὶ εὐυδρότερος. ἐς τοῦτον δὴ τὸν χῶρον καὶ ἐπὶ τὴν κρήνην τὴν Γαργαφίην τὴν ἐν τῷ χώρω τούτω 184

they cried to the rest of the army for help. While all their foot was rallying to aid, there waxed a sharp fight over the dead body. As long as the three hundred stood alone, they had the worst of the battle by far, and were nigh leaving the dead man; but when the main body came to their aid, then it was the horsemen that could no longer hold their ground, nor avail to recover the dead man, but they lost others of their comrades too besides Masistius. They drew off therefore and halted about two furlongs off, where they consulted what they should do; and resolved, as there was none to lead them, to ride away to Mardonius.

24. When the cavalry returned to the camp, Mardonius and all the army made very great mourning for Masistius, cutting their own hair and the hair of their horses and beasts of burden, and lamenting loud and long; for the sound of it was heard over all Boeotia, inasmuch as a man was dead who was next to Mardonius most esteemed by all Persia and

the king.

25. So the foreigners honoured Masistius' death after their manner; but the Greeks were much heartened by their withstanding and repelling of the horsemen. And first they laid the dead man on a cart and carried him about their ranks; and the body was worth the viewing, for stature and goodliness; wherefore they would even leave their ranks and come to view Masistius. Presently they resolved that they would march down to Plataeae; for they saw that the ground there was in all ways fitter by much for encampment than at Erythrae, and chiefly because it was better watered. To this place, and to the Gargaphian spring that was there,

έοῦσαν ἔδοξέ σφι χρεὸν εἶναι ἀπικέσθαι καὶ διαταχθέντας στρατοπεδεύεσθαι. ἀναλαβόντες δὲ τὰ ὅπλα ἤισαν διὰ τῆς ὑπωρέης τοῦ Κιθαιρῶνος παρὰ Ὑσιὰς ἐς τὴν Πλαταιίδα γῆν, ἀπικόμενοι δὲ ἐτάσσοντο κατὰ ἔθνεα πλησίον τῆς τε κρήνης τῆς Γαργαφίης καὶ τοῦ τεμένεος τοῦ ᾿Ανδροκράτεος τοῦ ἤρωος, διὰ ὄχθων τε οὐκ ὑψηλῶν

και απέδου χώρου.

26. Ένθαῦτα ἐν τῆ διατάξι ἐγένετο λόγων πολλῶν ἀθισμὸς Τεγεητέων τε καὶ 'Αθηναίων' έδικαίευν γάρ αὐτοὶ ἐκάτεροι ἔχειν τὸ ἔτερον κέρας, και καινά και παλαιά παραφέροντες έργα. τοῦτο μὲν οἱ Τεγεῆται ἔλεγον τάδε. "Ἡμεῖς αἰεί κοτε αξιεύμεθα ταύτης της τάξιος έκ των συμμάχων άπάντων, όσαι ήδη έξοδοι κοιναί εγένοντο Πελοποννησίοισι καὶ τὸ παλαιὸν καὶ τὸ νέον, ἐξ έκείνου του χρόνου έπείτε 'Ηρακλείδαι έπειρώντο μετά του Ευρυσθέος θάνατου κατιόντες ές Πελοπόννησον τότε ευρόμεθα τοῦτο διὰ πρηγμα τοιόνδε. ἐπεὶ μετὰ 'Αγαιῶν καὶ Ἰώνων τῶν τότε έδυτων εν Πελοποννήσω εκβοηθήσαντες ές τον Ίσθμον ίζομεθα αντίοι τοίσι κατιούσι, τότε ών λόγος "Τλλον άγορεύσασθαι ώς χρεον είη τον μέν στρατόν τώ στρατώ μη ανακινδυνεύειν συμβάλλοντα, έκ δὲ τοῦ Πελοποννησίου στρατοπέδου τον αν σφέων αυτών κρίνωσι είναι άριστον, τουτόν οί μουνομαγήσαι έπὶ διακειμένοισι. ἔδοξέ τε τοίσι Πελοποννησίοισι ταύτα είναι ποιητέα καί έταμον δρκιον έπὶ λόγω τοιώδε, ήν μεν "Υλλος νικήση του Πελοπουνησίων ήγεμόνα, κατιέναι Ήρακλείδας έπὶ τὰ πατρώια, ην δὲ νικηθή, τὰ

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they resolved that they must betake themselves and encamp in their several battalions; and they took up their arms and marched along the lower slopes of Cithaeron past Hysiae to the lands of Plataeae, and when they were there they arrayed themselves nation by nation near the Gargaphian spring and the precinct of the hero Androcrates, among low

hills and in a level country.

26. There, in the ordering of their battle, arose much dispute between the Tegeans and the Athenians; for each of them claimed that they should hold the second 1 wing of the army, justifying themselves by tales of deeds new and old. First said the Tegeans: "Of all the allies we have ever had the right to hold this post, in all campaigns ancient and late of the united Peloponnesian armies, ever since that time when the Heraclidae after Eurystheus' death essayed to return into the Peloponnese; that right we then gained, for the achievement which we will relate. When we mustered at the Isthmus for war, along with the Achaeans and Ionians who then dwelt in the Peloponnese, and encamped over against the returning exiles, then (it is said) Hyllus 2 proclaimed his counsel that army should not be risked against army in battle, but that that champion in the host of the Peloponnesians whom they chose for their best should fight with him in single combat on agreed conditions. The Peloponnesians resolving that this should be so, they swore a compact that if Hyllus should vanquish the Peloponnesian champion, the Heraelidae should return to the land of their fathers, but if he were himself vanquished, then

That is, the wing which was not held by the Lacedaemonians themselves.

Son of Heracles.

εμπαλιν Ηρακλείδας ἀπαλλάσσεσθαι καὶ ἀπάγειν την στρατιήν έκατου τε έτέων μη ζητήσαι κάτοδου ές Πελοπόννησον. προεκρίθη τε δή έκ πάντων τῶν συμμάχων ἐθελοντὴς "Εχεμος ὁ Ἡερόπου τοῦ Φηγέος στρατηγός τε έων και βασιλεύς ημέτερος, και εμουνομάχησε τε και απέκτεινε Τλλον. ἐκ τούτου τοῦ έργου ευρόμεθα ἐν Πελοπουνησίοισί γε τοίσι τότε καὶ άλλα γέρεα μεγάλα, τὰ διατελέομεν έχοντες, καὶ τοῦ κέρεος τοῦ ἐτέρου αίει ήγεμονεύειν κοινής έξόδου γινομένης. ύμιν μέν νυν & Λακεδαιμόνιοι ούκ αντιεύμεθα, αλλά διδόντες αίρεσιν όκοτέρου βούλεσθε κέρεος άρχειν παρίεμεν του δε ετέρου φαμέν ήμέας ίκνέεσθαι ήγεμονεύειν κατά περ έν τῷ πρόσθε χρόνω. χωρίς τε τούτου του άπηγημένου έργου άξιονικότεροι είμεν 'Αθηναίων ταύτην την τάξιν έχειν. πολλοί μέν γάρ και εὐ έχοντες πρὸς ὑμέας ἡμίν, ἄνδρες Σπαρτίηται, άγωνες άγωνίδαται, πολλοί δε καί προς άλλους, ούτω ων δίκαιον ήμέας έχειν το έτερον κέρας ή περ 'Αθηναίους, ου γάρ σφι έστι έργα οἰά περ ἡμῖν κατεργασμένα, οὕτ' ὧν καινὰ οὕτε παλαιά."

27. Οι μεν ταῦτα έλεγον, 'Αθηναίοι δὲ πρὸς ταῦτα ὑπεκρίναντο τάδε. "Επιστάμεθα μὲν σύνοδον τήνδε μάχης εἴνεκα συλλεγῆναι πρὸς τὸν βάρβαρον, ἀλλ' οὐ λόγων ἐπεὶ δὲ ὁ Τεγεήτης προέθηκε παλαιὰ καὶ καινὰ λέγειν τὰ ἐκατέροισι ἐν τῷ παντὶ χρόνῳ κατέργασται χρηστά, ἀναγκαίως ἡμῦν ἔχει δηλώσαι πρὸς ὑμέας ὅθεν ἡμῦν πατρώιον ἐστὶ ἐοῦσι χρηστοῖσι αἰεὶ πρώτοισι εἰναι μᾶλλον ἡ ᾿Αρκάσι. Ἡρακλείδας, τῶν οὐτοι φασὶ ἀποκτεῖναι τὸν ἡγεμόνα ἐν Ἰσθμῷ, τοῦτο

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contrariwise the Heraclidae should depart and lead their army away, and not seek to return to the Peloponnese till a hundred years were past. our general and king Echemus, son of Phegeus' son Eëropus, offered himself and was chosen out of all the allied host; and he fought that duel and slew Hyllus. For that feat of arms the Peloponnesians of that day granted us this also among other great privileges which we have never ceased to possess, that in all united campaigns we should ever lead the army's second wing. Now with you, men of Lacedaemon, we have no rivalry, but forbear and bid you choose the command of whichever wing you will; but this we say, that our place is at the head of the other, as ever aforetime. And setting aside that feat which we have related, we are worthier than the Athenians to hold that post; for many are the fields on which we have fought with happy event in regard to you, men of Lacedaemon, and others besides. is just, therefore, that we and not the Athenians should hold the second wing; for never early or late have they achieved such feats of arms as we."

27. Thus they spoke; and thus the Athenians replied: "It is our belief that we are here gathered in concourse for battle with the foreigner, and not for discourses; but since the man of Tegea has made it his business to speak of all the valorous deeds, old and new, which either of our nations has at any time achieved, needs must that we prove to you how we, rather than Arcadians, have in virtue of our valour an hereditary right to the place of honour. These Tegeans say that they slew the leader of the Heraclidae at the Isthmus; now when those same Heraclidae

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μεν τούτους, πρότερον έξελαυνομένους ύπο πάντων Ελλήνων ές τους απικοίατο φεύγοντες δουλοσύνην προς Μυκηναίων, μούνοι ὑποδεξάμενοι την Εὐρυσθέος υβριν κατείλομεν, σύν έκείνοισι μάχη νικήσαντες τους τότε έχοντας Πελοπόννησον. τούτο δὲ 'Αργείους τοὺς μετὰ Πολυνείκεος ἐπὶ Θήβας ελάσαντας, τελευτήσαντας του αίδινα καί άτάφους κειμένους, στρατευσάμενοι έπι τούς Καδμείους ανελέσθαι τε τους νεκρούς φαμέν καί θάψαι της ημετέρης εν Έλευσινι. έστι δε ημίν έργου εὖ έχου καὶ ἐς ᾿Αμαζουίδας τὰς ἀπὸ Θερ-μώδουτος ποταμοῦ ἐσβαλούσας κοτὲ ἐς γῆυ τὴυ Αττικήν, και έν τοΐσι Τρωικοΐσι πόνοισι οὐδαμών έλειπόμεθα. άλλ' ού γάρ τι προέχει τούτων έπιμεμνήσθαι· καὶ γὰρ ἃν χρηστοὶ τότε ἐόντες ώυτοὶ νῦν ᾶν εἶεν φλαυρότεροι, καὶ τότε ἐόντες φλαύροι νύν αν είεν αμείνονες. παλαιών μέν νυν έργων άλις έστω ήμιν δὲ εί μηδὲν άλλο ἐστὶ άποδεδεγμένου, ὥσπερ ἐστὶ πολλά τε καὶ εὖ ἔχουτα εἰ τεοίσι καὶ ἄλλοισι Ἑλλήνων, ἀλλὰ καὶ άπο του έν Μαραθώνι έργου άξιοι είμεν τούτο το γέρας έγειν και άλλα πρός τούτω, οίτινες μούνοι Ελλήνων δη μουνομαχήσαντες τώ Πέρση και έργω τοσούτω ἐπιχειρήσαντες περιεγενόμεθα καὶ ἐνικήσαμεν ἔθνεα ἔξ τε καὶ τεσσεράκοντα. ἀρ ου δίκαιοι είμεν έχειν ταύτην την τάξιν άπο τούτου μούνου τοῦ έργου; ἀλλ' οὐ γὰρ ἐν τῷ τοιώδε τάξιος είνεκα στασιάζειν πρέπει, άρτιοι είμεν πείθεσθαι ύμιν & Λακεδαιμόνιοι, ίνα δοκέει έπιτηδεότατον ήμέας είναι έστάναι και κατ οδστινας πάντη γάρ τεταγμένοι πειρησόμεθα

clidae had till then been rejected by every Greek people to whom they resorted to escape the tyranny of the Mycenacans, we and none other received them1; and with them we vanquished those that then dwelt in the Peloponnese, and we broke the pride of Eurystheus. Furthermore, when the Argives who had marched with Polynices 2 against Thebes had there made an end of their lives and lay unburied. know that we sent our army against the Cadmeans and recovered the dead and buried them in Eleusis: and we have on record our great victory against the Amazons who once came from the river Thermodon and broke into Attica; and in the hard days of Troy we were second to none. But since it is idle to recall these matters-for they that were erstwhile valiant may now be of lesser mettle, and they that lacked mettle then may be better men now-enough of these doings of old time; and we, if we are known for no achievement (as we are, for more and greater than are any men in Hellas), yet from our feat of arms at Marathon we deserve to have this honour, yea, and more beside; seeing that alone of all Greeks we met the Persian single-handed, nor failed in that high enterprise, but overcame six and forty nations. Is it not our right to hold this post, for nought but that one feat? Yet seeing that this is no time for wrangling about our place in the battle, we are ready to obey you, men of Lacedaemon! and take whatso place and face whatso enemy you deem most fitting; wheresoever you set us, we will strive to be valiant

When Polynices tried to recover Thebes from his brother

Etcocles; see Aeschylus' "Seven against Thebes,"

¹ Hyllus, pursued by his enemy Eurystheus, took refuge with the Athenians, and with their aid defeated and killed Eurystheus and his sons.

είναι χρηστοί. ἐξηγέεσθε δὲ ὡς πεισομένων."
οξ μὲν ταῦτα ἀμείβοντο, Λακεδαιμονίων δὲ ἀνέβωσε ἄπαν τὸ στρατόπεδον 'Αθηναίους ἀξιονικοτέρους είναι ἔχειν τὸ κέρας ἤ περ 'Αρκάδας.
οῦτω δὴ ἔσχον οἱ 'Αθηναῖοι καὶ ὑπερεβάλοντο

τους Τεγεήτας.

28. Μετά δὲ ταῦτα ἐτάσσοντο ώδε οἱ ἐπιφοιτώντές τε καὶ οἱ ἀρχὴν ἐλθόντες Ἑλλήνων.
τὸ μὲν δεξιὸν κέρας εἰχον Λακεδαιμονίων μύριοι τούτων δε τους πεντακισχιλίους εόντας Σπαρτιήτας εφύλασσον ψιλοί των είλωτων πεντακισχίλιοι και τρισμύριοι, περί ἄνδρα έκαστον έπτα τεταγμένοι. προσεχέας δὲ σφίσι είλοντο έστάναι οι Σπαρτιήται τοὺς Τεγεήτας και τιμής είνεκα και άρετης. τούτων δ' ήσαν όπλίται χίλιοι καὶ πεντακύσιοι. μετὰ δὲ τούτους ἴσταντο Κορινθίων πεντακισχίλιοι, παρά δὲ σφίσι εύροντο παρά Παυσανίεω έστάναι Ποτιδαιητέων τών έκ Παλλήνης τούς παρεόντας τριηκοσίους. τούτων δέ έχόμενοι ἴσταντο ᾿Αρκάδες ὑΟρχομένιοι έξακόσιοι, τούτων δὲ Σικυώνιοι τρισχίλιοι. τούτων δὲ εἴχοντο Ἐπιδαυρίων ὀκτακόσιοι. παρὰ δὲ τούτους Τροιζηνίων ετάσσοντο χίλιοι, Τροιζηνίων δέ έχομενοι Λεπρεητέων διηκόσιοι, τούτων δε Μυκηναίων καὶ Τιρυνθίων τετρακόσιοι, τούτων δὲ ἐχόμενοι Φλειάσιοι χίλιοι. παρὰ δὲ τούτους ἐστησαν Ερμιονέες τριηκόσιοι. Έρμιονέων δὲ έχόμενοι ισταντο Έρετριέων τε και Στυρέων έξακόσιοι, τούτων δε Χαλκιδέες τετρακόσιοι, τούτων δὲ ᾿Αμπρακιητέων πεντακόσιοι. μετά δὲ τούτους Λευκαδίων καὶ ᾿Ανακτορίων ὀκτακόσιοι έστησαν, τούτων δε εχόμενοι Παλέες οι έκ Κεφαλ-192

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men. Command us then, as knowing that we will obey." Thus the Athenians answered; and the whole army shouted aloud that the Athenians were worthier to hold the wing than the Arcadians. Thus the Athenians were preferred to the men of Tegea,

and gained that place.

28. Presently the whole Greek army was arrayed as I shall show, both the later and the earliest comers. On the right wing were ten thousand Lacedaemonians; five thousand of these, who were Spartans, had a guard of thirty-five thousand lightarmed helots, seven appointed for each man. The Spartans chose the Tegeans for their neighbours in the battle, both to do them honour, and for their valour; there were of these fifteen hundred men-atarms. Next to these in the line were five thousand Corinthians, at whose desire Pausanias suffered the three hundred Potidaeans from Pallene then present to stand by them. Next to these were six hundred Areadians from Orchomenus, and after them three thousand men of Sievon. By these a thousand Troezenians were posted, and after them two hundred men of Lepreum, then four hundred from Mycenae and Tiryns, and next to them a thousand from Phlius. By these stood three hundred men of Hermione. Next to the men of Hermione were six hundred Eretrians and Styreaus; next to them, four hundred Chalcidians; next again, five hundred Ampraciots, After these stood eight hundred Leucadians and Anactorians, and next to them two hundred from

ληνίης διηκόσιοι. μετὰ δὲ τούτους Αἰγινητέων πεντακόσιοι ἐτάχθησαν. παρὰ δὲ τούτους ἐτάσσοντο Μεγαρέων τρισχίλιοι. εἴχοντο δὲ τούτων Πλαταιέες ἐξακόσιοι. τελευταῖοι δὲ καὶ πρῶτοι ᾿Αθηναῖοι ἐτάσσοντο, κέρας ἔχοντες τὸ εὐόνυμον, ὀκτακισχίλιοι: ἐστρατήγεε δ' αὐτῶν ᾿Αριστείδης

ο Αυσιμάχου.

29. Οῦτοι, πλην τῶν ἐπτὰ περὶ ἔκαστον τεταγμένων Σπαρτιήτησι, ήσαν ὁπλῖται, σύμπαντες ἐόντες ἀριθμὸν τρεῖς τε μυριάδες καὶ ὀκτὼ χιλιάδες καὶ ἐκατοντάδες ἐπτά. ὁπλῖται μὲν οἱ πάντες συλλεγέντες ἐπὶ τὸν βάρβαρον ήσαν τοσοῦτοι, ψιλῶν δὲ πλῆθος ἡν τόδε, τῆς μὲν Σπαρτιητικῆς τάξιος πεντακισχίλιοι καὶ τρισμύριοι ἄνδρες, ὡς ἐόντων ἐπτὰ περὶ ἔκαστον ἄνδρα, καὶ τούτων πᾶς τις παρήρτητο ὡς ἐς πόλεμον οἱ δὲ τῶν λοιπῶν Λακεδαιμονίων καὶ Ἑλλήνων ψιλοί, ὡς εἶς περὶ ἔκαστον ἐων ἄνδρα, πεντακόσιοι καὶ τετρακισχίλιοι καὶ τρισμύριοι ἡσαν.

30. Ψιλών μέν δη των απάντων των μαχίμων ην το πληθος έξ τε μυριάδες και έννέα χιλιάδες και έκατοντάδες πέντε, του δε σύμπαντος του Έλληνικου του συνελθόντος ες Πλαταιάς σύν τε όπλίτησι και ψιλοίσι τοισι μαχίμοισι ενδεκα μυριάδες ήσαν, μιης χιλιάδος, προς δε όκτακοσίων άνδρων καταδέουσαι. σύν δε Θεσπιέων τοισι παρεουσι έξεπληρούντο αι ένδεκα μυριάδες παρήσαν γάρ και Θεσπιέων έν τώ στρατοπέδω οι περιεοντες, άριθμον ες όκτακοσίους και χιλίους όπλα δε ουδ' ούτοι είχον. ούτοι μέν νυν ταχθέντες

έπὶ τῶ 'Ασωπῶ ἐστρατοπεδεύοντο.

31. Οἱ δὲ ἀμφὶ Μαρδόνιον βάρβαροι ὡς ἀπε-

Pale in Cephallenia; after them in the array, five hundred Aeginetans; by them stood three thousand men of Megara, and next to these six hundred Plataeans. At the end, and first in the line, were the Athenians, on the left wing, eight thousand men; their general was Aristides son of Lysimachus.

29. All these, save the seven appointed to attend each Spartan, were men-at-arms, and the whole sum of them was thirty-eight thousand and seven hundred. This was the number of men-at-arms that mustered for war against the foreigner; as regarding the number of the light-armed men, there were in the Spartan array seven for each man-at-arms, that is, thirty-five thousand, and every one of these was equipped for war; the light-armed from the rest of Lacedaemon and Hellas were as one to every man-at-arms, and their number was thirty-four thousand and five hundred.

30. So the sum of all the light-arraed men that were fighters was sixty-nine thousand and five hundred, and of the whole Greek army mustered at Platacae, menat-arms and light-armed fighting men together, eleven times ten thousand, lacking eighteen hundred. But the Thespians who were there present made up the full tale of an hundred and ten thousand; for the survivors 1 of the Thespians were also present with the army, eighteen hundred in number. These then were arrayed, and encamped by the Asopus

31. When Mardonius' foreigners had finished their

¹ That is, who had not fallen at Thermopylae.

κήδευσαν Μασίστιον, παρήσαν, πυθόμενοι τους "Ελληνας είναι έν Πλαταιήσι, καὶ αὐτοί έπὶ τὸν 'Ασωπου του ταύτη ρέουτα. απικόμευοι δέ άντετάσσοντο ώδε ύπο Μαρδονίου. κατά μέν Λακεδαιμονίους έστησε Πέρσας. και δή πολλόν γάρ περιήσαν πλήθει οι Πέρσαι, ἐπί τε τάξις πλεθνας έκεκοσμέατο και έπείχον τους Τεγεήτας. έταξε δε ούτω: ὅ τι μεν ἡν αὐτών δυνατώτατον παν απολέξας έστησε αντίον Λακεδαιμονίων, τὸ δε ασθενέστερον παρέταξε κατά τους Τεγεήτας. ταθτα δ' εποίεε φραζόντων τε και διδασκόντων Θηβαίων. Περσέων δὲ ἐχομένους ἔταξε Μήδους. ούτοι δὲ ἐπέσχον Κορινθίους τε καὶ Ποτιδαιήτας και 'Ορχομενίους τε και Σικυωνίους. Μήδων δέ έχομένους έταξε Βακτρίους ούτοι δε επέσχον Επιδαυρίους τε και Τροιζηνίους και Λεπρεήτας τε καὶ Τιρυνθίους καὶ Μυκηναίους τε καὶ Φλειασίους. μετά δὲ Βακτρίους ἔστησε Ἰνδούς ουτοι δὲ ἐπέσχον Έρμιονέας τε καὶ Έρετριέας καὶ Στυρέας τε καὶ Χαλκιδέας. Ἰνδῶν δὲ ἐχομένους Σάκας έταξε, οδ ἐπέσχου 'Αμπρακιήτας τε καί Ανακτορίους και Λευκαδίους και Παλέας και Αίγινήτας. Σακέων δὲ έχομένους ἔταξε ἀντία Αθηναίων τε και Πλαταιέων και Μεγαρέων Βοιωτούς τε καὶ Λοκρούς καὶ Μηλιέας τε καὶ Θεσσαλούς και Φωκέων τούς χιλίους ού γάρ ών άπαντες οἱ Φωκέες ἐμήδισαν, ἀλλὰ τινὲς αὐτών και τὰ Έλλήνων ηθξον περί τὸν Παρνησσον κατειλημένοι, και ένθεθτεν όρμωμενοι έφερον τε και ήγου τήυ τε Μαρδονίου στρατιήν και τούς μετ' αὐτοῦ ἐόντας Ἑλλήνων. ἔταξε δὲ καὶ Μακε-

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mourning for Masistius, and heard that the Greeks were at Platacae, they also came to the part of the Asopus river nearest to them. When they were there they were arrayed for battle by Mardonius as I shall show. He posted the Persians facing the Lacedaemonians; and seeing that the Persians by far outnumbered the Lacedaemonians, they were arrayed in deeper ranks and their line ran fronting the Tegeans also. In his arraying of them he chose out the strongest part of the Persians to set it over against the Lacedaemonians, and posted the weaker by them facing the Tegeans; this he did being so informed and taught by the Thebans. Next to the Persians he posted the Medes, fronting the men of Corinth and Potidaea and Orchomenus and Sievon: next to the Medes, the Bactrians, fronting the men of Epidaurus, Troezen, Lepreum, Tiryns, Mycenae, and Phlius. After the Bactrians he set the Indians, fronting the men of Hermione and Eretria and Styra and Chalcis. Next to the Indians he posted the Sacae, fronting the Ampraciots, Anactorians, Leucadians, Paleans, and Aeginetans; next to the Sacae, and over against the Athenians and Plataeans and Megarians, the Boeotians and Locrians and Malians and Thessalians and the thousand that came from Phocis; for not all the Phocians took the Persian part, but some of them gave their aid to the Greek cause; these had been beleaguered on Parnassus, and issued out from thence to harry Mardonius' army and the Greeks that were with him. Besides these,

δόνας τε καὶ τοὺς περὶ Θεσσαλίην οἰκημένους

κατά τους 'Αθηναίους.

32. Ταῦτα μὲν τῶν ἐθνέων τὰ μέγιστα ἀνό-μασται τῶν ὑπὸ Μαρδονίου ταχθέντων, τά περ έπιφανέστατά τε ην και λόγου πλείστου ένησαν δέ και άλλων έθνέων άνδρες άναμεμιγμένοι, Φρυγών τε και Θρηίκων και Μυσών τε και Παιόνων και τών ἄλλων, ἐν δὲ καὶ Αἰθιόπων τε καὶ Αἰγυπτίων οί τε Ερμοτύβιες και οι Καλασίριες καλεόμενοι μαχαιροφόροι, οί περ είσι Αίγυπτίων μοῦνοι μάχιμοι. τούτους δὲ ἔτι ἐν Φαλήρω ἐων ἀπὸ τών νεών άπεβιβάσατο δόντας δπιβάτας ου γάρ έτανθησαν ές του πεζου του αμα Ξέρξη άπικόμενον ές 'Αθήνας Αίγύπτιοι. των μέν δή Βαρβάρων ήσαν τριήκοντα μυριάδες, ώς καὶ πρότερον δεδήλωται των δε Έλληνων των Μαρδονίου συμμάχων οίδε μεν ούδεις άριθμόν ού γάρ ών πριθμήθησαν ώς δὲ ἐπεικάσαι, ἐς πέντε μυριάδας συλλεγήναι εἰκάζω. οὐτοι οἱ παραταχθέντες πεζοὶ ἦσαν, ἡ δὲ ἵππος χωρὶς ἐτέτακτο. 33. 'Ως δὲ ἄρα πάντες οἱ ἐτετάχατο κατὰ ἔθνεα

33. 'Ως δὲ ἄρα πάντες οἱ ἐτετάχατο κατὰ ἔθνεα καὶ κατὰ τέλεα, ἐνθαύτα τῷ δευτέρη ἡμέρη ἐθύοντο καὶ ἀμφότεροι. "Ελλησι μὲν Τισαμενὸς 'Αντιόχου ἡν ὁ θυόμενος' οὐτος γὰρ δὴ εἴπετο τῷ στρατεύματι τούτῷ μάντις' τὸν ἐόντα 'Ηλεῖον καὶ γένεος τοῦ 'Ιαμιδέων [Κλυτιάδην] Λακεδαιμόνιοι ἐποιήσαντο λεωσφέτερον. Τισαμενῷ γὰρ μαντευομένῷ ἐν Δελφοῖσι περὶ γόνου ἀνεῖλε ἡ Πυθίη ἀγῶνας τοὺς μεγίστους ἀναιρήσεσθαι πέντε. ὁ μὲν δὴ

The Egyptian military classes mentioned in Bk. II. 164.
 The Iamidae were a priestly family, the members of

he arrayed against the Athenians Macedonians also

and the dwellers about Thessaly.

32. These that I have named were the greatest of the nations set in array by Mardonius that were of most note and account; but there was also in the army a mixed multitude of Phrygians, Thracians, Mysians, Paeonians, and the rest, besides Ethiopians and the Egyptian swordsmen called Hermotybies and Calasiries,1 who are the only fighting men in Egypt. These had been fighters on shipboard, till Mardonius while yet at Phalerum disembarked them from their ships; for the Egyptians were not appointed to serve in the land army which Xerxes led to Athens. Of the foreigners, then, there were three hundred thousand, as I have already shown; as for the Greek allies of Mardonius, none knows the number of them, for they were not counted; but as far as guessing may serve, I suppose them to have been mustered to the number of fifty thousand. These were the footmen that were set in array; the cavalry were separately ordered.

33. When they had all been arrayed in their nations and their battalions, on the second day thereafter both armies offered sacrifice. For the Greeks, Tisamenus it was that sacrificed; for he was with their army as a diviner; he was an Elean by birth, a Clytiad of the Iamid clan,² and the Lacedaemonians gave him the freedom of their city. For when Tisamenus was inquiring of the oracle at Delphi concerning issue, the priestess prophesied to him that he should win five great victories. Not under-

which were found in all parts of Hellas. The Clytiadae were also Elean priests, but quite separate from the Iamidae; so Stein is probably right in bracketing Karridöne.

άμαρτών του χρηστηρίου προσείχε γυμνασίοισι ώς αναιρησόμενος γυμνικούς αγώνας, ασκέων δέ πεντάεθλον παρά εν πάλαισμα έδραμε νικάν 'Ολυμπιάδα, Ίερωνύμω τῷ 'Ανδρίω ελθών ες εριν. Λακεδαιμόνιοι δε μαθόντες ούκ ες γυμνικούς άλλ' ές άρηίους άγωνας φέρον το Τισαμενού μαντήιον, μισθώ ἐπειρώντο πείσαντες Τισαμενὸν ποιέεσθαι άμα Ἡρακλειδέων τοῖσι βασιλεῦσι ἡγεμόνα τῶν πολέμων. δ δε ορέων περί πολλού ποιευμένους Σπαρτιήτας φίλον αὐτὸν προσθέσθαι, μαθών τοῦτο ἀνετίμα, σημαίνων σφι ώς ήν μιν πολιήτην σφέτερον ποιήσωνται των πάντων μεταδιδόντες, ποιήσει ταῦτα, ἐπ' ἄλλφ μισθώ δ' οῦ. Σπαρτιῆται δέ πρώτα μέν ἀκούσαντες δεινά ἐποιεύντο καὶ μετίεσαν της χρησμοσύνης το παράπαν, τέλος δέ δείματος μεγάλου επικρεμαμένου του Περσικού τούτου στρατεύματος καταίνεον μετιόντες. δ δὲ γνούς τετραμμένους σφέας οὐδ' οῦτω ἔτι ἔφη άρκέεσθαι τούτοισι μούνοισι, άλλα δείν έτι τον άδελφεὸν έωυτοῦ Ἡγίην γίνεσθαι Σπαρτιήτην έπὶ τοίσι αὐτοίσι λόγοισι τοίσι καὶ αὐτὸς γίνεται.

34. Ταῦτα δὲ λέγων οὖτος ἐμιμέετο Μελάμποδα, ώς εἰκάσαι βασιληίην τε καὶ πολιτηίην αἰτεομένους. καὶ γὰρ δη καὶ Μελάμπους τῶν ἐν "Αργεῖ γυναικῶν μανεισέων, ῶς μιν οἱ 'Αργεῖοι ἐμισθοῦντο ἐκ Πύλου παῦσαι τὰς σφετέρας γυναῖκας τῆς νούσου, μισθὸν προετείνατο τῆς βασιληίης τὸ ἡμισυ. οὐκ ἀνασχομένων δὲ τῶν 'Αργείων ἀλλ' ἀπιόντων, ὡς ἐμαίνοντο πλεῦνες τῶν γυναικῶν.

¹ The five events of the Pentathlum were running, jumping, wrestling, and throwing of the spear and the discus.

standing that oracle, he betook himself to bodily exercises, thinking so to win in such-like sports; and having trained himself for the Five Contests,1 he came within one wrestling bout of winning the Olympic prize, in a match with Hieronymus of Andros. But the Lacedaemonians perceived that the oracle given to Tisamenus spake of the lists not of sport but of war; and they essayed to bribe Tisamenus to be a leader in their wars, jointly with their kings of Heracles' line. But when he saw that the Spartans set great store by his friendship. with this knowledge he set his price higher, and made it known to them that for no reward would he do their will save for the gift of full citizenship and all a citizen's rights. Hearing that, the Spartans at first were angry and ceased wholly from their request; but when the dreadful menace of this Persian host overhung them they consented and granted his demand. But when he saw their purpose changed, he said that not even so and with that only would be be content; his brother Hegias too must be made a Spartan on the same terms as himself.

34. By so saying he imitated Melampus, in so far as one may compare demands for kingship and for citizenship. For when the women of Argos had gone mad, and the Argives would fain hire him to come from Pylos and heal them of that madness, Melampus demanded half of their kingship for his wages; which the Argives could not suffer, and so departed; but when the madness spread among their women,

² According to the legend, the Argive women were driven mad by Dionysus for refusing to take part in his orgies, and cured by Melampus. Many Greek authors refer to it, with varying details.

οῦτω δὴ ὑποστάντες τὰ ὁ Μελάμπους προετείνατο ἤισαν δώσοντές οἱ ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ ἐνθαῦτα δὴ ἐπορέγεται ὁρέων αὐτοὺς τετραμμένους, φάς, ἢν μὴ καὶ τῷ ἀδελφεῷ Βίαντι μεταδῶσι τὰ τριτημόριον τῆς βασιληίης, οὐ ποιήσειν τὰ βούλονται. οἱ δὲ Αργεῖοι ἀπειληθέντες ἐς στεινὸν καταινέουσι καὶ

ταῦτα.

35. 'Ως δὲ καὶ Σπαρτιῆται, ἐδέοντο γὰρ δεινῶς τοῦ Τισαμενοῦ, πάντως συνεχώρεον οἰ. συγχωρησάντων δὲ καὶ ταῦτα τῶν Σπαρτιητέων, οὕτω δὴ πέντε σφι μαντευόμενος ἀγῶνας τοὺς μεγίστους Τισαμενός ὁ 'Ηλεῖος, γενόμενος Σπαρτιήτης, συγκαταιρέει. μοῦνοι δὲ δὴ πάντων ἀνθρώπων ἐγένοντο οὕτοι Σπαρτιήτησι πολιῆται. οἱ δὲ πέντε ἀγῶνες οῖδε ἐγένοντο, εἶς μὲν καὶ πρῶτος οὕτος ὁ ἐν Πλαταιῆσι, ἐπὶ δὲ ὁ ἐν Τεγέη πρὸς Τεγεήτας τε καὶ 'Αργείους γενόμενος, μετὰ δὲ ὁ ἐν Διπαιεῦσι πρὸς 'Αρκάδας πάντας πλὴν Μαντινέων, ἐπὶ δὲ ὁ Μεσσηνίων ὁ πρὸς 'Ιθώμη, ΰστατος δὲ ὁ ἐν Τανάγρη πρὸς 'Αθηναίους τε καὶ 'Αργείους γενόμενος' οὕτος δὲ ὕστατος κατεργάσθη τῶν πέντε ἀγώνων.

36. Οὐτος δὴ τότε τοῖσι "Ελλησι ὁ Τισαμενός, ἀγόντων τῶν Σπαρτιητέων, ἐμαντεύετο ἐν τῆ Πλαταιίδι. τοῖσι μέν νυν "Ελλησι καλὰ ἐγίνετο τὰ ἱρὰ ἀμυνομένοισι, διαβᾶσι δὲ τὸν 'Ασωπὸν

καὶ μάχης ἄρχουσι ού.

37. Μαρδονίφ δὲ προθυμεομένω μάχης ἄρχειν οὐκ ἐπιτήδεα ἐγίνετο τὰ ἰρά, ἀμυνομένω δὲ καὶ τούτω καλά. καὶ γὰρ οὐτος Ἑλληνικοῖσι ἰροῖσι ἐχρᾶτο, μάντιν ἔχων Ἡγησίστρατον ἄνδρα Ἡλεῖόν

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thereat they promised what Melampus demanded and were ready to give it to him. Thereupon, seeing their purpose changed, he asked yet more, and said that he would not do their will except they gave a third of their kingship to his brother Bias; and the Argives, driven thus into a strait, consented to that also.

35. Thus the Spartans too were so eagerly desirous of winning Tisamenus that they granted all his demand. When they had granted him this also, then did Tisamenus of Elis, now become a Spartan, ply his divination for them and aid them to win five very great victories. None on earth save Tisamenus and his brother ever became citizens of Sparta. Now the five victories were these: one, the first, this victory at Plataeae; next that which was won at Tegea over the Tegeans and Argives; after that, over all the Arcadians save the Mantineans at Dipaea; next, over the Messenians at Ithome; lastly, the victory at Tanagra over the Athenians and Argives, which was the last won of the five victories.

36. This Tisamenus had now been brought by the Spartans and was the diviner of the Greeks in the lands of Plataeae. Now the sacrifices boded good to the Greeks if they should but defend themselves, but evil if they should cross the Asopus and be the

first to attack.

37. But Mardonius' sacrifices also boded nought to his liking if he should be zealous to attack first, and good if he should but defend himself; for he too used the Greek manner of sacrifice; Hegesistratus

¹ The battle at Ithome was apparently in the third Messenian war; that at Tanagra, in 457 s.c. (Thueyd. i. 107). Nothing is known of the battles at Tegea and Dipaca.

τε καὶ τῶν Τελλιαδέων ἐόντα λογιμώτατον, τὸν δη πρότερον τούτων Σπαρτιήται λαβόντες έδησαν έπὶ θανάτω ώς πεπουθότες πολλά τε καὶ ἀνάρσια ύπ' αὐτοῦ. ὁ δὲ ἐν τούτφ τῷ κακῷ ἐχόμενος, ὥστε τρέχων περὶ τῆς ψυχῆς πρό τε τοῦ θανάτου πεισόμενος πολλά τε καὶ λυγρά, ἔργον ἐργάτατο μέζον λόγου. ώς γαρ δη εδέδετο εν ξύλφ σιδηροδέτω, ἐσενειγθέντος κως σιδηρίου ἐκράτησε, αὐτίκα δὲ ἐμηγανᾶτο ἀνδρηιότατον ἔργον πάντων τῶν ήμεις ίδμεν σταθμησάμενος γάρ ὅκως ἐξελεύσεταί οί το λοιπον του ποδός, απέταμε τον ταρσον έωυτου. ταύτα δὲ ποιήσας, ώς φυλασσόμενος ύπο φυλάκων, διορύξας του τοίχου ἀπέδρη ές Τεγέην, τὰς μεν νύκτας πορευόμενος, τὰς δε ημέρας καταδύνων ές ύλην και αὐλιζόμενος, ούτω ώς Λακεδαιμονίων πανδημεί διζημένων τρίτη εύφρόνη γενέσθαι έν Τεγέη, τούς δὲ ἐν θώματι μεγάλω ἐνέχεσθαι τῆς τε τόλμης, ὁρῶντας τὸ ημίτομον του ποδός κείμενον, κάκείνον ου δυναμένους ευρείν. τότε μεν ούτω διαφυγών Λακεδαιμονίους καταφεύγει ές Τεγέην ἐοῦσαν οὐκ άρθμίην Λακεδαιμονίσισι τοῦτον του χρόνον· ὑγιῆς δὲ γενόμενος καὶ προσποιησάμενος ξύλινον πόδα κατεστήκεε έκ της ίθέης Λακεδαιμονίοισι πολέμιος. οὐ μέντοι ές γε τέλος οἱ συνήνεικε τὸ έχθος το ές Λακεδαιμονίους συγκεκυρημένον ήλω γάρ μαντευόμενος έν Ζακύνθω ύπ αὐτῶν καὶ ἀπέθανε.

38. 'Ο μέντοι θάνατος ὁ Ήγησιστράτου ὖστερον έγένετο τῶν Πλαταικῶν, τότε δὲ ἐπὶ τῷ ᾿Λσωπῷ Μαρδονίῳ μεμισθωμένος οὐκ ὀλίγου ἐθύετό τε καὶ προεθυμέετο κατά τετὸ ἔχθος τὸ Λακεδαιμονίων καὶ

of Elis was his diviner, the most notable of the sons of Tellias. This man had been put in prison and doomed to die by the Spartans for the much harm that he had done them. Being in this evil case, inasmuch as he was in peril of his life and like to be very grievously maltreated ere his death, he did a deed well nigh past believing; being made fast in iron-bound stocks, he got an iron weapon that was brought in some wise into his prison, and straightway conceived a plan of such hardihood as we have never known; reckoning how best the rest of it might get free, he cut off his own foot at the insten. This done, he burrowed through the wall out of the way of the guards that kept ward over him, and so escaped to Tegea; all night he journeyed and all day he hid and lay close in the woods, till on the third night he came to Tegea, while all the people of Lacedaemon sought him; and they were greatly amazed, seeing the half of his foot cut off and lying there. but not being able to find the man himself. Thus did he then escape from the Lacedaemonians and take refuge in Tegea, which at that time was unfriendly to Lacedaemon; and after he was healed and had made himself a foot of wood, he declared himself an open enemy of the Lacednemonians. Yet the enmity that he bore them brought him no good at the last; for they caught him at his divinations in Zacynthus, and slew him.

38. Howbeit, the death of Hegesistratus happened after the Plataean business; at the present he was by the Asopus, hired by Mardonius for no small wage, where he sacrificed and wrought zealously, both for the hatred he bore the Lacedaemonians,

κατὰ τὸ κέρδος. ὡς δὲ οὐκ ἐκαλλιέρεε ὥστε μάχεσθαι οὕτε αὐτοῖσι Πέρσησι οὕτε τοῖσι μετ' ἐκείνων ἐοῦσι Ἑλλήνων (εἰχον γὰρ καὶ οὕτοι ἐπ' ἐωυτῶν μάντιν Ἱππόμαχον Λευκάδιον ἄνδρα), ἐπιρρεόντων δὲ τῶν Ἑλλήνων καὶ γινομένων πλεύνων, Τιμηγενίδης ὁ "Ερπυος ἀνὴρ Θηβαῖος συνεβούλευσε Μαρδονίω τὰς ἐκβολὰς τοῦ Κιθαιρῶνος φυλάξαι, λέγων ὡς ἐπιρρέουσι οἱ "Ελληνες αἰεὶ ἀνὰ πᾶσαν ἡμέρην

καί ώς απολάμψοιτο συχνούς.

39. Ἡμέραι δέ σφι ἀντικατημένοισι ήδη έγεγόνεσαν όκτω, ότε ταῦτα ἐκεῖνος συνεβούλευε Μαρδονίφ. δ δε μαθών την παραίνεσιν εὐ έχουσαν, ώς ευφρόνη έγένετο, πέμπει την ίππον ές τὰς έκβολάς τὰς Κιθαιρωνίδας αι ἐπὶ Πλαταιέων φέρουσι, τὰς Βοιωτοί μὲν Τρεῖς κεφαλάς καλέουσι, Αθηναίοι δε Δρυός κεφαλάς. πεμφθέντες δε οί ίππόται ου μάτην ἀπίκοντο· ἐσβάλλοντα γάρ ἐς τὸ πεδίου λαμβάνουσι ὑποζύγιά τε πεντακόσια, σιτία άγουτα άπο Πελοπουνήσου ές το στρατόπεδον, και άνθρώπους οι είποντο τοισι ζεύγεσι. έλόντες δὲ ταύτην τὴν ἄγρην οἱ Πέρσαι ἀφειδέως έφόνευον, οὐ φειδόμενοι ούτε ὑποζυγίου οὐδενὸς ούτε ανθρώπου. ώς δὲ άδην είχον κτείνοντες, τὰ λοιπά αὐτῶν ήλαυνον περιβαλόμενοι παρά τε Μαρδόνιον καὶ ές τὸ στρατόπεδον.

40. Μετά δὲ τοῦτο το ἔργον ἐτέρας δύο ἡμέρας διέτριψαν, οὐδέτεροι βουλόμενοι μάχης ἄρξαι· μέχρι μὲν γὰρ τοῦ ᾿Ασωποῦ ἐπήισαν οἱ βάρβαροι πειρώμενοι τῶν Ἑλλήνων, διέβαινον δὲ οὐδέτεροι. ἡ μέντοι ἵππος ἡ Μαρδονίου αἰεὶ προσέκειτο τε καὶ ἐλύπεε τοὺς Ἑλληνας· οἱ γὰρ Θηβαῖοι, ἄτε μηδίζοντες μεγάλως, προθύμως ἔφερον τὸν πόλε-

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and for gain. But when no favourable omens for battle could be won either by the Persians themselves or by the Greeks that were with them (for they too had a diviner of their own, Hippomachus of Leucas), and the Greeks the while were ever flocking in and their army grew, Timagenides son of Herpys, a Theban, counselled Mardonius to guard the outlet of the pass over Cithaeron, telling him that the Greeks were ever flocking in daily and that

he would thereby cut off many of them.

39. The armies had now lain over against each other for eight days when he gave this counsel. Mardonius perceived that the advice was good; and when night had fallen he sent his horsemen to the outlet of the pass over Cithaeron that leads towards Plataeae, which pass the Boeotians call the Three Heads, and the Athenians the Oaks' Heads. This despatch of the horsemen was no fruitless one; for they caught five hundred beasts of burden issuing into the low country, bringing provision from the Peloponnese for the army, and men that came with the waggons; having taken which quarry the Persians slew without mercy, sparing neither man nor beast. When they had their fill of slaughter, they set what remained in their midst and drove them to Mardonius and his camp.

40. After this deed they waited two days more, neither side desiring to begin the battle; for though the foreigners came to the Asopus to make trial of the Greeks' purpose, neither army crossed it. Howbeit Mardonius' horse was ever besetting and troubling the Greeks; for the Thebans, in their zeal for the Persian part, waged war heartily, and

μον καὶ aiel κατηγέοντο μέχρι μάχης, το δè ἀπὸ τούτου παραδεκόμενοι Πέρσαι τε καὶ Μήδοι μάλα

ἔσκον οἱ ἀπεδείκνυντο ἀρετάς.

41. Μέχρι μέν νυν τῶν δέκα ἡμερέων οὐδὲν ἐπὶ πλεθυ εγίνετο τούτων ώς δε ενδεκάτη εγεγόνεε ημέρη αντικατημένοισι έν Πλαταιήσι, οί τε δή "Ελληνες πολλώ πλεύνες έγεγόνεσαν και Μαρδόνιος περιημέκτεε τῆ ἔδρη, ἐνθαῦτα ἐς λόγους ήλθον Μαρδόνιος τε ὁ Γοβρύεω καὶ Αρτάβαζος ο Φαρνάκεος, δς έν ολίγοισι Περσέων ήν άνηρ δόκιμος παρά Ξέρξη. βουλευομένων δε αίδε ήσαν αί γνώμαι, η μεν 'Αρταβάζου ώς χρεον είη άνα-ζευξαντας την ταχίστην πάντα τον στρατον ίεναι ές το τείχος το Θηβαίων, ένθα σίτον τέ σφι έσενηνείχθαι πολλόν και χόρτον τοίσι ύποζυγίοισι. κατ' ήσυχίην τε ίζομένους διαπρήσσεσθαι ποι-εύντας τάδε· έχειν γάρ χρυσον πολλον μεν έπίσημον πολλον δέ και άσημον, πολλον δέ άργυρον τε και έκπώματα τούτων φειδομένους μηδενός διαπέμπειν ές τους "Ελληνας, Έλληνων δε μάλιστα ές τους προεστεώτας έν τήσι πόλισι, καὶ ταχέως σφέας παραδώσειν την έλευθερίην μηδέ άνακινδυνεύειν συμβάλλοντας. τούτου μέν ή αὐτή έγίνετο καὶ Θηβαίων γνώμη, ώς προειδότος πλεύν τι καὶ τούτου, Μαρδονίου δὲ ἰσχυροτέρη τε καὶ άγνωμονεστέρη και ούδαμώς συγγινωσκομένη δοκέειν τε γάρ πολλώ κρέσσονα είναι την σφετέρην στρατιήν της Ελληνικής, συμβάλλειν τε την ταχίστην μηδέ περιοράν συλλεγομένους έτι πλεύνας τών συλλελεγμένων, τά τε σφάγια τὰ Ἡγησισ-

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were ever guiding the horsemen to the encounter; thereafter it was the turn of the Persians and Medes, and they and none other would do deeds of valour.

41. Until the ten days were past no more was done than this; but on the eleventh day from their first encampment over against each other, the Greeks growing greatly in number and Mardonius being sore vexed by the delay, there was a debate held between Mardonius son of Gobryas and Artabazus son of Pharnaces, who stood as high as but few others in Xerxes' esteem; and their opinions in council were as I will show. Artabazus held it best that they should strike their camp with all speed and lead the whole army within the walls of Thebes, where they had much provision stored and fodder for their beasts of burden, and where they could sit at their ease and despatch the business by taking the great store they had of gold, minted and other, and silver and drinking-cups, and sending all this without stint to all places in Hellas, but especially to the chief men in the cities of Hellas; let them do this (said be) and the Greeks would quickly surrender their liberty; but let not the Persians risk the event of a battle. This opinion of his was the same as the Thebans', inasmuch as he too had especial foreknowledge; but Mardonius' counsel was more vehement and intemperate and nowise leaning to moderation; for (said he) he deemed that their army was by much stronger than the Greeks', and that they should give battle with all speed, and not suffer yet more Greeks to muster than were mustered already; as for the sacrifices of Hegesistratus, let them pay no heed to these, nor

τράτου έαν χαίρειν μηδε βιάζεσθαι, άλλα νόμφ

τώ Περσέων χρεωμένους συμβάλλειν.

42. Τούτου δε ούτω δικαιεύντος αντέλεγε οὐδείς, ώστε εκράτεε τη γνώμη το γάρ κράτος είχε της στρατιής ούτος εκ βασιλέος, άλλ' ουκ 'Αρτάβαζος. μεταπεμψάμενος ων τους ταξιάρχους των τελέων καὶ τῶν μετ ἐωυτοῦ ἐόντων Ἑλληνων τοὺς στρατηγούς είρωτα εἴ τι είδεῖεν λόγιον περί Περσέων ώς διαφθερέουται έν τη Ελλάδι. σιγώντων δε τών έπικλήτων, των μέν ούκ είδότων τους χρησμούς, των δὲ είδοτων μὲν ἐν ἀδείη δὲ οὐ ποιευμένων τὸ λέγειν, αὐτὸς Μαρδόνιος έλεγε " ἐπεὶ τοίνυν ὑμεῖς ή ίστε οὐδὲν ή οὐ τολμᾶτε λέγειν, άλλ' έγω έρέω ώς εδ έπιστάμενος έστι λόγιον ώς χρεόν έστι Πέρσας ἀπικομένους ές την Ελλάδα διαρπάσαι τὸ ίρου το εν Δελφοίσι, μετά δε την διαρπαγήν άπολέσθαι πάντας. ημείς τοίνυν αυτό τουτο έπιστάμενοι ούτε ίμεν έπὶ τὸ ίρὸν τοῦτο ούτε ἐπιγειρήσομεν διαρπάζειν, ταύτης τε είνεκα της αίτίης ούκ άπολεόμεθα. ώστε υμέων όσοι τυγγάνουσι εύνοοι έωντες Πέρσησι, ήδεσθε τουδε είνεκα ως περιεσομένους ήμέας Έλλήνων." ταῦτά σφι είπας δεύτερα έσημαινε παραρτέεσθαί τε πάντα και εὐκρινέα ποιέεσθαι ως άμα ήμέρη τη έπιούση συμβολής έσομένης.

43. Τοῦτον δ' ἔγωγε τὸν χρησμόν, τὸν Μαρδόνιος εἰπε ἐς Πέρσας ἔχειν, ἐς Ἰλλυριούς τε καὶ τὸν Ἐγχελέων στρατὸν οίδα πεποιημένον, ἀλλ'

Lit. to do violence, compel the gods, like "superos votis fatigare" in Latin.

seek to wring good from them,1 but rather give battle after Persian custom.

42. None withstood this argument, so that his opinion prevailed; for it was he and not Artabazus who was generalissimo of the army by the king's commission. He sent therefore for the leaders of the battalions and the generals of those Greeks that were with him, and asked them if they knew any oracle which prophesied that the Persians should perish in Hellas. They that were summoned said nought, some not knowing the prophecies, and some knowing them but deeming it perilous to speak; then said Mardonius himself: "Since, therefore, you either have no knowledge or are afraid to declare it, hear what I tell you out of the full knowledge that I have. There is an oracle that Persians are fated to come to Hellas and there all perish after they have plundered the temple at Delphi. We, therefore, knowing this same oracle, will neither approach that temple nor essay to plunder it; and in so far as destruction hangs on that, none awaits us. Wherefore as many of you as wish the Persians well may rejoice for that, as knowing that we shall overcome the Greeks." Having thus spoken he gave command to have all prepared and set in fair order for the battle that should be joined at the next day's dawn.

43. Now for this prophecy, which Mardonius said was spoken of the Persians, I know it to have been made concerning not them but the Illyrians and the

ούκ ès Πέρσας. ἀλλὰ τὰ μὲν Βάκιδι ès ταύτην τὴν μάχην ἐστὶ πεποιημένα,

την δ' έπι Θερμώδοντι και 'Ασωπώ λεχεποίη 'Ελλήνων σύνοδον και βαρβαρόφωνον ίνγην, τη πολλοι πεσέονται ύπερ λάχεσίν τε μόρον τε τοξοφόρων Μήδων, δταν αισιμον ήμαρ ἐπέλθη,

ταῦτα μὲν καὶ παραπλήσια τούτοισι ἄλλα Μουσαίω ἔχοντα οἶδα ἐς Πέρσας. ὁ δὲ Θερμώδων ποταμὸς ῥέει μεταξὺ Τανάγρης τε καὶ Γλίσαντος.

44. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν ἐπειρώτησιν τῶν χρησμῶν καὶ παραίνεσιν τὴν ἐκ Μαρδονίου νύξ τε ἐγίνετο καὶ ἐς ἀνλακὰς ἐτάσσοντο. ὡς δὲ πρόσω τῆς νυκτὸς προελήλατο καὶ ἡσυχίη ἐδόκεε εἰναι ἀνὰ τὰ στρατόπεδα καὶ μάλιστα οἱ ἄνθρωποι εἰναι ἐν ὕπνω, τηνικαῦτα προσελάσας ἔππω πρὸς τὰς ἀνλακὰς τὰς ᾿Αθηναίων ᾿Αλέξανδρος ὁ ᾿Αμύντεω, στρατηγός τε ἐὼν καὶ βασιλεὺς Μακεδόνων, ἐδίζητο τοῖσι στρατηγοῖσι ἐς λόγους ἐλθεῖν. τῶν δὲ ἀνλάκων οἱ μὲν πλεῦνες παρέμενον, οἱ δ' ἔθεον ἐπὶ τοὺς στρατηγούς, ἐλθόντες δὲ ἔλεγον ὡς ἄνθρωπος ῆκοι ἐπ' ἴππου ἐκ τοῦ στρατοπέδου τοῦ Μήδων, δς ἄλλο μὲν οὐδὲν παραγυμνοῖ ἔπος, στρατηγοὺς δὲ ὀνομάζων ἐθέλειν φησὶ ἐς λόγους ἐλθεῖν.

45. Οἱ δὲ ἐπεὶ ταῦτα ἥκουσαν, αὐτίκα εἴποντο ἐς τὰς φυλακάς ἀπικομένοισι δὲ ἔλεγε 'Αλέξανδρος τάδε. "'Ανδρες 'Αθηναῖοι, παραθήκην ὑμῖν τὰ ἔπεα τάδε τίθεμαι, ἀπόρρητα ποιεύ-

2 A little to the N.W. of Thebes.

Referring to a legendary expedition of these northwestern tribes, directed against Hellas and Delphi in particular.

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army of the Encheleës. But there is a prophecy made by Bacis concerning this battle:

By Thermodon's stream and the grassgrown banks of Asonus

Muster of Greeks for fight, and the ring of a foreigner's war-cry,

Many a Median archer by death untimely o'er-

There in the battle shall fall when the day of his doom is upon him;

this prophecy, and others like to it that were made by Musaeus, I know to have been spoken of the Persians. As for the river Thermodon, it flows

between Tanagra and Glisas.2

44. After this questioning concerning oracles, and Mardonius' exhortation, night came on and the armies posted their sentries. Now when the night was far spent and it seemed that all was still in the camps and the men wrapt in deepest slumber, at that hour Alexander son of Amyntas, the general and king of the Macedonians, rode up to the Athenian outposts and sought to have speech of their generals. The greater part of the sentries abiding where they were, the rest ran to their generals, and told them that a horseman had ridden in from the Persian camp, imparting no other word save that he would have speech of the generals and called them by their names.

45. Hearing that, the generals straightway went with the men to the outposts; and when they were come Alexander said to them: "Men of Athens, I give you this my message in trust as a secret that

μενος πρὸς μηδένα λέγειν ὑμέας ἄλλον ἡ Παυσανίην, μή με καὶ διαφθείρητε οὐ γὰρ ἄν ἔλεγον, εἰ μὴ μεγάλως ἐκηδόμην συναπάσης τῆς Ἑλλάδος. αὐτος τε γὰρ Ελλην γένος εἰμὶ τώργαίον και άντ' έλευθέρης δεδουλωμένην ούκ αν εθέλοιμι όραν την Ελλάδα. λέγω δὲ ὧν ὅτι Μαρδονίω τε καὶ τῆ στρατιῆ τὰ σφάγια οὐ δύναται καταθύμια γενέσθαι πάλαι γαρ άν έμάγεσθε, νῦν δέ οἱ δέδοκται τὰ μὲν σφάγια έᾶν χαίρειν, ἄμ' ἡμέρη δὲ διαφωσκούση συμβολήν ποιέεσθαι καταρρώδηκε γάρ μη πλεύνες συλ-λεχθητε, ως έγω είκαζω. πρὸς ταῦτα έτοιμάζεσθε. ην δε άρα υπερβάληται την συμβολην Μαρδόνιος καὶ μὴ ποιέηται, λιπαρέετε μένοντες ολιγέων γάρ σφι ήμερέων λείπεται σιτία. ήν δέ ύμιν ο πόλεμος όδε κατά νόον τελευτήση, μνησθήναι τινά χρή και έμευ έλευθερώσιος πέρι, ος Έλλήνων είνεκα ούτω έργον παράβολον έργασμαι ύπο προθυμίης, εθέλων ύμιν δηλώσαι την διά-νοιαν την Μαρδονίου, ΐνα μη επιπέσωσι ύμιν εξαίφνης οι βάρβαροι μη προσδεκομένοισί κω. είμι δὲ 'Αλέξανδρος ὁ Μακεδών." ὁ μὲν ταῦτα είπας απήλαυνε οπίσω ές το στρατόπεδον και την έωυτοῦ τάξιν.

46. Οἱ δὲ στρατηγοὶ τῶν ᾿Αθηναίων ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὸ δεξιὸν κέρας ἔλεγον Παυσανίη τά περ ἤκουσαν ᾿Αλεξάνδρου. δ δὲ τούτω τῷ λόγω καταρρωδήσας τοὺς Πέρσας ἔλεγε τάδε. "Ἐπεὶ τοίνυν ἐς ἡῶ ἡ συμβολὴ γίνεται, ὑμέας μὲν χρεόν ἐστι τοὺς ᾿Αθηναίους στῆναι κατὰ τοὺς Πέρσας, ἡμέας δὲ κατὰ τοὺς Βοιωτούς τε καὶ τοὺς κατ ὑμέας τεταγμένους Ἑλλήνων, τῶνδε εἴνεκα ὑμεῖς

you must reveal to none but Pausanias, lest you even be my undoing; in truth I would not tell it to you were it not by reason of my great care for all Hellas; for I myself am by ancient descent a Greek, and I would not willingly see Hellas change her freedom for slavery. I tell you, then, that Mardonius and his army cannot get from the sacrifices omens to his liking; else had you fought long ere this. But now it is his purpose to pay no heed to the sacrifices, and join battle at the first glimmer of dawn; for he is in dread, as I surmise, lest you should muster to a greater host. Therefore I bid you make ready; and if (as may be) Mardonius should delay and not join battle, wait patiently where you are; for he has but a few days' provision left. But if this war end as you would wish, then must you take thought how to save me too from slavery, who of my zeal have done so desperate a deed as this for the cause of Hellas, in my desire to declare to you Mardonius' intent, that so the foreigners may not fall upon you suddenly ere you yet expect them. I that speak am Alexander the Macedonian." With that he rode away back to the camp and his own place therein.

46. The Athenian generals went to the right wing and told Pausanias what they had heard from Alexander. At the message Pausanias was struck with fear of the Persians, and said: "Since, therefore, the battle is to begin at dawn, it is best that you Athenians should take your stand fronting the Persians, and we fronting the Boeotians and the Greeks that are posted over against you, by reason that you

ἐπίστασθε τοὺς Μήδους καὶ τὴν μάχην αὐτῶν ἐν Μαραθῶνι μαχεσάμενοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄπειροί τε εἰμέν καὶ ἀδαέες τοὐτων τῶν ἀνδρῶν Σπαρτιητέων γὰρ οὐδεὶς πεπείρηται Μήδων ἡμεῖς δὲ Βοιωτῶν καὶ Θεσσαλῶν ἐμπειροι εἰμέν. ἀλλ' ἀναλαβόντας τὰ ὅπλα χρεὸν ἐστι ἰέναι ὑμέας μὲν ἐς τόδε τὸ κέρας, ἡμέας δὲ ἐς τὸ εὐώνυμον." πρὸς δὲ ταῦτα εἰπαν οἱ 'Αθηναῖοι τάδε. "Καὶ αὐτοῖσι ἡμῖν πάλαι ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, ἐπείτε εἴδομεν κατ' ὑμέας ταστομένους τοὺς Πέρσας, ἐν νόφι ἐγένετο εἰπεῖν ταῦτα τά περ ὑμεῖς φθάντες προφέρετε ἀλλὰ ἀρρωδέομεν μὴ ὑμῖν οὐκ ἡδέες γένωνται οἱ λόγοι. ἐπεί δ' ὧν αὐτοὶ ἐμνήσθητε, καὶ ἡδομένοισι ἡμῖν οἱ λόγοι γεγόνασι καὶ ἔτοιμοι εἰμὲν ποιέειν ταῦτα."

47. 'Ως δ' ήρεσκε ἀμφοτέροισι ταῦτα, ἡώς τε διέφαινε καὶ διαλλάσσοντο τὰς τάξις. γνόντες δὲ οἱ Βοιωτοὶ τὸ ποιεύμενον εξαγορεύουσι Μαρδονίω. δ δ' ἐπείτε ἤκουσε, αὐτίκα μετιστάναι καὶ αὐτὸς ἐπειρᾶτο, παράγων τοὺς Πέρσας κατὰ τοὺς Λακεδαιμονίους. ὡς δὲ ἔμαθε τοῦτο τοιοῦτο γινόμενον ὁ Παυσανίης, γνοὺς ὅτι οὐ λανθάνει, ὁπίσω ἦγε τοὺς Σπαρτιήτας ἐπὶ τὸ δεξιὸν κέρας ὡς δὲ οὕτως καὶ ὁ Μαρδόνιος ἐπὶ τοῦ εὐωνύμου.

48. Έπεὶ δὲ κατέστησαν ἐς τὰς ἀρχαίας τάξις, πέμψας ὁ Μαρδόνιος κήρυκα ἐς τοὺς Σπαρτιήτας ἔλεγε τάδε. "'Ω Λακεδαιμόνιοι, ὑμεῖς δὴ λέγεσθε εἰναι ἄνδρες ἄριστοι ὑπὸ τῶν τῆδε ἀνθρώπων, ἐκπαγλεομένων ὡς οὕτε φεύγετε ἐκ πολέμου οὕτε τάξιν ἐκλείπετε, μένοντές τε ἡ ἀπόλλυτε τοὺς ἐναντίους ἡ αὐτοὶ ἀπόλλυσθε. τῶν δ' ἄρ' ἢν οὐδὲν ἀληθές πρὶν γὰρ ἡ συμμίζαι ἡμέας ἐς χειρῶν τε νόμον ἀπικέσθαι, καὶ δὴ φεύγοντας καὶ στάσιν 216

have fought with the Medes at Marathon and know them and their manner of fighting, but we have no experience or knowledge of those men; we Spartans have experience of the Boeotians and Thessalians, but not one of us has put the Medes to the test. Nay, let us take up our equipment and remove, you to this wing and we to the left." "We, too," the Athenians answered, "even from the moment when we saw the Persians posted over against you, had it in mind to make that proffer that now has first come from you; but we feared lest we should displease you by making it. But since you have spoken the wish yourselves, we too hear your words very gladly and are ready to do as you say."

47. Both being satisfied with this, they exchanged their places in the ranks at the first light of dawn. The Bocotians marked that and made it known to Mardonius; who, when he heard, forthwith essayed to make a change for himself also, by moving the Persians along to front the Lacedaemonians. But when Pausanias perceived what was this that was being done, he saw that his act was known, and led the Spartans back to the right wing; and Mardonius

did in like manner on the left of his army.

48. When all were at their former posts again, Mardonius sent a herald to the Lacedaemonians with this message: "Men of Lacedaemon, you are said by the people of these parts to be very brave men; it is their boast of you that you neither flee from the field nor leave your post, but abide there and either slay your enemies or are yourselves slain. But it would seem that in all this there is no truth; for ere we can join battle and fight hand to hand, we have seen you even now fleeing and leaving your

έκλείποντας ύμέας είδομεν, έν 'Αθηναίοισί τε την πρόπειραν ποιευμένους αὐτούς τε ἀντία δούλων τών ήμετέρων τασσομένους. ταθτα οὐδαμῶς ανδρών αγαθών έργα, αλλά πλείστον δή εν υμίν έψεύσθημεν. προσδεκόμενοι γάρ κατά κλέος ώς δη πέμψετε ές ημέας κήρυκα προκαλεύμενοι καὶ Βουλόμενοι μούνοισι Πέρσησι μάχεσθαι, άρτιοι έόντες ποιέειν ταθτα οὐδέν τοιοθτο λέγοντας ύμέας εύρομεν άλλα πτώσσοντας μάλλον. νῦν ὧν ἐπειδή ούκ ύμεις ήρξατε τούτου του λόγου, άλλ' ήμεις άργομεν, τί δη ού προ μέν των Ελλήνων ύμεις, έπείτε δεδόξωσθε είναι άριστοι, προ δε των βαρ-Βάρων ήμεις ίσοι προς ίσους άριθμον έμαχεσάμεθα; και ήν μεν δοκέη και τους άλλους μάγεσθαι, οι δ' ών μετέπειτα μαγέσθων ύστεροι εί δε και μή δοκέοι άλλ' ήμέας μούνους άποχράν, ήμεις δὲ διαμαχεσώμεθα· οκότεροι δ' αν ημέων νικήσωσι, τούτους τῷ απαντι στρατοπέδω νικαν."

49. "Ο μὲν ταῦτα εἴπας τε καὶ ἐπισχῶν χρόνον,
ὅς οἱ οὐδεὶς οὐδὲν ὑπεκρίνατο, ἀπαλλάσσετο
ὁπίσω, ἀπελθῶν δὲ ἐσήμαινε Μαρδονίω τὰ καταλαβόντα. ὁ δὲ περιχαρὴς γενόμενος καὶ ἐπαερθεὶς ψυχρῷ νίκῃ ἐπῆκε τὴν ἵππον ἐπὶ τοὺς
"Ελληνας. ὡς δὲ ἐπήλασαν οἱ ἰππόται, ἐσίνοντο
πᾶσαν τὴν στρατιὴν τὴν Έλληνικὴν ἐσακοντίζοντές τε καὶ τοξεύοντες ὥστε ἰπποτοξόται τε
ἐόντες καὶ προσφέρεσθαι ἄποροι τὴν τε κρήνην
τὴν Γαργαφίην, ἀπ ἡς ὑδρεύετο πᾶν τὸ στράτευμα
τὸ Ἑλληνικόν, συνετάραξαν καὶ συνέχωσαν. ἡσαν
μεν ὧν κατὰ τὴν κρήνην Λακεδαιμόνιοι τεταγμένοι
μοῦνοι, τοῖσι δὲ ἄλλοισι "Ελλησι ἡ μὲν κρήνη
πρόσω ἐγίνετο, ὡς ἔκαστοι ἔτυχον τεταγμένοι, ὁ
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station, using Athenians for the first assay of your enemy, and arraying yourselves over against those that are but our slaves. This is no brave men's work; nay, we have been grievously mistaken in you; for by what we heard of you, we looked that you should send us a herald challenging the Persians and none other to fight with you; and that we were ready to do; but we find you making no such proffer, but rather quailing before us. Now, therefore, since the challenge comes not from you, take it from us instead. What hinders that we should fight with equal numbers on both sides, you for the Greeks (since you have the name of being their best), and we for the foreigners? and if it be willed that the others fight also, let them fight later after us; but if contrariwise it be willed that we alone suffice, then let us fight it out, and which side soever wins, let that serve as a victory for the whole army."

49. Thus proclaimed the herald; and when he had waited awhile and none made him any answer, he departed back again, and at his return told Mardonius what had befallen him. Mardonius was overjoyed thereat and proud of this semblance of victory, and sent his cavalry to attack the Greeks. The horsemen rode at them and shot arrows and javelins among the whole Greek army to its great hurt, inasmuch as they were mounted archers and ill to close with; and they troubled and choked the Gargaphian spring, whence all the army of the Greeks drew its water. None indeed but the Lacedaemonians were posted near the spring, and it was far from the several stations of the other Greeks,

δὲ 'Ασωπὸς ἀγχοῦ· ἐρυκόμενοι δὲ τοῦ 'Ασωποῦ οὕτω δὴ ἐπὶ τὴν κρήνην ἐφοίτων· ἀπὸ τοῦ ποταμοῦ γάρ σφι οὐκ ἐξῆν ὕδωρ φορέεσθαι ὑπό τε

των ίππέων και τοξευμάτων.

50. Τούτου δὲ τοιούτου γινομένου οἱ τῶν Ἑλλήνων στρατηγοί, ἄτε τοῦ τε ὕδατος στερηθείσης τῆς στρατης καὶ ὑπὸ τῆς ἵππου ταρασσομένης, συνελέχθησαν περὶ αὐτῶν τε τούτων καὶ ἄλλων, ελθόντες παρὰ Παυσανίην ἐπὶ τὸ δεξιὸν κέρας. ἄλλα γὰρ τούτων τοιούτων ἐόντων μᾶλλον σφέας ελύπεε οὕτε γὰρ σιτία εἶχον ἔτι, οἴ τε σφέων ὁπέωνες ἀποπεμφθέντες ἐς Πελοπόννησον ὡς ἐπισιτιεύμενοι ἀπεκεκληίατο ὑπὸ τῆς ἵππου, οὐ

δυνάμενοι απικέσθαι ές το στρατόπεδον.

51. Βουλευομένοισι δὲ τοῖσι στρατηγοῖσι ἔδοξε,
ην ὑπερβάλωνται ἐκείνην την ημέρην οἱ Πέρσαι
συμβολην ποιεύμενοι, ἐς την νήσον ἰέναι. ἡ δὲ
ἐστὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ ᾿Ασωποῦ καὶ τῆς κρήνης τῆς Γαργαφίης, ἐπ' ἡ ἐστρατοπεδεύοντο τότε, δέκα σταδίονς ἀπέχουσα, πρὸ τῆς Πλαταιέων πόλιος,
νῆσος δὲ οὕτω ἀν εἴη ἐν ἡπείρω σχιζόμενος ὁ
ποταμὸς ἄνωθεν ἐκ τοῦ Κιθαιρῶνος ῥέει κάτω ἐς
τὸ πεδίον, διέχων ἀπ' ἀλλήλων τὰ ῥέεθρα ὅσον
περ τρία στάδια, καὶ ἔπειτα συμμίσγει ἐς τῶντό.
οὕνομα δὲ οἱ Ὠρερόη θυγατέρα δὲ ταὐτην λέγουσι
εἶναι ᾿Ασωποῦ οἱ ἐπιχώριοι. ἐς τοῦτον δὴ τὸν
χῶρον ἐβουλεύσαντο μεταναστῆναι, ἵνα καὶ ὕδατι
ἔχωσι χρῶσθαι ἀφθόνω καὶ οἱ ἰππέες σφέας μὴ

¹ Several streams flow N. or N.W. from Cithaeron, and unite eventually to form the small river Oeroë. Between two of these there is a long strip of land, which is perhaps

whereas the Asopus was near; but they would ever go to the spring, because they were barred from the Asopus, not being able to draw water from that river by reason of the horsemen and the arrows.

50. In this turn of affairs, seeing that their army was cut off from water and disordered by the horsemen, the generals of the Greeks betook themselves to Pausanias on the right wing, and debated concerning this and other matters; for there were other causes that troubled them more than what I have told; they had no food left, and their followers whom they had sent into the Peloponnese to bring provision thence had been cut off by the horsemen,

and could not make their way to the army.

51. So they resolved in their council that if the Persians delayed through that day to give battle, they would go to the Island. This is ten furlongs distant from the Asopus and the Gargaphian spring, whereby their army then lay, and in front of the town of Platacae. It is like to an island on dry land, by reason that the river in its course down from Cithaeron into the plain is parted into two channels, and there is about three furlongs' space between till presently the two channels unite again; and the name of that river is Ocroë, who (say the people of the country) was the daughter of Asopus. To that place then they planned to remove, that they might have water in plenty for their use, and not be harmed by the

the $\nu \hat{\eta} \sigma \sigma \tau$; but it is not now actually surrounded by water, as Herodotus describes it.

For some notice of controversy about the battlefield of

Plataese, see the Introduction to this volume.

σινοίατο ώσπερ κατιθύ ἐόντων μετακινέεσθαί τε ἐδόκεε τότε ἐπεὰν τῆς νυκτὸς ἢ δευτέρη φυλακή, ώς ἀν μὴ ἰδοίατο οἱ Πέρσαι ἐξορμωμένους καί σφεας ἐπόμενοι ταράσσοιεν οἱ ἱππόται. ἀπικομένων δὲ ἐς τὸν χώρον τοῦτον, τὸν δὴ ἡ ᾿Ασωπὶς ᾿Ωερόη περισχίζεται ῥέουσα ἐκ τοῦ Κιθαιρῶνος, ὑπό τὴν νύκτα ταύτην ἐδόκεε τοὺς ἡμίσεας ἀποστέλλειν τοῦ στρατοπέδου πρὸς τὸν Κιθαιρῶνα, ώς ἀναλάβοιεν τοὺς ὀπέωνας τοὺς ἐπὶ τὰ σιτία οἰχομένους: ἦσαν γὰρ ἐν τῷ Κιθαιρῶνι ἀπολελαιμένοι.

λαμμενοι.
52. Ταῦτα βουλευσάμενοι κείνην μὲν τὴν ἡμέρην πᾶσαν προσκειμένης τῆς ἴππου εἰχον πόνον ἄτρυτον ὡς δὲ ἢ τε ἡμέρη ἔληγε καὶ οἰ ἰππέες ἐπέπαυντο, νυκτὸς δὴ γινομένης καὶ ἐοὐσης τῆς ὥρης ἐς τὴν συνέκειτό σφι ἀπαλλάσσοντο, ἐς θαῦτα ἀερθέντες οἰ πολλοὶ ἀπαλλάσσοντο, ἐς μὲν τὸν χῶρον ἐς τὸν συνέκειτο οὐκ ἐν νόφ ἔχοντες, οἱ δὲ ὡς ἔκινήθησαν ἔφευγον ἄσμενοι τὴν ἵππον πρὸς τὴν Πλαταιέων πόλιν, φεύγοντες δὲ ἀπικνέονται ἐπὶ τὸ "Ηραιον τὸ δὲ πρὸ τῆς πόλιος ἐστὶ τῆς Πλαταιέων, εἴκοσι σταδίους ἀπὸ τῆς κρήνης τῆς Γαργαφίης ἀπέχον ἀπικόμενοι δὲ ἔθεντο πρὸ τοῦ ἰροῦ τὰ ὅπλα.

53. Καὶ οι μὲν περὶ τὸ "Ηραιον ἐστρατοπεδεύοντο, Παυσανίης δὲ ὁρῶν σφεας ἀπαλλατσομένους ἐκ τοῦ στρατοπέδου παρήγγελλε καὶ τοῖσι
Λακεδαιμονίοισι ἀναλαβόντας τὰ ὅπλα ἰέναι κατὰ
τοὺς ἄλλους τοὺς προϊόντας, νομίσας αὐτοὺς ἐς
τὸν χῶρον ἱέναι ἐς τὸν συνεθήκαντο. ἐνθαῦτα οἰ
μὲν ἄλλοι ἄρτιοι ήσαν τῶν ταξιάρχων πείθεσθαι
Παυσανίη, 'Αμομφάρετος δὲ ὁ Πολιάδεω λοχη-

horsemen, as now when they were face to face; and they resolved to make their removal in the second watch of the night, lest the Persians should see them setting forth and the horsemen press after them and disorder their array. Further, they resolved that when they were come to that place, which is encircled by the divided channels of Asopus' daughter Oeroë as she flows from Cithaeron, they would in that night send half of their army to Cithaeron, to fetch away their followers who were gone to get the provision; for these were cut off from them on Cithaeron.

52. Having formed this design, all that day they suffered unending hardship from the cavalry that continually beset them; but when the day ended and the horsemen ceased from troubling, then at that hour of the night whereat it was agreed that they should depart the most of them arose and took their departure, not with intent to go to the place whereon they had agreed; instead of that, once they were afoot they got quit to their great content of the horsemen, and escaped to the town of Plataeae, and came in their flight to the temple of Here which is without that town, twenty furlongs distant from the Gargaphian spring; thither they came, and piled their arms before the temple.

53. So they encamped about the temple of Here. But Pausanias, seeing their departure from the camp, gave orders to the Lacedacmonians to take up their arms likewise and follow after the others that went before, supposing that these were making for the place whither they had agreed to go. Thereupon, all the rest of the captains being ready to obey Pausanias, Amompharetus son of Poliades, the leader

γέων τοῦ Πιτανητέων λόχου οὐκ ἔφη τοὺς ξείνους φεύξεσθαι οὐδὲ ἐκὼν εἶναι αἰσχυνέειν τὴν Σπάρτην, ἐθώμαζἔ τε ὁρέων τὸ ποιεύμενον ἄτε οὐ παραγενόμενος τῷ προτέρω λόγω. ὁ δὲ Παυσανίης τε καὶ ὁ Εὐρυάναξ δεινὸν μὲν ἐποιεῦντο τὸ μὴ πείθεσθαι ἐκεῖνον σφίσι, δεινότερον δὲ ἔτι, κείνου ταῦτ ἀναινομένου, ἀπολιπεῖν τὸν λόχον τὸν Πιτανήτην, μὴ ἡν ἀπολίπωσι ποιεῦντες τὰ συνεθήκαντο τοῖσι ἄλλοισι "Ελλησι, ἀπόληται ὑπολειφθεὶς αὐτός τε ᾿Αμομφάρετος καὶ οἱ μετ αὐτοῦ. ταῦτα λογιζόμενοι ἀτρέμας εἶχον τὸ στρατόπεδον τὸ Λακωνικόν, καὶ ἐπειρῶντο πείθοντές μιν ώς οὐ χρεὸν εἴη ταῦτα ποιέειν.

54. Καὶ οἱ μὲν παρηγόρεον ᾿Αμομφάρετον μοῦνον Λακεδαιμονίων τε καὶ Τεγεητέων λελειμμένον, ᾿Λθηναῖοι δὲ ἐποίευν τοιάδε· εἶχον ἀτρέμας σφέας αὐτοὺς ἵνα ἐτάχθησαν, ἐπιστάμενοι τὰ Λακεδαιμονίων φρονήματα ὡς ἄλλα φρονεόντων καὶ ἄλλα λεγόντων ὡς δὲ ἐκινήθη τὸ στρατόπεδον, ἔπεμπον σφέων ἰππέα ὀψόμενόν τε εἰ πορεύεσθαι ἐπιχειρέοιεν οἱ Σπαρτιῆται, εἴτε καὶ τὸ παράπαν μὴ διανοεῦνται ἀπαλλάσσεσθαι, ἐπειρέσθαι τε Παυ-

σανίην τὸ χρεὸν εἴη ποιέειν.

55. 'Ως δὲ ἀπίκετο ὁ κῆρυξ ἐς τοὺς Λακεδαιμονίους, ὅρα τε σφέας κατά χώρην τεταγμένους καὶ ἐς νείκεα ἀπυγμένους αὐτῶν τοὺς πρώτους. ὡς γὰρ δὴ παρηγορέοντο τὸν 'Αμομφάρετον ὅ τε Εὐρυάναξ καὶ ὁ Παυσανίης μὴ κινδυνεύειν μένοντας μούνους Λακεδαιμονίων, οὕ κως ἔπειθον, ἐς ὃ

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of the Pitanate 1 battalion, refused to flee from the strangers or (save by compulsion) bring shame on Sparta; the whole business seemed strange to him, for he had not been present in the council lately held. Pausanias and Euryanax liked little enough that Amompharetus should disobey them; but they misliked yet more that his refusing should compel them to abandon the Pitanate battalion; for they feared that if they fulfilled their agreement with the rest of the Greeks and abandoned him, Amompharetus and his men would be left behind to perish. Thus considering, they held the Laconian army unmoved, and strove to persuade Amompharetus that he did not aright.

54. So they reasoned with Amompharetus, he being the only man left behind of all the Lacedacmonians and Tegeans. As for the Athenians, they stood unmoved at their post, well knowing that the purposes and the promises of Lacedacmonians were not alike. But when the army removed from its place, they sent a horseman of their own who should see if the Spartans were essaying to march or if they were wholly without any purpose of departure, and should ask Pausanias withal what the Athenians

must do.

55. When the messenger was come to the Lacedaemonians, he saw them arrayed where they had been, and their chief men by now in hot dispute. For though Euryanax and Pausanias reasoned with Amompharetus, that the Lacedaemonians should not be imperilled by abiding there alone, they could in no

¹ Thucydides (1, 20) denies the existence of a Πσανότης λόχος as a formal part of the Spartan army; it is not clear what Herodotus means. For Pitana v. iii. 55.

ἐς νείκεά τε συμπεσόντες ἀπίκατο καὶ ὁ κῆρυξ τῶν 'Αθηναίων παρίστατό σφι ἀπιγμένος. νεικέων δὲ ὁ 'Αμομφάρετος λαμβάνει πέτρον ἀμφοτέρησι τῆσι χερσὶ καὶ τιθεὶς πρὸ ποδῶν τῶν Παυσανίεω ταύτη τῆ ψήφω ψηφίζεσθαι ἔφη μὴ φεύγειν τοὺς ξείνους, λέγων τοὺς βαρβάρους. ὁ δὲ μαινόμενον καὶ οὐ φρενήρεα καλέων ἐκεῖνον, πρὸς τε τὸν 'Αθηναῖον κήρυκα ἐπειρωτῶντα τὰ ἐντεταλμένα λέγειν ὁ Παυσανίης ἐκέλευε τὰ παρεόντα σφι πρήγματα, ἐχρήιζὲ τε τῶν 'Αθηναίων προσχωρῆσαὶ τε πρὸς ἐωυτοὺς καὶ ποιέειν περὶ τῆς ἀπόδου τά περ ἀν καὶ σφεῖς.

56. Καὶ δ μὲν ἀπαλλάσσετο ἐς τοὺς 'Αθηναίους τοὺς δὲ ἐπεὶ ἀνακρινομένους πρὸς ἐωυτοὺς ἡὼς κατελάμβανε, ἐν τούτφ τῷ χρόνφ κατήμενος ὁ Παυσανίης, οὐ δοκέων τὸν 'Αμομφάρετον λείψεσθαι τῶν ἄλλων Λακεδαιμονίων ἀποστειχόντων, τὰ δὴ καὶ ἐγένετο, σημήνας ἀπήγε διὰ τῶν κολωνῶν τοὺς λοιποὺς πάντας εἴποντο δὲ καὶ Τεγεῆται. 'Αθηναῖοι δὲ ταχθέντες ἥισαν τὰ ἔμπαλιν ἡ Λακεδαιμόνιοι οἶ μὲν γὰρ τῶν τε ὅχθων ἀντείχοντο

καὶ τῆς ὑπωρέης τοῦ Κιθαιρώνος φοβεόμενοι τὴν ἔππον. 'Αθηναίοι δὲ κάτω τραφθέντες ἐς τὸ

πεδίου.

57. 'Αμομφάρετος δὲ ἀρχήν γε οὐδαμὰ δοκέων Παυσανίην τολμήσειν σφέας ἀπολιπεῖν, περιείχετο αὐτοῦ μένοντας μὴ ἐκλιπεῖν τὴν τάξιν προτερεόντων δὲ τῶν σύν Παυσανίη, καταδόξας αὐτοὺς ἰθέη τέχνη ἀπολείπειν αὐτόν, ἀναλαβόντα τὸν 226 wise prevail with him; and at the last, when the Athenian messenger came among them, hot words began to pass; and in this wrangling Amompharetus took up a stone with both hands and cast it down before Pausanias' feet, crying that it was his pebble wherewith he voted against fleeing from the strangers (meaning thereby the foreigners). Pausanias called him a madman and distraught; then the Athenian messenger putting the question wherewith he was charged, he bade the man tell the Athenians of his present condition, and prayed them to join themselves to the Lacedaemonians and do as they did in respect

of departure.

56. So the messenger went back to the Athenians. But when dawn found the dispute still continuing, Pausanias having all this time held his army halted, now gave the word and led all the rest away between the hillocks, the Tegeans following; for he supposed that Amompharetus would not stay behind when the rest of the Lacedaemonians left him; and indeed such was the event. The Athenians set themselves in array and marched, but not by the same way as the Lacedaemonians, who clung close to the broken ground and the lower slopes of Cithaeron, to escape from the Persian horse, but the Athenians marched down into the plain instead.

57. Now Amompharetus at first supposed that Pausanias would never have the heart to leave him and his men, and he was instant that they should remain where they were and not quit their post; but when Pausanias' men went forward on their way, he deemed that they had left him in good earnest, and so bidding his battalion take up its

λόχον τὰ ὅπλα ἡγε βάδην πρὸς τὸ ἄλλο στῖφος τὸ δὲ ἀπελθὸν ὅσον τε δέκα στάδια ἀνέμενε τὸν ᾿Αμομφαρέτου λόχον, περὶ ποταμὸν Μολόεντα ἱδρυμένον ᾿Αργιόπιόν τε χῶρον καλεόμενον, τῆ καὶ Δήμητρος Ἐλευσινίης ἱρὸν ἡσται. ἀνέμενε δὲ τοῦδε εἴνεκα, ἵνα ἡν μὴ ἀπολείπη τὸν χῶρον ἐν τῷ ἐτετάχατο ὁ ᾿Αμομφάρετός τε καὶ ὁ λόχος, ἀλλὶ αὐτοῦ μένωσι, βοηθέοι ὁπίσω παρὶ ἐκείνους. καὶ οἵ τε ἀμφὶ τὸν ᾿Αμομφάρετον παρεγίνοντό σφι καὶ ἡ ἵππος ἡ τῶν βαρβάρων προσέκειτο πῶσα. οἱ γὰρ ἰππόται ἐποίευν οἰον καὶ ἐώθεσαν ποιέειν αἰεί, ἰδόντες δὲ τὸν χῶρον κεινὸν ἐν τῷ ἐτετάχατο οἱ Ἔλληνες τῆσι προτέρησι ἡμέρησι, ἡλαυνον τοὺς ἕππους αἰεὶ τὸ πρόσω καὶ ἄμα καταλαβόντες

προσεκέατό σφι.

58. Μαρδόνιος δε ώς επύθετο τους "Ελληνας άποιχομένους ύπὸ νύκτα εἶδέ τε τὸν χώρον ἔρημον, καλέσας του Ληρισαίου Θώρηκα και τους άδελφεούς αὐτοῦ Εὐρύπυλον καὶ Θρασυδήιον ἔλεγε "*Ω παίδες 'Αλεύεω, ἔτι τι λέξετε τάδε όρωντες έρημα ; ύμεις γάρ οί πλησιόγωροι έλέγετε Λακεδαιμονίους οὐ φεύγειν ἐκ μάχης, ἀλλα ἄνδρας είναι τὰ πολέμια πρώτους τοὺς πρότερον τε μετισταμένους έκ της τάξιος είδετε, νθν τε ύπο την παροιχομένην νύκτα καὶ οἱ πάντες ὁρῶμεν διαδράντας. διέδεξάν τε, έπεί σφεας έδεε πρός τους άψευδέως άρίστους άνθρώπων μάχη διακριθήναι, ότι οὐδένες άρα ἐόντες ἐν οὐδαμοῖσι ἐοῦσι" Ελλησι ἐναπεδεικυύατο. καὶ ὑμῖν μεν ἐοῦσι Περσέων ἀπείροισι πολλή έκ γε έμεῦ ἐγίνετο συγγνώμη, ἐπαινεόντων τούτους τοισί τι και συνηδέατε 'Αρταβάζου δέ θώμα καὶ μάλλον έποιεύμην το καὶ καταρρωδήσαι 228

arms he led it at a foot's pace after the rest of the column; which having gone as far as ten furlongs away was waiting for Amompharetus, halting by the stream Moloïs and the place called Argiopium, where is set a shrine of Eleusinian Demeter. The reason of their waiting was that, if Amompharetus and his battalion should not leave the place where it was posted but abide there still, they might return and succour him. No sooner had Amompharetus' men come up than the foreigners' cavalry attacked the army; for the horsemen did according as they had ever been wont, and when they saw no enemy on the ground where the Greek array had been on the days before this, they rode ever forward and attacked the Greeks as soon as they overtook them.

58. When Mardonius learnt that the Greeks had departed under cover of night, and saw the ground deserted, he called to him Thorax of Larissa and his brothers Eurypylus and Thrasydeius, and said: "What will you now say, sons of Aleuas! when you see this place deserted? for you, who are their neighbours, ever told me that Lacedaemonians fled from no battlefield and were surpassing masters of war; vet these same men you lately saw changing from their post, and now you and all of us see that they have fled away in the night that is past; no sooner must they measure themselves in battle with those that are in very truth the bravest on earth, than they plainly showed that they are men of no account, and all other Greeks likewise. Now you for your part were strangers to the Persians, and I could readily pardon you for praising these fellows, who were in some sort known to you; but I marvelled much more at Artabazus, that he should be

Λακεδαιμονίους καταρρωδήσαντά τε ἀποδέξασθαι γνώμην δειλοτάτην, ώς χρεον εἴη ἀναζεύξαντας τὸ στρατόπεδον ἱέναι ἐς τὸ Θηβαίων ἄστυ πολιορκησομένους: τὴν ἔτι πρὸς ἐμεῦ βασιλεὺς πεύσεται. καὶ τούτων μὲν ἐτέρωθι ἔσται λόγος. νῦν δὲ ἐκείνοισι ταῦτα ποιεῦσι οὐκ ἐπιτρεπτέα ἐστί, ἀλλὰ διωκτέοι εἰσὶ ἐς ὁ καταλαμφθέντες δώσουσι ἡμῖν

των δη ἐποίησαν Πέρσας πάντων δίκας."

59. Ταῦτα εἴπας ήγε τοὺς Πέρσας δρόμω διαβάντας τὸν ᾿Ασωπὸν κατὰ στίβον τῶν Ἑλλήνων ὡς δὴ ἀποδιδρησκόντων, ἐπεῖχέ τε ἐπὶ Λακεδαιμονίους τε καὶ Τεγεήτας μούνους ᾿Αθηναίους γὰρ τραπομένους ἐς τὸ πεδίον ὑπὸ τῶν ὅχθων οὐ κατώρα. Πέρσας δὲ ὁρῶντες ὁρμημένους διώκειν τοὺς Ἑλληνας οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν βαρβαρικῶν τελέων ἄρχοντες αὐτίκα πάντες ἥειραν τὰ σημήια, καὶ ἐδίωκον ὡς ποδῶν ἔκαστοι εἶχον, οὕτε κόσμω

οὐδενὶ κοσμηθέντες οὕτε τάξι.

60. Καὶ οὐτοι μὲν βοῆ τε καὶ ομίλφ ἐπήισαν ος ἀναρπασόμενοι τους Ἑλληνας Παυσανίης δέ, ως προσέκειτο ἡ ἴππος, πέμψας προς τους ᾿Αθηναίους ἰππέα λέγει τάδε. "᾿Ανδρες ᾿Αθηναίοι, ἀγῶνος μεγίστου προκειμένου ἐλευθέρην εἰναι ἡ δεδουλωμένην τὴν Ἑλλάδα, προδεδόμεθα ὑπὸ τῶν συμμάχων ἡμεῖς τε οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι καὶ ὑμεῖς οἱ ᾿Αθηναίοι ὑπὸ τὴν παροιχομένην νύκτα διαδράντων. νῦν ὧν δέδοκται τὸ ἐνθεῦτεν τὸ ποιητέον ἡμῖν ἀμυνομένους γὰρ τῆ δυνάμεθα ἄριστα περιστέλλειν ἀλλήλους. εἰ μέν νυν ἐς ὑμέας ὅρμησε ἀρχὴν ἡ ἴππος, χρῆν δὴ ἡμέας τε καὶ τοὺς μετ' ἡμέων τὴν Ἑλλάδα οὐ προδιδόντας Τεγεήτας βοηθέειν ὑμῖν νῦν δέ, ἐς ἡμέας γὰρ ἄπασα κεχώ-230

so sore affrighted by the Lacedaemonians as to give us a craven's advice to strike our camp, and march away to be beleaguered in Thebes; of which advice the king shall yet learn from me. This shall be matter for speech elsewhere; but now, we must not suffer our enemies to do as they desire; they must be pursued till they be overtaken and pay the penalty for all the harm they have wrought the

Persians."

59. With that, he led the Persians at speed across the Asopus in pursuit of the Greeks, supposing that they were in flight; it was the army of Lacedaemon and Tegea alone that was his goal; for the Athenians marched another way over the broken ground, and were out of his sight. Seeing the Persians setting forth in pursuit of the Greeks, the rest of the foreign battalions straightway raised their standards and pursued likewise, each at the top of his speed, no battalion having order in its ranks nor place assigned in the line.

60. So they ran pell-mell and shouting, as though they would utterly make an end of the Greeks; but Pausanias, when the cavalry attacked him, sent a horseman to the Athenians, with this message: "Men of Athens, in this great issue which must give freedom or slavery to Hellas, we Lacedaemonians and you Athenians have been betrayed by the flight of our allies in the night that is past. Now therefore I am resolved what we must forthwith do: we must protect each other by fighting as best we can. If the cavalry had attacked you first, it had been for us and the Tegeans with us, who are faithful to Hellas, to succour you; but now, seeing that the whole

ρηκε, δίκαιοι έστε ύμεῖς πρὸς τὴν πιεζομένην μάλιστα τῶν μοιρέων ἀμυνέοντες lέναι. εἰ δ' ἄρα αὐτοὺς ὑμέας καταλελάβηκε ἀδύνατόν τι βοηθέειν, ὑμεῖς δ' ἡμῶν τοὺς τοξότας ἀποπέμψαντες χάριν θέσθε. συνοίδαμεν δὲ ὑμῶν ὑπὸ τὸν παρεόντα τόνδε πόλεμον ἐοῦσι πολλὸν προθυμοτάτοισι, ὅστε καὶ ταῦτα ἐσακούειν."

61. Ταθτα οἱ 'Αθηναΐοι ώς ἐπύθοντο, ὁρμέατο Βοηθέειν και τὰ μάλιστα ἐπαμύνειν και σφι ήδη στείγουσι επιτίθενται οι αντιταγθέντες Έλλήνων των μετά βασιλέος γενομένων, ώστε μηκέτι δύνασθαι βοηθήσαι το γάρ προσκείμενον σφέας έλύπεε. ούτω δη μουνωθέντες Λακεδαιμόνιοι καί Τεγεήται, έόντες σύν ψιλοίσι άριθμον οί μέν πεντακισμύριοι Τεγεήται δὲ τρισχίλιοι (οὐτοι γὰρ ούδαμὰ ἀπεσγίζοντο ἀπὸ Λακεδαιμονίων), ἐσφαγιάζοντο ώς συμβαλέοντες Μαρδονίω και τή στρατιή τή παρεούση. και οὐ γάρ σφι εγίνετο τὰ σφάγια χρηστά, έπιπτον δε αὐτῶν ἐν τούτω τῶ γρόνω πολλοί και πολλώ πλεύνες ετρωματίζοντο. φράξαντες γάρ τὰ γέρρα οἱ Πέρσαι ἀπίεσαν τῶν τοξευμάτων πολλά άφειδέως, ούτω ώστε πιεζομένων των Σπαρτιητέων καὶ των σφαγίων οὐ γινομένων ἀποβλέψαντα τὸν Παυσανίην πρὸς τὸ Ηραιον τὸ Πλαταιέων ἐπικαλέσασθαι τὴν θεόν. χρηίζοντα μηδαμώς σφέας ψευσθήναι τής έλπίδος.

62. Ταῦτα δ' ἔτι τούτου ἐπικαλεομένου προεξαναστάντες πρότεροι οἱ Τεγεῆται ἐχώρεον ἐς τοὺς βαρβάρους, καὶ τοῖσι Λακεδαιμονίσισι αὐτίκα brunt of their assault falls on us, it is right that you should come to the aid of that division which is hardest pressed. But if, as may be, aught has befallen you whereby it is impossible that you should aid us, yet do us the service of sending us your archers. We are assured that you will hearken to us, as knowing that you have been by far more zealous

than all others in this present war."

61. When the Athenians heard that, they essayed to succour the Lacedaemonians and defend them with all their might; but when their march was already begun they were set upon by the Greeks posted over against them, who had joined themselves to the king; wherefore they could now send no aid, being troubled by the foe that was closest. Thus it was that the Lacedaemonians and Tegeans stood alone; men-at-arms and light-armed together. there were of the Lacedaemonians fifty thousand and of the Tegeans, who had never been parted from the Lacedaemonians, three thousand; and they offered sacrifice, the better to join battle with Mardonius and the army that was with him. But as they could get no favourable omen from their sacrifices, and in the meanwhile many of them were slain and by far more wounded (for the Persians set up their shields for a fence, and shot showers of arrows innumerable), it was so, that, the Spartans being hard pressed and their sacrifices of no avail. Pausanias lifted up his eyes to the temple of Here at Plataeae and called on the goddess, praying that they might nowise be disappointed of their hope.

62. While he yet prayed, the men of Tegea leapt out before the rest and charged the foreigners; and immediately after Pausanias' prayer the sacrifices of

μετὰ τὴν εὐχὴν τὴν Παυσανίεω ἐγίνετο θυομένοισι τὰ σφάγια χρηστά· ὡς δὲ χρόνω κοτὲ ἐγένετο, ἐχώρεον καὶ οὐτοι ἐπὶ τοὺς Πέρσας, καὶ οἱ Πέρσαι ἀντίοι τὰ τόξα μετέντες. ἐγίνετο δὲ πρῶτον περὶ τὰ γέρρα μάχη. ὡς δὲ ταῦτα ἐπεπτώκεε, ἥδη ἐγίνετο ἡ μάχη ἰσχυρὴ παρ' αὐτὸ τὸ Δημήτριον καὶ χρόνον ἐπὶ πολλόν, ἐς ὁ ἀπίκοντο ἐς ὡθισμόν τὰ γὰρ δόρατα ἐπιλαμβανόμενοι κατέκλων οἱ βάρβαροι. λήματι μέν νυν καὶ ρώμη οὐκ ἤσσονες ἤσαν οἱ Πέρσαι, ἄνοπλοι δὲ ἐόντες καὶ πρὸς ἀνεπιστήμονες ἤσαν καὶ οὐκ ὅμοιοι τοῖσι ἐναντίοισι σοφίην, προεξαίσσοντες δὲ κατ' ἔνα καὶ δέκα, καὶ πλεῦνές τε καὶ ἐλάσσονες συστρεφόμενοι, ἐσέπιπτον ἐς τοὺς Σπαρτιήτας καὶ διεφθείροντο.

63. Τή δὲ ἐτύγχανε αὐτὸς ἐων Μαρδόνιος, ἀπ' ἴππου τε μαχόμενος λευκοῦ ἔχων τε περὶ ἐωυτὸν λογάδας Περσέων τοὺς ἀρίστους χιλίους, ταύτη δὲ καὶ μάλιστα τοὺς ἐναντίους ἐπίεσαν. ὅσον μέν νυν χρόνον Μαρδόνιος περιῆν, οἱ δὲ ἀντεῖχον καὶ ἀμυνόμενοι κατέβαλλον πολλοὺς τῶν Λακεδαιμονίων ὡς δὲ Μαρδόνιος ἀπέθανε καὶ τὸ περὶ ἐκεῖνον τεταγμενον ἐὸν ἰσχυρότατον ἔπεσε, οὕτω δὴ καὶ οἱ ἄλλοι ἐτράποντο καὶ εἶξαν τοῖσι Λακεδαιμονίοισι. πλεῖστον γὰρ σφέας ἐδηλέετο ἡ ἐσθὴς ἔρημος ἐοῦσα ὅπλων πρὸς γὰρ ὁπλίτας ἐόντες

γυμνήτες άγωνα ἐποιεύντο.

64. Ένθαῦτα ή τε δίκη τοῦ Λεωνίδεω κατὰ τὸ χρηστήριον τοῖσι Σπαρτιήτησι ἐκ Μαρδονίου ἐπετελέετο, καὶ νίκην ἀναιρέεται καλλίστην ἀπασέων τῶν ἡμεῖς ἴδμεν Παυσανίης ὁ Κλεομβρότου τοῦ ᾿Αναξανδρίδεω· τῶν δὲ κατύπερθέ οἱ προγό-

the Lacedaemonians grew to be favourable; which being at last vouchsafed to them, they too charged the Persians, and the Persians met them, throwing away their bows. And first they fought for the fence of shields; and when that was down, thereafter the battle waxed fierce and long about the temple of Demeter itself, till they grappled and thrust; for the foreigners laid hold of the spears and broke them short. Now the Persians were neither the less valorous nor the weaker; but they had no armour, and moreover they were unskilled and no match for their adversaries in craft; they would rush out singly and in tens or in groups great or small, hurling themselves on the Spartans and so perishing.

63. Where Mardonius was himself, riding a white horse in the battle and surrounded by a thousand picked men who were the flower of the Persians, there they pressed their adversaries hardest. So long as Mardonius was alive the Persians stood their ground and defended themselves, overthrowing many Lacedaemonians; but when Mardonius was slain and his guards, who were the strongest part of the army, fallen likewise, then the rest too yielded and gave ground before the men of Lacedaemon. For what chiefly wrought them harm was that they were no armour over their raiment, and fought as it

were naked against men fully armed.

64. On that day the Spartans gained from Mardonius their full measure of vengeance for the slaying of Leonidas, according to the oracle, and the most glorious of victories ever known to men was won by Pausanias, the son of Cleombrotus, who was the son of Anaxandrides. (I have named the

νων τὰ οὐνόματα εἴρηται ἐς Λεωνίδην ἀυτοὶ γάρ σφι τυγχάνουσι ἐόντες. ἀποθνήσκει δὲ Μαρδόνιος ὑπὸ ᾿Αειμνήστου ἀνδρὸς ἐν Σπάρτη λογίμου, δς χρόνω ὕστερον μετὰ τὰ Μηδικὰ ἔχων ἄνδρας τριηκοσίους συνέβαλε ἐν Στενυκλήρω πολέμου ἐόντος Μεσσηνίοισι πᾶσι, καὶ αὐτός τε ἀπέθανε

και οί τριηκόσιοι.

65. Έν δὲ Πλαταιῆσι οἱ Πέρσαι ὡς ἐτράποντο ὑπὸ τῶν Λακεδαιμονίων, ἔφευγον οὐδένα κόσμον ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον τὸ ἐωυτῶν καὶ ἐς τὸ τεῖχος τὸ ξύλινον τὸ ἐποιήσαντο ἐν μοίρη τῆ Θηβαίδι. θῶμα δέ μοι ὅκως παρὰ τῆς Δήμητρος τὸ ἄλσος μαχομένων οὐδὲ εἰς ἐφάνη τῶν Περσέων οὕτε ἐσελθὼν ἐς τὸ τέμενος οὕτε ἐναποθανών, περί τε τὸ ἱρὸν οἱ πλεῖστοι ἐν τῷ βεβήλω ἔπεσον. δοκέω δέ, εἴ τι περὶ τῶν θείων πρηγμάτων δοκέειν δεῖ, ἡ θεὸς αὐτή σφεας οὐκ ἐδέκετο ἐμπρήσαντας τὸ ἰρὸν

το έν Έλευσενι ανάκτορον.

66. Αύτη μέν νυν ή μάχη ἐπὶ τοσοῦτο ἐγένετο. ᾿Αρτάβαζος δὲ ὁ Φαρνάκεος αὐτίκα τε οὐκ ἡρέσκετο κατ ἀρχὰς λειπομένου Μαρδονίου ἀπὸ βασιλέος, καὶ τότε πολλὰ ἀπαγορεύων οὐδὲν ήνυε, συμβάλλειν οὐκ ἐῶν ἐποίησέ τε αὐτὸς τοιάδε ὡς οὐκ ἀρεσκόμενος τοῖσι πρήγμασι τοῖσι ἐκ Μαρδονίου ποιευμένοισι. τῶν ἐστρατήγεε ὁ ᾿Αρτάβαζος (εἰχε δὲ δύναμιν οὐκ ὁλίγην ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐς τέσσερας μυριάδας ἀνθρώπων περὶ ἐωυτόν), τούτους, ὅκως ἡ συμβολὴ ἐγίνετο, εῦ ἐξεπιστάμενος τὰ ἔμελλε ἀποβήσεσθαι ἀπὸ τῆς μάχης, ἡγε κατηρτημένως, παραγγείλας κατὰ τώυτὸ ἰέναι πάντας τὴ ἀν αὐτὸς ἐξηγέηται, ὅκως ἀν αὐτὸν ὁρῶσι σπουδῆς ἔχοντα. ταῦτα παραγγείλας ώς 236

rest of Pausanias' ancestors in the lineage of Leonidas; for they are the same for both.) As for Mardonius, he was slain by Aeimnestus, a Spartan of note; who long after the Persian business did in time of war lead three hundred men to battle at Stenyclerus against the whole army of Messenia, and was there slain, he and his three hundred.

65. But at Plataeae, the Persians being routed by the Lacedaemonians fled in disorder to their own camp and within the wooden walls that they had made in the lands of Thebes. And herein is a marvellous thing, that though the battle was hard by the grove of Demeter there was no sign that any Persian had been slain in the precinct, or entered into it; most of them fell near the temple in unconsecrated ground; and I judge—if it be not a sin to judge of the ways of heaven—that the goddess herself denied them entry, for that they had burnt

her temple, the shrine at Eleusis.

66. Thus far then went this battle. But Artabazus son of Pharnaces had from the very first misliked the king's leaving Mardonius, and now all his counselling not to join battle had been of no avail; and in his displeasure at what Mardonius was doing he himself did as I will show. He had with him a great army, even as many as forty thousand men; knowing well what would be the event of the battle, no sooner had the Greeks and Persians met than he led these with purpose fixed, bidding them follow him all together whither he should lead them, according to whatsoever they should see to be his intent; and with that command he made pretence

ές μάχην ήγε δήθεν τον στρατόν. προτερέων δὲ τῆς όδοῦ ἄρα καὶ δὴ φεύγοντας τοὺς Πέρσας οῦτω δὴ οὐκέτι τὸν αὐτὸν κόσμον κατηγέετο, ἀλλὰ τὴν ταχίστην ἐτρόχαζε φεύγων οὕτε ἐς τὸ ξύλινον οὕτε ἐς τὸ Θηβαίων τεῖχος ἀλλ' ἐς Φωκέας, ἐθέλων ὡς τάχιστα ἐπὶ τὸν Ἑλλήσποντον

απικέσθαι.

67. Καὶ δὴ οὐτοι μὲν ταύτη ἐτράποντο· τῶν δὲ ἄλλων Ἑλλήνων τῶν μετὰ βασιλέος ἐθελοκακεύντων Βοιωτοὶ 'Αθηναίοισι ἐμαχέσαντο χρόνον ἐπὶ συχνόν. οἱ γὰρ μηδίζοντες τῶν Θηβαίων, οὐτοι εἶχον προθυμίην οὐκ ὀλίγην μαχόμενοἱ τε καὶ οὐκ ἐθελοκακέοντες, οὕτω ὥστε τριηκόσιοι αὐτῶν οἱ πρῶτοι καὶ ἄριστοι ἐνθαῦτα ἔπεσον ὑπὸ 'Αθηναίων. ὡς δὲ ἐτράποντο καὶ οῦτοι, ἔφευγον ἐς τὰς Θήβας, οὐ τῆ περ οἱ Πέρσαι καὶ τῶν ἄλλων συμμάχων ὁ πᾶς ὅμιλος, οὕτε διαμαχεσάμενος οὐδενὶ οῦτε τι ἀποδεξάμενος, ἔφευγον.

68. Δηλοί τέ μοι ὅτι πάντα τὰ πρήγματα τῶν βαρβάρων ἤρτητο ἐκ Περσέων, εἰ καὶ τότε οὕτοι πρίν ἡ καὶ συμμίξαι τοῖσι πολεμίοισι ἔφευγον, ὅτι καὶ τοὺς Πέρσας ὥρων. οὕτω τε πάντες ἔφευγον πλὴν τῆς ἵππου τῆς τε ἄλλης καὶ τῆς Βοιωτίης αὕτη δὲ τοσαῦτα προσωφέλεε τοὺς φεύγοντας, αἰεί τε πρὸς τῶν πολεμίων ἄγχιστα ἐοῦσα ἀπέργουσά τε τοὺς φιλίους φεύγοντας ἀπὸ τῶν

Έλληνων.

69. Ο μεν δη νικώντες είποντο τοὺς Εέρξεω διώκοντές τε καὶ φονεύοντες. ἐν δὲ τούτω τῷ γινομένω φόβω ἀγγέλλεται τοῖσι ἄλλοισι Ελλησι τοῖσι τεταγμένοισι περὶ τὸ "Ηραιον καὶ ἀπογενομένοισι τῆς μάχης, ὅτι μάχη τε γέγονε καὶ 238

of leading them to battle. But as he came farther on his way he saw the Persians already fleeing; whereat he led his men no longer in the same array, but took to his heels and fled with all speed not to the wooden fort nor to the walled city of Thebes, but to Phocis, that so he might make his

way with all despatch to the Hellespont.

67. So Artabazus and his army turned that way. All the rest of the Greeks that were on the king's side fought of set purpose ill; but not so the Boeotians; they fought for a long time against the Athenians. For those Thebans that took the Persian part showed no small zeal in the battle, and had no will to fight slackly, insomuch that three hundred of their first and best were there slain by the Athenians. But at last the Boeotians too yielded; and they fled to Thebes, not by the way that the Persians had fled and all the multitude of the allies, a multitude that had fought no fight to the end nor achieved any feat of arms.

68. This flight of theirs ere they had even closed, because they saw the Persians flee, proves to me that it was on the Persians that all the fortune of the foreigners hung. Thus they all fled, save only the cavalry, Boeotian and other; which did in so far advantage the fleeing men as it kept ever between them and their enemies, and shielded its friends

from the Greeks in their flight.

69. So the Greeks followed in victory after Xerxes' men, pursuing and slaying. In this rout that grew apace there came a message to the rest of the Greeks, who lay at the temple of Here and had kept away from the fight, that there had been a

νικώεν οι μετὰ Παυσανίεω οι δὲ ἀκούσαντες ταῦτα, οὐδένα κόσμον ταχθέντες, οι μὲν ἀμφὶ Κορινθίους ἐτράποντο διὰ τῆς ὑπωρέης καὶ τῶν κολωνῶν τὴν φέρουσαν ἄνω ἰθὺ τοῦ ἰροῦ τῆς Δήμητρος, οι δὲ ἀμφὶ Μεγαρέας τε καὶ Φλειασίους διὰ τοῦ πεδίου τὴν λειοτάτην τῶν όδῶν. ἐπείτε δὲ ἀγχοῦ τῶν πολεμίων ἐγίνοντο οι Μεγαρέες καὶ Φλειάσιοι, ἀπιδόντες σφέας οι τῶν Θηβαίων ἱππόται ἐπευγομένους οὐδένα κόσμον ἤλαυνον ἐπ' αὐτοὺς τοὺς ἵππους, τῶν ἱππάρχεε 'Ασωπόδωρος ὁ Τιμάνδρου, ἐσπεσόντες δὲ κατεστόρεσαν αὐτῶν ἐξακοσίους, τοὺς δὲ λοιποὺς κατήραξαν διώκοντες

ές τον Κιθαιρώνα.

70. Οὐτοι μεν δη εν οὐδενὶ λόγφ ἀπώλοντο οί δὲ Πέρσαι καὶ ὁ ἄλλος ὅμιλος, ὡς κατέφυγον ἐς το ξύλινον τείχος, έφθησαν έπὶ τοὺς πύργους άναβάντες πρίν ή τους Λακεδαιμονίους άπικέσθαι, άναβάντες δε εφράξαντο ώς ήδυνέατο άριστα το τείγος προσελθόντων δὲ τῶν Λακεδαιμονίων κατεστήκε εσφι τειχομαχίη ερρωμενεστέρη. έως μέν γαρ απήσαν οι Αθηναίοι, οί δ' ημύνοντο και πολλώ πλέον είχον των Λακεδαιμονίων ώστε οὐκ έπισταμένων τειχομαχέειν ώς δέ σφι 'Αθηναίοι προσήλθον, ούτω δή ίσχυρη εγίνετο τειχομαχίη καὶ χρόνον ἐπὶ πολλόν. τέλος δὲ ἀρετή τε καὶ λιπαρίη ἐπέβησαν 'Αθηναίοι τοῦ τείχεος καλ ηριπον τη δη έσεχέοντο οί "Ελληνες. πρώτοι δε έσηλθον Τεγεήται ές το τείχος, και την σκηνήν την Μαρδονίου ούτοι ήσαν οί διαρπάσαντες, τά τε άλλα έξ αὐτῆς καὶ την φάτνην των ἵππων ἐοῦσαν χαλκέην πάσαν και θέης άξίην. την μέν νυν

battle and that Pausanias' men were victorious; which when they heard, they set forth in no ordered array, they that were with the Corinthians keeping to the spurs of the mountain and the hill country, by the road that led upward straight to the temple of Demeter, and they that were with the Megarians and Phliasians following the levelest way over the plain. But when the Megarians and Phliasians were come near to the enemy, the Theban horsemen (whose captain was Asopodorus son of Timander) espied them approaching in haste and disorder, and rode at them; by which onfall they laid six hundred of them low, and pursued and swept the rest to Cithaeron.

70. So these perished, none regarding them. But when the Persians and the rest of the multitude had fled within the wooden wall, they made a shift to get them up on the towers before the coming of the Lacedaemonians, which done they strengthened the wall as best they could; and when the Athenians were now arrived there began a stiff battle for the wall. For as long as the Athenians were not there, the foreigners defended themselves, and had greatly the advantage of the Lacedaemonians, they having no skill in the assault of walls; but when the Athenians came up, the fight for the wall waxed hot and continued long. But at the last the Athenians did by valour and steadfast endeavour scale the wall and breach it, by which breach the Greeks poured in; the first to enter were the Tegeans, and it was they who plundered the tent of Mardonius, taking from it beside all else the manger of his horses, that was all of bronze and a thing worth the beholding. The Tegeans dedicated

φάτνην ταύτην την Μαρδονίου ανέθεσαν ές τον νηὸν τῆς 'Αλέης 'Αθηναίης Τεγεήται, τὰ δὲ ἄλλα ές τώυτο, όσα περ έλαβου, εσήνεικαν τοίσι "Ελλησι. οί δὲ βάρβαροι οὐδὲν ἔτι στῖφος έποιήσαντο πεσόντος τοῦ τείχεος, οὐδέ τις αὐτῶν άλκης εμέμνητο, άλύκταζον τε οία εν ολίγφ χώρφ πεφοβημένοι τε καὶ πολλαὶ μυριάδες κατειλημέναι ανθρώπων παρήν τε τοίσι "Ελλησι φονεύειν ούτω ώστε τριήκοντα μυριάδων στρατού, καταδεουσέων τεσσέρων τὰς ἔχων ᾿Αρτάβαζος έφευγε, των λοιπέων μηδέ τρεῖς χιλιάδας περιγενέσθαι. Λακεδαιμονίων δε των έκ Σπάρτης ἀπέθανον οἱ πάντες ἐν τῆ συμβολῆ eἰς καὶ ἐνενήκοντα, Τεγεητέων δὲ ἐκκαίδεκα, ᾿Αθηναίων δὲ δύο καὶ πεντήκοντα.

71. Ἡρίστευσε δὲ τῶν βαρβάρων πεζὸς μὲν ὁ Περσέων, ίππος δὲ ή Σακέων, ἀνὴρ δὲ λέγεται Μαρδόνιος Έλλήνων δέ, άγαθών γενομένων καὶ Τεγεητέων και 'Αθηναίων, ύπερεβάλοντο άρετη Λακεδαιμόνιοι. άλλω μεν σύδενὶ έχω άποσημήνασθαι (άπαντες γαρ ούτοι τους κατ' έωυτους ένίκων), ότι δε κατά το ισχυρότερον προσ-ηνείχθησαν και τούτων εκράτησαν, και άριστος έγένετο μακρώ 'Αριστόδημος κατά γνώμας τὰς ήμετέρας, δς έκ Θερμοπυλέων μούνος των τριηκοσίων σωθείς είχε όνειδος και άτιμίην. μετά δέ τούτον ήρίστευσαν Ποσειδώνιος τε και Φιλοκύων καὶ 'Αμομφάρετος ὁ Σπαρτιήτης. καίτοι γενομένης λέσγης δς γένοιτο αὐτών ἄριστος, έγνωσαν

These figures must refer to the δπλ?ται alone, leaving out of account the Laconian weelesses and the rest of the light-

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this manger of Mardonius in the temple of Athene Alea; all else that they took they brought into the common stock, as did the rest of the Greeks. As for the foreigners, they drew no more to a head once the wall was down, but they were crazed with panic fear, as men hunted down in a narrow space where many myriads were herded together; and such a slaughter were the Greeks able to make, that of two hundred and sixty thousand, that remained after Artabazus had fled with his forty thousand, scarce three thousand were left alive. Of the Lacedaemonians from Sparta there were slain in the battle ninety-one in all; of the Tegeans, seventeen; and of the Athenians, fifty-two.

71. Among the foreigners they that fought best were the Persian foot and the horse of the Sacae, and of men, it is said, the bravest was Mardonius; among the Greeks, the Tegeans and Athenians bore themselves gallantly, but the Lacedaemonians excelled all in valour. Of this my only clear proof is (for all these vanquished the foes opposed to them) that the Lacedaemonians met the strongest part of the army, and overcame it. According to my judgment, he that bore himself by far the best was Aristodemus, who had been reviled and dishonoured for being the only man of the three hundred that came alive from Thermopylae; and the next after him in valour were Posidonius and Philocyon and Amompharetus. Nevertheless when there was talk, and question who had borne himself

armed troops. Plutarch says that 60,300 Greeks fell at Plataes.

² Cp. vii. 231.

οί παραγενόμενοι Σπαρτιητέων 'Αριστόδημον μὲν Βουλόμενον φανερῶς ἀποθανεῖν ἐκ τῆς παρεούσης οἱ αἰτίης, λυσσῶντά τε καὶ ἐκλείποντα τὴν τάξιν ἔργα ἀποδέξασθαι μεγάλα, Ποσειδώνιον δὲ οὐ βουλόμενον ἀποθνήσκειν ἄνδρα γενέσθαι ἀγαθόν τοσούτο τοῦτον εἶναι ἀμείνω. ἀλλὰ ταῦτα μὲν καὶ φθόνω ἀν εἴποιεν οὐτοι δὲ τοὺς κατέλεξα πάντες, πλὴν 'Αριστοδήμου, τῶν ἀποθανόντων ἐν ταύτη τῆ μάχη τίμιοι ἐγένοντο 'Αριστόδημος δὲ βουλόμενος ἀποθανεῖν διὰ τὴν προειρημένην αἰτίην οὐκ ἐτιμήθη.

72. Οὖτοι μὲν τῶν ἐν Πλαταιῆσι ὀνομαστότατοι ἐγένοντο. Καλλικράτης γὰρ ἔξω τῆς μάχης ἀπέθανε, ἐλθὼν ἀνὴρ κάλλιστος ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον τῶν τότε Ἑλλήνων, οὐ μοῦνον αὐτῶν Λακεδαιμονίων ἀλλὰ καὶ τῶν ἄλλων Ἑλλήνων ὅς, ἐπειδὴ ἐσφαγιάζετο Παυσανίης, κατήμενος ἐν τῆ τάξι ἐτρωματίσθη τοξεύματι τὰ πλευρά. καὶ δὴ οῦ μὲν ἐμάχοντο, δ δ' ἐξενηνειγμένος ἐδυσθανάτεξ τε καὶ ἔλεγε πρὸς 'Αρίμνηστον ἄνδρα Πλαταιέα οὐ μέλειν οἱ ὅτι πρὸ τῆς Ἑλλάδος ἀποθνήσκει, ἀλλ' ὅτι οὐκ ἐχρήσατο τῆ χειρὶ καὶ ὅτι οὐδέν ἐστί οἱ ἀποδεδεγμένον ἔργον ἐωυτοῦ ἄξιον προθυμενμένου ἀποδέξασθαι.

73. 'Αθηναίων δὲ λέγεται εὐδοκιμῆσαι Σωφάνης ὁ Εὐτυχίδεω, ἐκ δήμου Δεκελεῆθεν, Δεκελέων δὲ τῶν κοτὲ ἐργασαμένων ἔργον χρήσιμον ἐς τὸν πάντα χρόνον, ὡς αὐτοὶ 'Αθηναῖοι λέγουσι. ὡς γὰρ δὴ τὸ πάλαι κατὰ Ελένης κομιδὴν Τυνδαρίδαι most bravely, those Spartans that were there judged that Aristodemus had achieved great feats because by reason of the reproach under which he lay he plainly wished to die, and so pressed forward in frenzy from his post, whereas Posidonius had borne himself well with no desire to die, and must in so far be held the better man. This they may have said of mere jealousy; but all the aforesaid who were slain in that fight received honour, save only Aristodemus; he, because he desired death by reason of the reproach afore-mentioned, received none.

72. These won the most renown of all that fought at Plataeae. Callierates is not among them; for he died away from the battle, he that, when he came to the army, was the goodliest Lacedaemonian, aye, or Greek, in the Hellas of that day. He, when Pausanias was offering sacrifice, was wounded in the side by an arrow where he sat in his place; and while his comrades were fighting, he was carried out of the battle and died a lingering death, saying to Arimnestus, a Plataean, that it was no grief to him to die for Hellas' sake; his sorrow was rather that he had struck no blow and achieved no deed worthy of his merit, for all his eager desire so to do.

73. Of the Athenians, Sophanes son of Entychides is said to have won renown, a man of the township of Decelea; that Decelea whose people once did a deed that was for all time serviceable, as the Athenians themselves say. For of old when the sons of Tyndarus strove to win Helen 1 back and

According to legend, the Dioscuri came to recover their sister Helen, who had been carried off to Aphidnae in Attica by Theseus and Pirithous.

ἐσέβαλον ἐς γῆν τὴν 'Αττικὴν σὺν στρατοῦ πλήθεῖ καὶ ἀνίστασαν τοὺς δήμους, οὐκ εἰδότες ἵνα ὑπεξέκειτο ἡ 'Ελένη, τότε λέγουσι τοὺς Δεκελέας, οῖ δὲ αὐτὸν Δέκελον ἀχθόμενόν τε τῷ Θησέος ὕβρι καὶ δειμαίνοντα περὶ πάση τῷ 'Αθηναίων χώρη, ἐξηγησάμενόν σφι τὸ πῶν πρῆγμα κατηγήσασθαι ἐπὶ τὰς 'Αφίδνας, τὰς δὴ Τιτακὸς ἐων αὐτόχθων καταπροδιδοῖ Τυνδαρίδησι. τοῖσι δὲ Δεκελεῦσι ἐν Σπάρτη ἀπὸ τούτου τοῦ ἔργου ἀτελείη τε καὶ προεδρίη διατελέει ἐς τόδε aiel ἔτι ἐοῦσα, οὕτω ὥστε καὶ ἐς τὸν πόλεμον τὸν ὕστερον πολλοῖσι ἔτεσι τούτων γενόμενον 'Αθηναίοισί τε καὶ Πελοποννησίοισι, σινομένων τὴν ἄλλην 'Αττικὴν Λακεδαιμονίων, Δεκελέης ἀπέχεσθαι.

74. Τούτου τοῦ δήμου ἐὼν ὁ Σωφάνης καὶ ἀριστεύσας τότε 'Αθηναίων διξοὺς λόγους λεγομένους ἔχει, τὸν μὲν ὡς ἐκ τοῦ ζωστήρος τοῦ θώρηκος ἐφόρεε χαλκέŋ ἀλύσι δεδεμένην ἄγκυραν σιδηρέην, τὴν ὅκως πελάσειε ἀπικνεόμενος τοῖσι πολεμίοισι βαλλέσκετο, ἴνα δή μιν οἱ πολέμιοι ἐκπίπτοντες ἐκ τῆς τάξιος μετακινῆσαι μὴ δυναίατο γινομένης δὲ φυγῆς τῶν ἐναντίων δέδοκτο τὴν ἄγκυραν ἀναλαβόντα οῦτω διώκειν. οῦτος μὲν οῦτω λέγεται, ὁ δ' ἔτερος τῶν λόγων τῷ πρότερον λεχθέντι ἀμφισβατέων λέγεται, ὡς ἐπ' ἀσπίδος αἰεὶ περιθεοῦσης καὶ οῦδαμὰ ἀτρεμιζούσης ἐφόρεε ἄγκυραν, καὶ οὖκ ἐκ τοῦ θώρηκος δεδεμένην

σιδηρέην.

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broke with a great host into Attica, and were turning the townships upside down because they knew not where Helen had been hidden, then (it is said) the Deceleans (and, as some say, Decelus himself, because he was angered by the pride of Theseus and feared for the whole land of Attica) revealed the whole matter to the sons of Tyndarus, and guided them to Aphidnae, which Titacus, one of the country's oldest stock, betrayed to the Tyndaridae. For that deed the Deceleans have ever had and still have at Sparta freedom from all dues and chief places at feasts, insomuch that even as late as in the war that was waged many years after this time between the Athenians and Peloponnesians, the Lacedaemonians laid no hand on Decelea when they harried the rest of Attica.1

74. Of that township was Sophanes, who now was the best Athenian fighter in the battle; concerning which, two tales are told. By the first, he bore an anchor of iron made fast to the girdle of his cuirass with a chain of bronze; which anchor he would ever cast whenever he drew night to his enemies in onset, that so the enemies as they left their ranks might not avail to move him from his place; and when they were put to flight, it was his plan that he would weigh his anchor and so pursue them. So runs this tale; but the second that is told is at variance with the first, and relates that he bore no anchor of iron made fast to his cuirass, but that his shield, which he ever whirled round and never kept still, had on it an anchor for device.

¹ But in the later part of the Peloponnesian war the Lacedaemonians established themselves at Decelea and held it as a menace to Athens (413 n.c.).

75. "Εστι δὲ καὶ ἔτερον Σωφάνει λαμπρον ἔργον ἐξεργασμένον, ὅτι περικατημένων 'Αθηναίων Αἴγιναν Εὐρυβάτην τὸν 'Αργεῖον ἄνδρα πεντάεθλον ἐκ προκλήσιος ἐφόνευσε, αὐτὸν δὲ Σωφάνεα χρόνφ ὕστερον τούτων κατέλαβε ἄνδρα γενόμενον ἀγαθόν, 'Αθηναίων στρατηγέοντα ἄμα Λεάγρφ τῷ Γλαύκωνος, ἀποθανεῖν ὑπὸ 'Ηδωνῶν ἐν Δάτφ περὶ τῶν μετάλλων τῶν χρυσέων μαχόμενον.

76. 'Ως δὲ τοῖσι "Ελλησι ἐν Πλαταιῆσι κατέστρωντο οί βάρβαροι, ενθαθτά σφι επήλθε γυνή αὐτόμολος ή ἐπειδή ἔμαθε ἀπολωλότας τοὺς Πέρσας καὶ νικώντας τους "Ελληνας, ἐοῦσα παλλακή Φαρανδάτεος του Τεάσπιος ανδρός Πέρσεω, κοσμησαμένη χρυσώ πολλώ καὶ αὐτή και αμφίπολοι και έσθητι τη καλλίστη τών παρεουσέων, καταβάσα έκ της άρμαμάξης έχώρεε ές τους Λακεδαιμονίους έτι εν τήσι φονήσι εόντας. όρωσα δὲ πάντα ἐκεῖνα διέποντα Παυσανίην, πρότερόν τε τὸ οὕνομα έξεπισταμένη καὶ τὴν πάτρην ώστε πολλάκις ακούσασα, έγνω τε τον Παυσανίην και λαβομένη των γουνάτων έλεγε τάδε. "* Ω βασιλεθ Σπάρτης, ρυσαί με την ικέτιν αίχμαλώτου δουλοσύνης. σύ γάρ και ές τόδε ώνησας, τούσδε άπολέσας τους ούτε δαιμόνων ούτε θεών όπιν έχοντας. είμι δε γένος μεν Κώη, θυγάτηρ δὲ Ἡγητορίδεω τοῦ ἀνταγόρεω βίη δέ με λαβών έν Κώ είχε ο Πέρσης." δ δὲ άμείβεται τοίσιδε. "Γύναι, θάρσεε και ώς ίκέτις και εί δή πρός τούτω τυγχάνεις άληθέα λέγουσα καὶ εἰς 248

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75. Another famous feat of arms Sophanes achieved: when the Athenians were beleaguering Aegina, he challenged and slew Eurybates the Argive, a victor in the Five Contests. But long after this Sophanes, who had borne himself thus gallantly, came by his death; being general of the Athenians with Leagrus, son of Glaucon, he was slain at Datus ¹ by the Edonians in a battle for the

gold-mines.

76. Immediately after the Greeks had laid low the foreigners at Plataeae, there came to them a woman, deserting from the enemy, who was the concubine of Pharandates, a Persian, son of Teaspis. She, learning that the Persians were destroyed and the Greeks victorious, decked herself (as did also her attendants) with many gold ornaments and the fairest raiment that she had, and so lighting from her carriage came to the Lacedaemonians while they were yet at the slaughtering; and seeing Pausanias ordering all that business, whose name and country she knew from her often hearing of it, she knew that it was he, and thus besought him, clasping his knees: "Save me, your suppliant, O king of Sparta! from captive slavery; for you have done me good service till this hour, by making an end of yonder men, that regard not aught that is divine in heaven or earth. Coan am I by birth, daughter to Hegetorides, son of Antagoras; in Cos the Persian laid violent hands on me and held me prisoner." "Be of good cheer, lady," Pausanias answered, "for that you are my suppliant, and for your tale withal, if

¹ In the attempt to establish an Athenian settlement at Amphipolis in 465 (Thucyd. i. 100, v. 102). Datus was on the Thracian seaboard opposite Thasos.

θυγάτηρ Ἡγητορίδεω τοῦ Κώου, δε ἐμοὶ ξεῖνος μάλιστα τυγχάνει ἐων τῶν περὶ ἐκείνους τοὺς χώρους οἰκημένων." ταῦτα δὲ εἴπας τότε μὲν ἐπέτρεψε τῶν ἐφόρων τοῖσι παρεοῦσι, ὕστερον δὲ ἀπέπεμψε ἐς Αἴγιναν, ἐς τὴν αὐτὴ ἤθελε ἀπικέσθαι.

77. Μετὰ δὲ τὴν ἄπιξιν τῆς γυναικός, αὐτίκα μετὰ ταῦτα ἀπίκοντο Μαντινέες ἐπ' ἐξεργασμένοισι μαθόντες δὲ ὅτι ὕστεροι ῆκουσι τῆς συμβολῆς, συμφορὴν ἐποιεῦντο μεγάλην, ἄξιοί τε ἔφασαν εἶναι σφέας ζημιῶσαι. πυνθανόμενοι δὲ τοὺς Μήδους τοὺς μετὰ ᾿Αρταβάζου φεύγοντας, τούτους ἐδίωκον μέχρι Θεσσαλίης Λακεδαιμόνιοι δὲ οὐκ ἔων φεύγοντας διώκειν. οἱ δὲ ἀναχωρήσαντες ἐς τὴν ἐωυτῶν τοὺς ἡγεμόνας τῆς στρατιῆς ἐδίωξαν ἐκ τῆς γῆς. μετὰ δὲ Μαντινέας ῆκον Ἡλεῖοι, καὶ ὡσαντως οἱ Ἡλεῖοι τοῖσι Μαντινεῦσι συμφορὴν ποιησάμενοι ἀπαλλάσσοντο ἀπελθόντες δὲ καὶ οὖτοι τοὺς ἡγεμόνας ἐδίωξαν. τὰ

κατὰ Μαντινέας μὲν καὶ Ἡλείους τοσαῦτα.

78. Ἐν δὲ Πλαταιῆσι ἐν τῷ στρατοπέδῳ τῶν Αἰγινητέων ἦν Λάμπων Πυθέω, Λίγινητέων ἐὼν τὰ πρῶτα· δς ἀνοσιώτατον ἔχων λόγον ἴετο πρὸς Παυσανίην, ἀπικόμενος δὲ σπουδῆ ἔλεγε τάδε.

" Π παῖ Κλεομβρότου, ἔργον ἔργασταί τοι ὑπερφυὲς μέγαθὸς τε καὶ κάλλος, καὶ τοι θεὸς παρέδωκε ῥυσάμενον τὴν Ἑλλάδα κλέος καταθέσθαι μέγιστον Ἑλλήνων τῶν ἡμεῖς ἴδμεν. σὰ δὲ καὶ τὰ λοιπὰ τὰ ἐπὶ τούτοισι ποίησον, ὅκως λόγος τε σὲ ἔχη ἔτι μέζων καὶ τις ὕστερον ψυλάσσηται τῶν βαρβάρων μὴ ὑπάρχειν ἔργα ἀτάσθαλα ποιέων ἐς τους Ἑλληνας. Λεωνίδεω

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you be verily daughter to Hegetorides of Cos, for he is my closest friend, of all that dwell in those lands." Thus saying, he gave her for the nonce in charge to those of the ephors who were present, and thereafter sent her to Aegina, whither she herself

desired to go.

77. Immediately after the coming of this woman, came the men of Mantinea, when all was over; who, learning that they were come too late for the battle, were greatly distressed, and said that they deserved to punish themselves therefor. Hearing that the Medes with Artabazus were fleeing, they would have pursued after them as far as 'Thessaly; but the Lacedaemonians would not suffer them to pursue fleeing men; and returning to their own land the Mantineans banished the leaders of their army from the country. After the Mantineans came the men of Elis, who also went away sorrowful in like manner as the Mantineans, and after their departure banished their leaders likewise. Such were the doings of the Mantineans and Eleans.

78. Now there was at Plataeae in the army of the Aeginetans one Lampon, son of Pytheas, a leading man of Aegina; he sought Pausanias with most unrighteous counsel, and having made haste to come said to him: "Son of Cleombrotus, you have done a deed of surpassing greatness and glory; by heaven's favour you have saved Hellas, and thereby won greater renown than any Greek known to men. But now you must finish what remains to do, that your fame may be yet the greater, and that no foreigner may hereafter make bold unprovoked to wreak his mad and wicked will on the Greeks. When Leonidas

γὰρ ἀποθανόντος ἐν Θερμοπύλησι Μαρδόνιός τε καὶ Ξέρξης ἀποταμόντες τὴν κεφαλὴν ἀνεσταύρωσαν τῷ σὰ τὴν όμοίην ἀποδιδοὺς ἔπαινον ἔξεις πρῶτα μἐν ὑπὸ πάντων Σπαρτιητέων, αὖτις δὲ καὶ πρὸς τῶν ἄλλων Ἑλλήνων Μαρδόνιον γὰρ ἀνασκολοπίσας τετιμωρήσεαι ἐς πάτρων τὸν σὸν

Λεωνίδην."

79. 'Ο μέν δοκέων χαρίζεσθαι έλεγε τάδε, δ δ' ἀνταμείβετο τοισιδε. "* Ω ξείνε Αίγινητα, το μέν εὐνοέειν τε καὶ προοράν ἄγαμαί σευ, γνώμης μέντοι ήμάρτηκας χρηστής. Εξαείρας γάρ με ύψοῦ και την πάτρην και το έργον, ές το μηδέν κατέβαλες παραινέων νεκρώ λυμαίνεσθαι, και ήν ταῦτα ποιέω, φὰς ἄμεινόν με ἀκούσεσθαι τὰ πρέπει μάλλον βαρβάροισι ποιέειν ή περ "Ελλησι και έκείνοισι δε επιφθονέομεν. έγω δ' ων τούτου είνεκα μήτε Αλγινήτησι άδοιμι μήτε τοίσι ταθτα άρέσκεται, άποχρά δέ μοι Σπαρτιήτησι άρεσκόμενον όσια μέν ποιέειν, όσια δέ καί λέγειν. Λεωνίδη δέ, τώ με κελεύεις τιμωρήσαι, φημί μεγάλως τετιμωρήσθαι, ψυχήσί τε τήσι τώνδε άναριθμήτοισι τετίμηται αυτός τε καί οί άλλοι οἱ ἐν Θερμοπύλησι τελευτήσαντες. σὺ μέντοι έτι έχων λόγον τοιόνδε μήτε προσέλθης έμουγε μήτε συμβουλεύσης, χάριν τε ἴσθι ἐων απαθής.

80. Ο μέν ταῦτα ἀκούσας ἀπαλλάσσετο. Παυσανίης δὲ κήρυγμα ποιησάμενος μηδένα ἄπτεσθαι τῆς ληίης, συγκομίζειν ἐκέλευε τοὺς εἴλωτας τὰ χρήματα. οἱ δὲ ἀνὰ τὸ στρατόπεδον σκιδνάμενοι εὕρισκον σκηνὰς κατεσκευασμένας χρυσῶ καὶ ἀργύρω, κλίνας τε ἐπιχρύσους καὶ

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was slain at Thermopylae, Mardonius and Xerxes cut off his head and set it on a pole; make them a like return, and you will win praise from all Spartans, and the rest of Hellas besides; for if you impale Mardonius you will be avenged for your father's brother Leonidas."

79. So said Lampon, thinking to please. But Pausanias answered him thus: "Sir Aeginetan, I thank you for your goodwill and forethought; but you have missed the mark of right judgment; for first you exalt me on high and my fatherland and my deeds withal, yet next you cast me down to mere nothingness when you counsel me to insult the dead, and say that I shall win more praise if I so do; but that were an act more proper for foreigners than for Greeks, and one that we deem matter of blame even in foreigners. Nay, for myself, I would fain in this business find no favour either with the people of Aegina or whoso else is pleased by such acts; it is enough for me if I please the Spartans by righteous deed and righteous speech. As for Leonidas, whom you would have me avenge, I hold that he has had full measure of vengeance; the uncounted souls of these that you see have done honour to him and the rest of those who died at Thermopylae. But to you this is my warning, that you come not again to me with words like these nor give me such counsel: and be thankful now that you go unpunished."

80. With that answer Lampon departed. Then Pausanias made a proclamation, that no man should touch the spoil, and bade the helots gather all the stuff together. They, scattering all about the camp, found there tents adorned with gold and silver, and couches gilded and silver-plated, and golden bowls

ἐπαργύρους, κρητήράς τε χρυσέους καὶ φιάλας τε καὶ ἄλλα ἐκπώματα· σάκκους τε ἐπ' ἀμαξέων εὔρισκον, ἐν τοῖσι λέβητες ἐφαίνοντο ἐνεόντες χρύσεοὶ τε καὶ ἀργύρεοι· ἀπό τε τῶν κειμένων νεκρῶν ἐσκύλευον ψέλιά τε καὶ στρεπτοὺς καὶ τοὺς ἀκινάκας ἐόντας χρυσέους, ἐπεὶ ἐσθήτός γε ποικίλης λόγος ἐγίνετο οὐδείς. ἐνθαῦτα πολλὰ μὲν κλέπτοντες ἐπώλεον πρὸς τοὺς Αἰγινήτας οἱ εἶλωτες, πολλὰ δὲ καὶ ἀπεδείκνυσαν, ὅσα αὐτῶν οὐκ οἰά τε ἤν κρύψαι· ὥστε Λίγινήτησι οἱ μεγάλοι πλοῦτοι ἀρχὴν ἐνθεῦτεν ἐγένοντο, οἶ τὸν χρυσὸν ἄτε ἐόντα χαλκὸν δῆθεν παρὰ τῶν εἶλώτων ώνἐοντο.

81. Συμφορήσαντες δὲ τὰ χρήματα καὶ δεκάτην ἐξελόντες τῷ ἐν Δελφοῖσι θεῷ, ἀπ' ἡς ὁ τρίπους ὁ χρύσεος ἀνετέθη ὁ ἐπὶ τοῦ τρικαρήνου ὄφιος τοῦ χαλκέου ἐπεστεὼς ἄγχιστα τοῦ βωμοῦ, καὶ τῷ ἐν 'Ολυμπίη θεῷ ἐξελόντες, ἀπ' ἡς δεκάπηχυν χάλκεον Δία ἀνέθηκαν, καὶ τῷ ἐν 'Ισθμῷ θεῷ, ἀπ' ἡς ἐπτάπηχυς χάλκεος Ποσειδέων ἐξεγένετο, ταῦτα ἐξελόντες τὰ λοιπὰ διαιρέοντο, καὶ ἔλαβον ἔκαστοι τῶν ἄξιοι ἡσαν, καὶ τὰς παλλακὰς τῶν Περσέων καὶ τὸν χρυσὸν καὶ ἄργυρον καὶ ἄλλα χρήματα τε καὶ ὑποζύγια. ὅσα μέν νυν ἐξαίρετα τοῖσι ἀριστεύσασι αὐτῶν ἐν Πλαταιῆσι ἐδόθη, οὐ λέγεται πρὸς οὐδαμῶν, δοκέω δ' ἔγωγε καὶ τούτοισι δοθῆναι· Παυσανίη δὲ πάντα δέκα ἐξαιρέθη τε καὶ ἐδόθη, γυναῖκες ἵπποι τάλαντα κάμηλοι, ὡς δὲ αὕτως καὶ τᾶλλα χρήματα.

¹ The bronze three-headed serpent supporting the cauldron was intended apparently to commemorate the whole Greek alliance against Persia. The serpent pedestal still exists,

and cups and other drinking-vessels; and sacks they found on wains, wherein were seen cauldrons of gold and silver; and they stripped from the dead that lay there their armlets and torques, and daggers of gold; as for many-coloured raiment, it was nothing regarded. Much of all this the helots showed, as much as they could not conceal; but much they stole and sold to the Aeginetans; insomuch that the Aeginetans thereby laid the foundation of their great fortunes, by buying gold from the helots as

though it were bronze.

81. Having brought all the stuff together they set apart a tithe for the god of Delphi, whereof was made and dedicated that tripod that rests upon the bronze three headed serpent,1 nearest to the altar; another they set apart for the god of Olympia, whereof was made and dedicated a bronze figure of Zeus, ten cubits high; and another for the god of the Isthmus, whereof came a bronze Poseidon seven cubits high; all which having set apart they divided the remnant, and each received according to his desert of the concubines of the Persians, and the gold and silver, and all the rest of the stuff, and the beasts of burden. How much was set apart and given to those who had fought best at Plataeae, no man says; but I think that they also received gifts; but tenfold of every kind, women, horses, talents, camels, and all other things likewise, was set apart and given to Pausanias.

in the Atmeidan (formerly Hippodrome) at Constantinople, whither it was transported by Constantine; it has been fully exposed and its inscription deciphered since 1856. The names of thirty-one Greek states are incised on eleven spirals, from the third to the thirteenth. For a fuller account see How and Wells' note ad loc.

82. Λέγεται δὲ καὶ τάδε γενέσθαι, ὡς Ξέρξης φεύγων έκ της Έλλάδος Μαρδονίω την κατασκευήν καταλίποι την έωυτου. Παυσανίην ών όρωντα την Μαρδονίου κατασκευήν χρυσώ τε καί άργύρω και παραπετάσμασι ποικίλοισι κατεσκευασμένην, κελεύσαι τούς τε άρτοκόπους καὶ τούς όψοποιούς κατά ταὐτά καθώς Μαρδονίω δείπνον παρασκευάζειν. ώς δὲ κελευόμενοι ούτοι έποίευν ταύτα, ένθαθτα τον Παυσανίην ίδοντα κλίνας τε χρυσέας και άργυρέας εὖ ἐστρωμένας καὶ τραπέζας τε χρυσέας καὶ άργυρέας καὶ παρασκευήν μεγαλοπρεπέα τοῦ δείπνου, ἐκπλαγέντα τὰ προκείμενα άγαθά κελεύσαι έπλ γέλωτι τοὺς έωυτοῦ διηκόνους παρασκευάσαι Λακωνικόν δείπνου. ώς δὲ τῆς θοίνης ποιηθείσης ἦν πολλον το μέσον, τον Παυσανίην γελάσαντα μεταπέμψασθαι των Ελλήνων τους στρατηγούς, συνελθύντων δε τούτων είπειν του Παυσανίην, δεικνύντα ές έκατέρην τοῦ δείπνου παρασκευήν, ""Ανδρες "Ελληνες, τῶνδε είνεκα ἐγὼ ὑμέας συνήγαγον, βουλόμενος ύμιν τουδε του Μήδων ήγεμόνος την άφροσύνην δέξαι, δη τοιήνδε δίαιταν έχων ήλθε ές ήμέας ούτω δίζυρην έχοντας απαιρησόμενος." ταῦτα μέν Παυσανίην λέγεται είπειν πρός τούς στρατηγούς των Έλλήνων.

83. 'Τστέρφ μέιτοι χρόνω μετά ταῦτα καὶ τῶν Πλαταιέων εὖρον συχνοὶ θήκας χρυσοῦ καὶ ἀργύρου καὶ τῶν ἄλλων χρημάτων. ἐφάνη δὲ καὶ τόδε ὕστερον τούτων ἐπὶ τῶν νεκρῶν περιψιλωθέντων τὰς σάρκας συνεφόρεον γὰρ τὰ ὀστέα οἱ Πλαταιέες ἐς ἔνα χῶρον εὐρέθη κεφαλὴ οὐκ ἔχουσα ῥαφὴν οὐδεμίαν ἀλλ' ἐξ ἐνὸς ἐοῦσα

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82. This other story is also told, Xerxes in his flight from Hellas, having left to Mardonius his own establishment, Pausanias, seeing Mardonius' establishment with its display of gold and silver and gailycoloured tapestry, bade the bakers and the cooks to prepare a dinner in such wise as they were wont to do for Mardonius. They did his bidding; whereat Pausanias, when he saw golden and silvern couches richly covered, and tables of gold and silver, and all the magnificent service of the banquet, was amazed at the splendour before him, and for a jest bade his own servants prepare a dinner after Laconian fashion. When that meal was ready and was far different from the other, Pausanias fell a-laughing, and sent for the generals of the Greeks. They being assembled, Pausanias pointed to the fashion after which either dinner was served, and said : " Men of Hellas, I have brought you hither because I desired to show you the foolishness of the leader of the Medes; who, with such provision for life as you see, came hither to take away from us ours, that is so pitiful." Thus, it is said. Pausanias spoke to the generals of the Greeks.

83. But in later days many of the Plataeans also found chests full of gold and silver and all else. Moreover there were sights to see among these dead, when their bones (which the Plataeans gathered into one place) were laid bare of flesh: there was found a skull whereof the bone was all

οστέου, εφάνη δε και γνάθος κατά το ἄνω 1 τῆς γνάθου εχουσα οδόντας μουνοφυέας εξ ένος οστέου πάντας τούς τε προσθίους και γομφίους,

καὶ πενταπήχεος ἀνδρὸς ὀστέα ἐφάνη.

84. Έπείτε δὲ Μαρδονίου δευτέρη ήμέρη ο νεκρὸς ἡφάνιστο, ὑπὸ ὅτευ μὲν ἀνθρώπων τὸ ἀτρεκὲς οὐκ ἔχω εἰπεῖν, πολλοὺς δὲ τινὰς ἥδη καὶ παντοδαποὺς ἤκουσα θάψαι Μαρδόνιον, καὶ δῶρα μεγάλα οἴδα λαβόντας πολλοὺς παρὰ ᾿Αρτόντεω τοῦ Μαρδονίου παιδὸς διὰ τοῦτο τὸ ἔργον ὅστις μέντοι ἢν αὐτῶν ὁ ὑπελόμενός τε καὶ θάψας τὸν νεκρὸν τὸν Μαρδονίου, οὐ δύναμαι ἀτρεκέως πυθέσθαι, ἔχει δὲ τινὰ φάτιν καὶ Διονυσοφάνης ἀνὴρ Ἐφέσιος θάψαι Μαρδόνιον.

άλλ' δ μέν τρόπφ τοιούτω έτάφη.

85. Οι δὲ Ἑλληνες ὡς ἐν Πλαταιῆσι τὴν ληίην διείλοντο, ἔθαπτον τοὺς ἐωυτῶν χωρὶς ἔκαστοι. Λακεδαιμόνιοι μὲν τριξὰς ἐποιήσαντο θήκας ἔνθα μὲν τοὺς ἰρένας ἔθαψαν, τῶν καὶ Ποσειδώνιος καὶ 'Λμομφάρετος ἡσαν καὶ Φιλοκύων τε καὶ Καλλικράτης. ἐν μὲν δὴ ἐνὶ τῶν τάφων ἡσαν οἱ ἰρένες, ἐν δὲ τῷ ἐτέρῳ οἱ ἄλλοι Σπαρτιῆται, ἐν δὲ τῷ τρίτῳ οἱ εἶλωτες. οὖτοι μὲν οὕτω ἔθαπτον, Τεγεῆται δὲ χωρὶς πάντας ἀλέας, καὶ 'Λθηναῖοι τοὺς ἑωυτῶν ὁμοῦ, καὶ Μεγαρέες τε καὶ Φλειάσιοι τοὺς ὑπὸ τῆς ἔππου διαφθαρέντας. τούτων μὲν δὴ πάντων πλήρεες ἐγένοντο οἱ τάφοι· τῶν δὲ ἄλλων ὅσοι καὶ φαίνονται ἐν Πλαταιῆσι ἐόντες

1 MS. sal +b arw; Stein suggests sard, which is here

adopted.

^{*} MS. έπειτε δέ, introducing a protasis which has no apodosis; Stein's suggested έπει γε δή (= for as to Mardonius, etc.) seems preferable.

one without suture, and a jawbone wherein the teeth of the upper jaw were one whole, a single bone, front teeth and grinders; and there were to be seen the bones of a man of five cubits' stature.

84. As for the body of Mardonius, it was made away with on the day after the battle; by whom, I cannot with exactness say; but I have heard of very many of all countries that buried Mardonius, and I know of many that were richly rewarded for that act by Mardonius' son Artontes; but which of them it was that stole away and buried the body of Mardonius I cannot learn for a certainty, albeit some report that it was buried by Dionysophanes, an Ephesian. Such was the manner of Mardonius' burial.

85. But the Greeks, when they had divided the spoil at Plataeae, buried their dead each severally in their place. The Lacedaemonians made three vaults; there they buried their "irens," 1 among whom were Posidonius and Amompharetus and Philocyon and Callicrates. In one of the tombs, then, were the "irens," in the second the rest of the Spartans, and in the third the helots. Thus the Lacedaemonians buried their dead; the Tegeans buried all theirs together in a place apart, and the Athenians did likewise with their own dead; and so did the Megarians and Philasians with those who had been slain by the horsemen. All the tombs of these peoples were filled with dead; but as for the rest of the states whose tombs are to be seen at Plataeae,

¹ Spartan young men between the ages of twenty and thirty.

τάφοι, τούτους δέ, ως έγω πυνθάνομαι, έπαισχυνομένους τη άπεστοι της μάχης έκάστους χώματα χώσαι κεινά των έπιγινομένων είνεκεν άνθρώπων, έπει και Αίγινητέων έστι αυτόθι καλεόμενος τάφος. τὸν ἐγὰ ἀκούω καὶ δέκα ἔτεσι ὕστερον μετὰ ταῦτα δεηθέντων των Αλγινητέων χώσαι Κλεάδην τον Αὐτοδίκου ἄνδρα Πλαταιέα, πρόξεινου ἐόντα αὐτῶν.

86. 'Ως δ' ἄρα ἔθαψαν τοὺς νεκροὺς ἐν Πλαταιήσι οί "Ελληνες, αὐτίκα βουλευομένοισί σφι έδόκεε στρατεύειν έπλ τὰς Θήβας καλ έξαιτέειν αὐτῶν τοὺς μηδίσαντας, ἐν πρώτοισι δὲ αὐτῶν Τιμηγενίδην καὶ 'Ατταγίνου, οἱ ἀρχηγέται ἀνὰ πρώτους ήσαν ήν δὲ μὴ ἐκδιδῶσι, μὴ ἀπανίστασθαι ἀπὸ τῆς πόλιος πρότερου ἡ ἐξέλωσι. ώς δέ σφι ταθτα έδοξε, ούτω δη ενδεκάτη ημέρη άπο της συμβολής άπικόμενοι επολιόρκεον Θηβαίους, κελεύοντες ἐκδιδόναι τοὺς ἄνδρας οὐ Βουλομένων εὲ τῶν Θηβαίων ἐκδιδόναι, τήν τε γην αυτών έταμνον και προσέβαλλον προς το TELYOS.

87. Καὶ οὐ γὰρ ἐπαύοντο σινόμενοι, εἰκοστή ήμέρη έλεξε τοίσι Θηβαίοισι Τιμηγενίδης τάδε, " Ανδρες Θηβαίοι, έπειδή ούτω δέδοκται τοίσι "Ελλησι, μη πρότερον ἀπαναστήναι πολιορκέοντας ή έξέλωσι Θήβας ή ήμέας αὐτοῖσι παραδώτε, νῦν ων ημέων είνεκα γη ή Βοιωτίη πλέω μη άναπλήση, άλλ' εί μεν χρημάτων χρηίζοντες πρόσχημα ήμέας έξαιτέονται, χρήματά σφι δώμεν έκ του κοινού (σύν γάρ τῷ κοινῷ καὶ ἐμηδίσαμεν οὐδὲ μοῦνοι ήμεις), εἰ δὲ ήμέων ἀληθέως δεόμενοι πολιορκέουσι, ήμεις ήμεας αὐτούς ές ἀντιλογίην

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their tombs are but empty barrows that they built for the sake of men that should come after, because they were ashamed to have been absent from the battle. In truth there is one there that is called the tomb of the Aeginetans, which, as I have been told, was built as late as ten years after, at the Aeginetans' desire, by their patron and protector

Cleades son of Autodicus, a Plataean.

86. As soon as the Greeks had buried their dead at Plataeae, they resolved in council that they would march against Thebes and demand surrender of those who had taken the Persian part, but specially of Timagenidas and Attaginus, who were chief among their foremost men; and that, if these men were not delivered to them, they would not withdraw from before the city till they should have taken it. Being thus resolved, they came with this intent on the eleventh day after the battle and laid siege to the Thebans, demanding the surrender of the men; and the Thebans refusing this surrender, they laid their lands waste and assaulted the walls.

87. Seeing that the Greeks would not cease from their harrying, when nineteen days were past, Timagenidas thus spoke to the Thebans: "Men of Thebes, since the Greeks have so resolved that they will not raise the siege till Thebes be taken or we be delivered to them, now let not the land of Boeotia increase the measure of its ills for our sake; nay, if it is money they desire and their demand for our surrender is but a pretext, let us give them money out of our common treasury (for it was by the common will and not ours alone that we took the Persian part); but if they be besieging the town for no other cause save to have us, then we will give

παρέξομεν." κάρτα τε έδοξε εὐ λέγειν καὶ ές καιρόν, αὐτίκα τε ἐπεκηρυκεύοντο πρὸς Παυσανίην

οί Θηβαίοι θέλοντες εκδιδόναι τους ανδρας.

88. 'Ως δὲ ώμολόγησαν ἐπὶ τούτοισι, 'Ατταγίνος μέν εκδιδρήσκει εκ τοῦ ἄστεος, παίδας δε αὐτοῦ ἀπαχθέντας Παυσανίης ἀπέλυσε τῆς αἰτίης, φας του μηδισμού παίδας ούδεν είναι μεταιτίους. τους δε άλλους άνδρας τους εξέδοσαν οι Θηβαίοι, οί μέν εδόκεον αντιλογίης τε κυρήσειν και δή χρήμασι έπεποίθεσαν διωθέεσθαι δ δε ώς παρέλαβε, αὐτὰ ταῦτα ὑπονοέων τὴν στρατιὴν τὴν τών συμμάχων ἄπασαν ἀπήκε καὶ ἐκείνους ἀγαγων ές Κόρινθον διέφθειρε. ταῦτα μέν τὰ έν

Πλαταιήσι και Θήβησι γενόμενα.

89. 'Αρτάβαζος δε ο Φαρνάκεος φεύγων εκ Πλαταιέων και δή πρόσω έγίνετο. απικόμενον δέ μιν οί Θεσσαλοί παρά σφέας έπί τε ξείνια έκάλεον και άνειρώτων περί της στρατιής της άλλης, οὐδεν ἐπιστάμενοι τῶν ἐν Πλαταιῆσι γενομένων. ὁ δὲ Αρτάβαζος γνούς ὅτι εἰ ἐθέλει σφι πασαν την αληθείην των αγώνων είπειν, αυτός τε κινδυνεύσει ἀπολέσθαι καὶ ὁ μετ' αὐτοῦ στρατός ἐπιθήσεσθαι γάρ οἱ πάντα τινὰ οἴετο πυνθανόμενον τὰ γεγονότα. ταθτα ἐκλογιζόμενος οὐτε πρός τους Φωκέας έξηγορευε ούδεν πρός τε τους Θεσσαλούς έλεγε τάδε. "Έγω μεν ω ανδρες Θεσσαλοί, ώς οράτε, ἐπείγομαί τε κατὰ τάχος έλων ές Θρηίκην και σπουδήν έχω, πεμφθείς κατά τι πρήγμα έκ τοῦ στρατοπέδου μετά τῶνδε αύτὸς δὲ ύμιν Μαρδόνιος καὶ ὁ στρατὸς αὐτοῦ, ούτος κατά πόδας έμεῦ ελαύνων προσδόκιμος εστί.

ourselves up to be tried by them." This seeming to be very well and seasonably said, the Thebans immediately sent a herald to Pausanias, offering to surrender the men.

88. On these terms they made an agreement; but Attaginus escaped out of the town; his sons were seized, but Pausanias held them free of guilt, saying that the sons were nowise accessory to the treason. As for the rest of the men whom the Thebans surrendered, they supposed that they would be put on their trial, and were confident that they would defeat the impeachment by bribery; but Pausanias had that very suspicion of them, and when they were put into his hands he sent away the whole allied army, and carried the men to Corinth, where he put them to death. Such were the doings at Plataeae and Thebes.

89. Artabazus the son of Pharnaces was by now far on his way in his flight from Plataeae. Thessalians, when he came among them, entertained him hospitably and inquired of him concerning the rest of the army, knowing nothing of what had been done at Plataeae. Artabazus understood that if he told them the whole truth about the fighting, he would imperil his own life and the lives of all that were with him; for he thought that every man would set upon him if they heard the story; wherefore, thus reasoning, even as he had revealed nothing to the Phocians so he spoke thus to the Thessalians: "I myself, men of Thessaly, am pressing on with all speed and diligence to march into Thrace, being despatched from the army for a certain purpose with these whom you see; and you may look to see Mardonius and that host of his yonder, marching

τούτον καὶ ξεινίζετε καὶ εὖ ποιεύντες φαίνεσθε οὐ γὰρ ὑμῖν ἐς χρόνον ταῦτα ποιεῦσι μεταμελήσει. ταῦτα δὲ εἴπας ἀπήλαυνε σπουδῆ την στρατιὴν διὰ Θεσσαλίης τε καὶ Μακεδονίης ἰθὺ τῆς Θρηίκης, ὡς ἀληθέως ἐπειγόμενος, καὶ τὴν μεσόγαιαν τάμνων τῆς ὁδοῦ. καὶ ἀπικνέεται ἐς Βυζάντιον, καταλιπὼν τοῦ στρατοῦ τοῦ ἐωυτοῦ συχνοὺς ὑπὸ Θρηίκων κατακοπέντας κατ ὁδὸν καὶ λιμῷ συστάντας καὶ καμάτῳ ἐκ Βυζαντίου δὲ διέβη πλοίοισι. οὐτος μὲν οὕτω ἀπενόστησε

ές την 'Ασίην.

90. Τής δε αὐτής ήμέρης τής περ εν Πλαταιήσι το τρώμα έγένετο, συνεκύρησε γενέσθαι και έν Μυκάλη της Ιωνίης. ἐπεὶ γὰρ δη ἐν τῆ Δήλω κατέατο οί Ελληνες οί έν τῆσι νηυσὶ ἄμα Λευτυχίδη τω Λακεδαιμονίω ἀπικόμενοι, ήλθόν σφι άγγελοι από Σάμου Λάμπων τε Θρασυκλέος καὶ Αθηναγόρης 'Αρχεστρατίδεω και 'Ηγησίστρατος Αρισταγόρεω, πεμφθέντες ύπο Σαμίων λάθρη τών τε Περσέων και τοῦ τυρώννου Θεομήστορος τοῦ 'Ανδροδάμαντος, του κατέστησαν Σάμου τύραννον οι Πέρσαι, ἐπελθόντων δε σφέων ἐπὶ τούς στρατηγούς έλεγε Ήγησίστρατος πολλά καὶ παντοία, ώς ήν μοῦνον ίδωνται αὐτούς οί "Ιωνες άποστήσονται ἀπὸ Περσέων, καὶ ὡς οἰ βάρβαροι ούκ υπομενέουσι ήν δε και άρα υπομείνωσι, ούκ έτέρην άγρην τοιαύτην εύρειν αν αυτούς: θεούς τε κοινούς άνακαλέων προέτραπε αύτους ρύσασθαι ανδρας Ελληνας έκ δουλοσύνης και απαμύναι του βάρβαρου· εύπετές τε αὐτοῖσι ἔφη ταῦτα γίνεσθαι· τάς τε γάρ νέας αὐτῶν κακῶς πλέειν καὶ οὐκ άξιομάχους κείνοισι είναι. αὐτοί τε, εἴ τι ὑποπτεύουσι 264

close after me. It is for you to entertain him, and show that you do him good service; for if you so do, you will not afterwards repent of it." So saying, he used all diligence to lead his army away straight towards Thrace through Thessaly and Macedonia, brooking in good sooth no delay and following the shortest inland road. So he came to Byzantium, but he left behind many of his army, cut down by the Thracians or overcome by hunger and weariness; and from Byzantium he crossed over in boats. In

such case Artabazus returned into Asia.

90. Now on the selfsame day when the Persians were so stricken at Plataeae, it so fell out that they suffered a like fate at Mycale in Ionia. For the Greeks who had come in their ships with Leutychides the Lacedaemonian being then in quarters at Delos, there came to them certain messengers from Samos, to wit, Lampon son of Thrasycles, Athenagoras son of Archestratides, and Hegesistratus son of Aristagoras; these the Samians had sent, keeping their despatch secret from the Persians and the despot Theomestor son of Androdamas, whom the Persians had made despot of Samos. When they came before the generals, Hegesistratus spoke long and vehemently: "If the Ionians but see you," said he, "they will revolt from the Persians; and the foreigners will not stand; but if perchance they do stand, you will have such a prey as never again"; and he prayed them in the name of the gods of their common worship to deliver Greeks from slavery and drive the foreigner away. That, said he, would be an easy matter for them; "for the Persian ships are unseaworthy and no match for yours; and if you

μη δόλω αὐτοὺς προάγοιεν, ἔτοιμοι είναι ἐν τῆσι

νηυσί τησι έκείνων αγόμενοι όμηροι είναι.

91. 'Ως δὲ πολλὸς ἡν λισσόμενος ὁ ξείνος ὁ Σάμιος, εἴρετο Λευτυχίδης, εἴτε κληδόνος εἴνεκεν θέλων πυθέσθαι εἴτε καὶ κατὰ συντυχίην θεοῦ ποιεῦντος, "'Ω ξείνε Σάμιε, τί τοι τὸ οὕνομα;" ὁ δὲ εἶπε " Ἡγησίστρατος." ὁ δὲ ὑπαρπάσας τὸν ἐπίλοιπον λόγον, εἴ τινα ὅρμητο λέγειν ὁ 'ℍγησίστρατος, εἶπε " Δέκομαι τὸν οἰωνον τὸν 'ℍγησιστράτου, ὡ ξείνε Σάμιε. σὰ δὲ ἡμῖν ποίεε ὅκως αὐτός τε δοὺς πίστιν ἀποπλεύσεαι καὶ οἱ σὰν σοὶ ἐόντες οἴδε, ἡ μὲν Σαμίους ἡμῖν προθύμους ἔσεσθαι συμμάγους."

92. Ταῦτά τε ἄμα ἡγόρευε καὶ τὸ ἔργον προσῆγε. αὐτίκα γὰρ οἱ Σάμιοι πίστιν τε καὶ ὅρκια ἐποιεῦντο συμμαχίης πέρι πρὸς τοὺς Έλληνας. ταῦτα δὲ ποιῆσαντες οῦ μὲν ἀπέπλεον μετὰ σφέων γὰρ ἐκέλευε πλέειν τὸν Ἡγησί-

στρατον, οίωνον το ούνομα ποιεύμενος.

93. Οι δὲ "Ελληνες ἐπισχόντες ταύτην τὴν ἡμέρην τῆ ὑστεραίη ἐκαλλιερέοντο, μαντευομένου σφι Δηιφόνου τοῦ Εὐηνίου ἀνδρὸς 'Απολλωνιήτεω, 'Απολλωνίης δὲ τῆς ἐν τῷ 'Ιονίω κόλπω. τούτου τὸν πατέρα Εὐήνιον κατέλαβε πρῆγμα τοιόνδε. ἔστι ἐν τῆ 'Απολλωνίη ταύτη ἰρὰ ἡλίου πρόβατα, τὰ τὰς μὲν ἡμέρας βόσκεται παρὰ Χῶνα ποταμόν, δς ἐκ Λάκμονος ὅρεος ῥέει διὰ τῆς 'Απολλωνίης χώρης ἐς θάλασσαν παρ' "Ωρικον λιμένα, τὰς δὲ νύκτας ἀραιρημένοι ἄνδρες οἱ πλούτω τε καὶ γένει δοκιμωτατοι τῶν ἀστῶν, οὐτοι φυλάσσουσι ἐνιαυτὸν ἔκαστος περὶ πολλοῦ γὰρ δὴ ποιεῦνται

have any suspicion that we may be tempting you guilefully, we are ready to be carried in your ships

as hostages."

91. This Samian stranger being so earnest in entreaty, Leutychides asked him (whether it was that he desired to know for the sake of a presage, or that heaven happily prompted him thereto), "Sir Samian, what is your name?" "Hegesistratus," said he. Then Leutychides cut short whatever else Hegesistratus had begun to say, and cried: "I accept the omen of your name, Sir Samian; now do you see to it that ere you sail hence you and these that are with you pledge yourselves that the Samians will be our zealous allies."

92. Thus he spoke, and then and there added the deed thereto; for straightway the Samians bound themselves by pledge and oath to alliance with the Greeks. This done, the rest sailed away, but Leutychides bade Hegesistratus take ship with the

Greeks, for the good omen of his name.

93. The Greeks waited through that day, and on the next they sought and won favourable augury; their diviner was Deiphonus son of Evenius, a man of that Apollonia which is in the Ionian gulf. This man's father Evenius had once fared as I will now relate. There is at the aforesaid Apollonia a certain flock sacred to the Sun, which in the day-time is pastured beside the river Chon, which flows from the mountain called Lacmon through the lands of Apollonia and issues into the sea by the haven of Oricum; by night, those townsmen who are most notable for wealth or lineage are chosen to watch it, each man serving for a year; for the people of

¹ Hegesistratus - Army-leader.

Απολλωνιήται τὰ πρόβατα ταῦτα ἐκ θεοπροπίου τινός έν δὲ ἄντρω αὐλίζονται ἀπὸ τῆς πόλιος ἐκάς. ένθα δή τότε ο Εὐήνιος ούτος αραιρημένος ἐφύλασσε, καὶ κοτὲ αὐτοῦ κατακοιμήσαντος φυλακήν παρελθόντες λύκοι ές το άντρον διέφθειραν των προβάτων ώς έξήκοντα. δ δὲ ώς ἐπήισε, είγε συγή και έφραζε οὐδενί, εν νόω έχων αντικαταστήσειν άλλα πριάμενος. και οὐ γὰρ ἔλαθε τοὺς Απολλωνιήτας ταθτα γενόμενα, άλλ' ώς έπύθοντο, υπαγαγόντες μιν υπο δικαστήριον κατέκριναν, ώς την φυλακήν κατακοιμήσαντα, της όψιος στερηθήναι. ἐπείτε δὲ τὸν Εὐήνιον ἐξετύφλωσαν, αὐτίκα μετά ταῦτα οὕτε πρόβατά σφι έτικτε ούτε γη έφερε όμοίως καρπόν. πρόφαντα δέ σφι έν τε Δωδώνη και έν Δελφοίσι έγίνετο, έπείτε έπειρώτων τους προφήτας το αίτιον του παρεόντος κακού, οι δὲ αὐτοίσι ἔφραζον ὅτι άδικως του φύλακου των ίρων προβάτων Εὐήνιου της όψιος έστέρησαν αυτοί γαρ έπορμησαι τους λύκους, ου πρότερου τε παύσεσθαι τιμωρέουτες έκείνω πρίν ή δίκας δώσι των εποίησαν ταύτας τας αν αύτος έληται και δικαιοί τούτων δέ τελεομένων αύτοι δώσειν Εύηνίω δόσιν τοιαύτην την πολλούς μιν μακαριείν άνθρώπων έχοντα.

94. Τὰ μὲν χρηστήρια ταῦτά σφι ἐχρήσθη, οἱ δὲ ᾿Απολλωνιῆται ἀπόρρητα ποιησάμενοι προέθεσαν τῶν ἀστῶν ἀνδράσι διαπρῆξαι. οἱ δὲ σφι διέπρηξαν ὧδε κατημένου Εὐηνίου ἐν θώκῳ ἐλθόντες οἱ παρίζοντο καὶ λόγους ἄλλους ἐποιεῦντο, ἐς δ κατέβαινον συλλυπεύμενοι τῷ πάθεὶ ταύτη δὲ ὑπάγοντες εἰρώτων τίνα δίκην ἄν ἔλοιτο,

Apollonia set great store by this flock, being so taught by a certain oracle. It is folded in a cave far distant from the town. Now at the time whereof I speak, Evenius was the chosen watchman. But one night he fell asleep, and wolves came past his guard into the cave, killing about sixty of the flock, When Evenius was aware of it, he held his peace and told no man, being minded to restore what was lost by buying others. But this matter was not hid from the people of Apollonia; and when it came to their knowledge they haled him to judgment and condemned him to lose his eyesight for sleeping at his watch. So they blinded Evenius; but from the day of their so doing their flocks bore no offspring, nor did their land yield her fruits as aforetime; and a declaration was given to them at Dodona and Delphi, when they inquired of the prophets what might be the cause of their present ill; the gods told them by their prophets that they had done unjustly in blinding Evenius, the guardian of the sacred flock, "for we ourselves" (said they) "sent those wolves, and we will not cease from avenging him ere you make him such restitution for what you did as he himself chooses and approves; when that is fully done, we will ourselves give Evenius such a gift as will make many men to deem him happy."

94. This was the oracle given to the people of Apollonia. They kept it secret, and charged certain of their townsmen to carry the business through; who did so as I will now show. Coming and sitting down by Evenius at the place where he sat, they spoke of other matters, till at last they fell to commiserating his misfortune; and thus guiding the discourse they asked him what requital he would

εὶ ἐθέλοιεν ἀπολλωνιῆται δίκας ὑποστῆναι δώσειν τῶν ἐποίησαν. δ δὲ οὐκ ἀκηκοώς τὸ θεοπρόπιου είλετο είπας εί τις οι δοίη άγρούς. των αστών ονομάσας τοίσι ηπίστατο είναι καλλίστους δύο κλήρους των έν τη 'Απολλωνίη, και οίκησιν προς τουτοισι την ήδεε καλλίστην ἐοῦσαν των εν πόλι τούτων δε εφη επήβολος γενόμενος τοῦ λοιποῦ ἀμήνιτος είναι, καὶ δίκην οἱ ταύτην απογράν γενομένην. καὶ ο μέν ταθτα έλεγε, οί δε παρεδροι είπαν υπολαβόντες "Εὐήνιε, ταύτην δίκην 'Απολλωνιήται της έκτυφλώσιος έκτίνουσί τοι κατά θεοπρόπια τὰ γενόμενα." δ μέν δή πρός ταθτα δεινά εποίεε, το ενθεθτεν πυθόμενος τον πάντα λόγον, ως έξαπατηθείς οι δε πριάμενοι παρά των έκτημένων διδούσί οι τὰ είλετο. καὶ μετά ταθτα αυτίκα ξμφυτον μαντικήν είνε, ώστε και δυομαστός γενέσθαι.

95. Τούτου δὴ ὁ Δηίφονος ἐὼν παῖς τοῦ Εὐηνιου ἀγόντων Κορινθίων ἐμαντεύετο τῷ στρατιῷ. ἥδη δὲ καὶ τόδε ἤκουσα, ὡς ὁ Δηίφονος ἐπιβατεύων τοῦ Εὐηνίου οὐνόματος ἐξελάμβανε ἐπὶ τὴν Ἑλ-

λάδα έργα, ούκ έων Εὐηνίου παίς.

96. Τοίσι δὲ "Ελλησι ὡς ἐκαλλιέρησε, ἀνῆγον τὰς νέας ἐκ τῆς Δήλου πρὸς τὴν Σάμον. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἐγένοντο τῆς Σαμίης πρὸς Καλαμίσοισι, οῦ μὲν αὐτοῦ ὁρμισάμενοι κατὰ τὸ "Ηραιον τὸ ταύτη παρεσκευάζοντο ἐς ναυμαχίην, οῦ δὲ Πέρσαι πυθόμενοι σφέας προσπλέειν ἀνῆγον καὶ αὐτοὶ πρὸς τὴν ἤπειρον τὰς νέας τὰς ἄλλας, τὰς δὲ Φοινίκων ἀπῆκαν ἀποπλέειν. βουλευομένοισι γάρ σφι ἐδόκεε ναυμαχίην μὴ ποιέεσθαι οὐ γὰρ ὧν

choose, if the people of Apollonia should promise to requite him for what they had done. He, knowing nought of the oracle, said he would choose for a gift the lands of certain named townsmen whom he deemed to have the two fairest estates in Apollonia, and a house besides which he knew to be the fairest in the town; let him (he said) have possession of these, and he would forgo his wrath, and be satisfied with that by way of restitution. They that sat by him waited for no further word than that, and said : "Evenius, the people of Apollonia hereby make you that restitution for the loss of your sight, obeying the oracle given to them." At that he was very angry, for he learnt thereby the whole story and saw that they had cheated him; but they bought from the possessors and gave him what he had chosen; and from that day he had a natural gift of divination. so that he won fame thereby.

95. Deiphonus, the son of this Evenius, had been brought by the Corinthians, and practised divination for the army. But I have heard it said ere now, that Deiphonus was no son of Evenius, but made a wrongful use of that name, and wrought for wages

up and down Hellas.

96. Having won favourable omens, the Greeks stood out to sea from Delos for Samos. When they were now near Calamisa in the Samian territory, they anchored there hard by the temple of Here that is in those parts, and prepared for a sea-fight; the Persians, learning of their approach, stood likewise out to sea and made for the mainland, with all their ships save the Phoenicians, whom they sent sailing away. It was determined by them in council that they would not do battle by sea; for they

έδόκεον όμοιοι είναι. ἐς δὲ τὴν ἤπειρον ἀπέπλεον, ὅκως ἔωσι ὑπὸ τὸν πεζὸν στρατὸν τὸν σφέτερον ἐόντα ἐν τῷ Μυκάλῃ, ὅς κελεύσαντος Ξέρξεω καταλελειμμένος τοῦ ἄλλου στρατοῦ Ἰωνίην ἐφύλασσε τοῦ πλῆθος μὲν ἢν ἔξ μυριάδες, ἐστρατήγεε δὲ αὐτοῦ Τιγράνης κάλλει καὶ μεγάθει ὑπερφέρων Περσέων. ὑπὸ τοῦτον μὲν δὴ τὸν στρατὸν ἐβουλεύσαντο καταφυγόντες οἱ τοῦ ναυτικοῦ στρατηγοὶ ἀνειρύσαι τὰς νέας καὶ περιβαλέσθαι ἔρκος ἔρυμά τε τῶν νεῶν καὶ σφέων αὐτῶν

κρησφύγετον.

97. Ταῦτα βουλευσάμενοι ἀνήγοντο. ἀπικομενοι δὲ παρὰ τὸ τῶν Ποτνιέων ἰρον τῆς Μυκάλης ἐς Γαίσωνά τε καὶ Σκολοπόεντα, τῆ Δήμητρος Ἑλευσινίης ἰρόν, τὸ Φίλιστος ὁ Πασικλέος ἰδρύσατο Νείλεω τῷ Κόδρου ἐπισπόμενος ἐπὶ Μιλήτου κτιστύν, ἐνθαῦτα τάς τε νέας ἀνείρυσαν καὶ περιεβάλοντο ἔρκος καὶ λίθων καὶ ξύλων, δένδρεα ἐκκόψαντες ἤμερα, καὶ σκόλοπας περὶ τὸ ἔρκος κατέπηξαν, καὶ παρεσκευάδατο ὡς πολιορκησόμενοι καὶ ὡς νικήσοντες, ἐπ' ἀμφότερα ἐπιλεγόμενοι γὰρ παρεσκευάζοντο,

98. Οι δὲ "Ελληνες ώς ἐπύθοντο οἰχωκότας τοὺς βαρβάρους ἐς τὴν ἤπειρον, ἤχθοντο ὡς ἐκπεφευγότων ἀπορίη τε εἴχοντο ὅ τι ποιέωσι, εἴτε ἀπαλλάσσωνται ὁπίσω εἴτε καταπλέωσι ἐπ' Ἑλλησπόντου. τέλος δὲ ἔδοξε τούτων μὲν μηδέτερα ποιέειν, ἐπιπλέειν δὲ ἐπὶ τὴν ἤπειρον. παρασκευασάμενοι ὡν ἐς ναυμαχίην καὶ ἀποβάθρας καὶ ἄλλα ὅσων ἔδεε, ἔπλεον ἐπὶ τῆς

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deemed themselves overmatched; and the reason of their making for the mainland was, that they might lie under the shelter of their army at Mycale, which had been left by Xerxes' command behind the rest of his host to hold Ionia; there were sixty thousand men in it, and Tigranes, the goodliest and tallest man in Persia, was their general. It was the design of the Persian admirals to flee to the shelter of that army, and there to beach their ships and build a fence round them which should be a protection for the ships and a refuge for themselves.

97. With this design they put to sea. So when they came past the temple of the Goddesses¹ at Mycale to the Gaeson and Scolopois,² where is a temple of Eleusinian Demeter (which was built by Philistus son of Pasicles, when he went with Nileus son of Codrus to the founding of Miletus), there they beached their ships and fenced them round with stones and trunks of orchard trees that they cut down; and they drove in stakes round the fence, and prepared for siege or victory, making ready of deliberate purpose for either event.

98. When the Greeks learnt that the foreigners were off and away to the mainland, they were ill-pleased to think that their enemy had escaped them, and doubted whether to return back or make sail for the Hellespont. At the last they resolved that they would do neither, but sail to the mainland; and equipping themselves therefore with gangways and all else needful for a sea-fight, they

1 Demeter and Persephone.

The Gaeson was probably a stream running south of the hill called Mycale; Scolopois, a place on its east bank (How and Wells).

Μυκάλης. ἐπεὶ δὲ ἀγχοῦ τε ἐγίνοντο τοῦ στρατοπέδου και ούδεις έφαίνετό σφι έπαναγόμενος, άλλ' ώρων νέας άνελκυσμένας έσω του τείγεος. πολλον δε πεζον παρακεκριμένον παρά τον αίγιαλόν, ένθαῦτα πρώτον μὲν έν τῆ νηὶ παραπλέων, έγχρίμψας τῷ αἰγιαλῷ τὰ μάλιστα, Λευτυχίδης ύπο κήρυκος προηγόρευε τοΐσι "Ιωσι λέγων " Ανδρες "Ιωνες, οἱ ὑμέων τυγχάνουσι ἐπακούοντες, μάθετε τὰ λέγω πάντως γάρ οὐδεν συνήσουσι Πέρσαι των έγω υμίν εντέλλομαι. επεάν συμμίσγωμεν, μεμνήσθαι τινά χρη έλευθερίης μέν πάντων πρώτον, μετά δὲ τοῦ συνθήματος "Ηβης. καὶ τάδε ίστω καὶ ὁ μὴ ἀκούσας ὑμέων πρὸς τοῦ ἀκούσαντος." ώυτὸς δὲ οὐτος ἐὼν τυγχάνει νόος του πρήγματος και ο Θεμιστοκλέος ο έπ Αρτεμισίω ή γὰρ δὴ λαθόντα τὰ ῥήματα τους Βαρβάρους έμελλε τους "Ιωνας πείσειν, ή έπειτα άνενειχθέντα ές τους βαρβάρους ποιήσειν απίστους τοίσι "Ελλησι.

99. Λευτυχίδεω δὲ ταῦτα ὑποθεμένου δεύτερα δὴ τάδε ἐποίευν οἱ "Ελληνες προσσχόντες τὰς νέας ἀπέβησαν ἐς τὸν αἰγιαλόν. καὶ οὐτοι μὲν ἐτάσσοντο, οἱ δὲ Πέρσαι ὡς εἰδον τοὺς "Ελληνας παρασκευαζομένους ἐς μάχην καὶ τοῖοι Ἰωσι παραινέσαντας, τοῦτο μὲν ὑπονοήσαντες τοὺς Σαμίους τὰ Ἑλλήνων φρονέειν ἀπαιρέονται τὰ ὅπλα. οἱ γὰρ ὡν Σάμιοι ἀπικομένων 'Αθηναίων αἰχμαλώτων ἐν τῆσι νηυσὶ τῶν βαρβάρων, τοὺς ἔλαβον ἀνὰ τὴν 'Αττικὴν λελειμμένους οἱ Εέρξεω, τούτους λυσάμενοι πάντας ἀποπέμπουσι ἐποδιάσαντες ἐς 'Αθήνας' τῶν εῖνεκεν οὐκ ῆκιστα ὑποψίην εἰχον, πεντακοσίας κεφαλὰς τῶν Εέρξεω

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held their course for Mycale. When they came near to the camp and found none putting out to meet them, and saw the ships beached within the wall and a great host of men drawn up in array along the strand, Leutychides thereupon first coasted along in his ship, keeping as near to the shore as he could, and made this proclamation to the Ionians by the voice of a herald: "Men of Ionia, you that hear us, take heed of what I say! for in no case will the Persians understand aught of my charge to you: when we join battle, let a man remember first his freedom, and next the battle-cry 'Hebe'; and let him that hears me not be told of this by him that hears." The purpose of this act was the same as Themistocles' purpose at Artemisium1; either the message would be unknown to the foreigners and would prevail with the Ionians, or if it were thereafter reported to the foreigners it would make them to mistrust their Greek allies.

99. After this counsel of Leutychides', the Greeks next brought their ships to land and disembarked on the beach, where they put themselves in array. But the Persians, seeing the Greeks prepare for battle and exhort the Ionians, first of all took away the Samians' armour, suspecting that they favoured the Greeks; for indeed when the foreigners' ships brought certain Athenian captives, who had been left in Attica and taken by Xerxes' army, the Samians had set them all free and sent them away to Athens with provision for the way; for which cause in especial they were held suspect, as having set free five hundred souls of Xerxes' enemies.

πολεμίων λυσάμενοι. τοῦτο δὲ τὰς διόδους τὰς ἐς τὰς κορυφὰς τῆς Μυκάλης φερούσας προστάσσουσι τοῖσι Μιλησίοισι φυλάσσειν ὡς ἐπισταμένοισι δῆθεν μάλιστα τὴν χώρην. ἐποίευν δὲ τοῦτο τοῦδε εἶνεκεν, ἵνα ἐκτὸς τοῦ στρατοπέδου ἔωσι. τούτους μὲν Ἰώνων, τοῖσι καὶ κατεδόκεον νεοχμὸν ἄν τι ποιέειν δυνάμιος ἐπιλαβομένοισι, τρόποισι τοιούτοισι προεφυλάσσοντο οἱ Πέρσαι, αὐτοὶ δὲ

συνεφόρησαν τὰ γέρρα έρκος είναι σφίσι.

100. Ως δὲ ἄρα παρεσκευάδατο τοῖσι Ἑλλησι, προσήισαν πρὸς τοὺς βαρβάρους ἰοῦσι δὲ σφι φήμη τε ἐσέπτατο ἐς τὸ στρατόπεδον πῶν καὶ κηρυκήιον ἐφώνη ἐπὶ τῆς κυματώγης κείμενον ἡ δὲ φήμη διῆλθέ σφι ώδε, ὡς οὶ "Ελληνες τὴν Μαρδονίου στρατιὴν νικῷεν ἐν Βοιωτοῖσι μαχόμενοι. δῆλα δὴ πολλοῖσι τεκμηρίοισι ἐστὶ τὰ θεῖα τῶν πρηγμάτων, εἰ καὶ τότε, τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρης συμπιπτούσης τοῦ τε ἐν Πλαταιῆσι καὶ τοῦ ἐν Μυκάλη μέλλοντος ἔσεσθαι τρώματος, φήμη τοῖσι "Ελλησι τοῖσι ταύτη ἐσαπίκετο, ώστε θαρσῆσαί τε τὴν στρατιὴν πολλῶ μᾶλλον καὶ ἐθέλειν προθυμότερον κινδυνεύειν.

101. Καὶ τόδε ἔτερον συνέπεσε γενόμενον, Δήμητρος τεμένεα Ἐλευσινίης παρὰ ἀμφοτέρας τὰς συμβολάς εἰναι καὶ γὰρ δὴ ἐν τῷ Πλαταιίδι παρ αὐτὸ τὸ Δημήτριον ἐγίνετο, ὡς καὶ πρότερόν μοι εἴρηται, ἡ μάχη, καὶ ἐν Μυκάλῃ ἔμελλε ὡσαύτως ἔσεσθαι. γεγονέναι δὲ νίκην τῶν μετὰ Παυσανίεω Ἑλλήνων ὀρθῶς σφι ἡ φήμη συνέβαινε ἐλθοῦσα τὸ μὲν γὰρ ἐν Πλαταιῆσι πρωὶ ἔτι τῆς ἡμέρης ἐγίνετο, τὸ δὲ ἐν Μυκάλῃ περὶ δείλην ὅτι δὲ τῆς αὐτῆς ἡμέρης συνέβαινε

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Furthermore, they appointed the Milesians to guard the passes leading to the heights of Mycale, alleging that they were best acquainted with the country; but their true reason for so doing was, that the Milesians should be away from the rest of their army. In such manner did the Persians safeguard themselves from those Ionians who (they supposed) might turn against them if opportunity were given; for themselves, they set their shields close to make a barricade.

100. The Greeks, having made all preparation, advanced their line against the foreigners. As they went, a rumour sped all about the army, and a herald's wand was seen lying by the water-line; and the rumour that ran was to the effect that the Greeks were victors over Mardonius' army at a battle in Boeotia. Now there are many clear proofs of the divine ordering of things; seeing that at this time, the Persians' disaster at Plataeae falling on the same day as that other which was to befall them at Mycale, the rumour came to the Greeks at that place, whereby their army was greatly heartened and the readier to face danger.

101. Moreover there was this other coincidence. that there were precincts of Eleusinian Demeter on both battlefields; for at Platacae the fight was hard by the temple of Demeter, as I have already said, and so it was to be at Mycale likewise. It so fell out that the rumour of victory won by the Greeks with Pausanias spoke truth; for the defeat or Platacae happened while it was yet early in the day, and the defeat of Mycale in the afternoon. That the two fell on the same day of the same

γίνεσθαι μηνός τε τοῦ αὐτοῦ, χρόνω οὐ πολλω σφι ὕστερον δήλα ἀναμανθάνουσι ἐγίνετο. ἡν δὲ ἀρρωδίη σφι, πρὶν τὴν φήμην ἐσαπικέσθαι, οὕτι περὶ σφέων αὐτῶν οὕτω ὡς τῶν Ἑλλήνων, μὴ περὶ Μαρδονίω πταίση ἡ Ἑλλάς. ὡς μέντοι ἡ κληδῶν αὕτη σφι ἐσέπτατο, μᾶλλόν τι καὶ ταχύτερον τὴν πρόσοδον ἐποιεῦντο. οἱ μὲν δὴ Ἑλληνες καὶ οἱ βάρβαροι ἔσπευδον ἐς τὴν μάχην, ὡς σφι καὶ αὶ νῆσοι καὶ ὁ Ἑλλήσποντος ἄεθλα προέκειτο.

102. Τοίσι μέν νυν 'Αθηναίοισι καὶ τοίσι προσεχέσι τούτοισι τεταγμένοισι, μέχρι κου τῶν ήμισέων, ἡ ὁδὸς ἐγίνετο κατ αἰγιαλόν τε καὶ απεδον χώρον, τοῖσι δὲ Λακεδαιμονίοισι καὶ τοῖσι έπεξης τουτοισι τεταγμένοισι κατά τε χαράδραν και όρεα. ἐν ώ δὲ οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι περιήισαν. ούτοι οί έπλ τῷ έτέρφ κέρει ἔτι καλ δη ἐμάχοντο. έως μέν νυν τοΐσι Πέρσησι όρθὰ ἡν τὰ γέρρα, ἡμύνοντό τε καὶ οὐδὲν ἔλασσον είχον τῆ μάχη. ἐπεὶ δὲ τῶν 'Αθηναίων καὶ τῶν προσεχέων ὁ στρατός, ὅκως έωυτῶν γένηται τὸ ἔργον καὶ μη Λακεδαιμονίων, παρακελευσάμενοι έργου είχοντο προθυμότερον, ένθευτεν ήδη έτεροιούτο το πρήγμα. διωσάμενοι γάρ τὰ γέρρα ούτοι φερόμενοι ἐσέπεσον άλέες ἐς τους Πέρσας, οι δε δεξάμενοι και χρόνον συχνόν άμυνόμενοι τέλος έφευγον èς τὸ τεῖχος. 'Αθηναΐοι δὲ καὶ Κορίνθιοι καὶ Σικυώνιοι καὶ Τροιζήνιοι (ούτω γαρ ήσαν έπεξης τεταγμένοι) συνεπισπόμενοι συνεσέπιπτον ές τὸ τεῖχος. ὡς δὲ καὶ τὸ τεῖχος ἀραίρητο, οὐτ' ἔτι πρὸς ἀλκὴν ἐτράποντο οἱ βάρβαροι πρὸς φυγήν τε ορμέατο οἱ ἄλλοι πλὴν Περσέων ούτοι δε κατ' ολίγους γινόμενοι εμάmonth was proved to the Greeks when they examined the matter not long afterwards. Now before this rumour came they had been faint-hearted, fearing less for themselves than for the Greeks with Pausanias, lest Mardonius should be the stumblingblock of Hellas; but when the report sped among them they grew stronger and swifter in their onset. So Greeks and foreigners alike were eager for battle, seeing that the islands and the Hellespont

were the prizes of victory.

102. As for the Athenians and those whose place was nearest them, that is, for about half of the line, their way lay over the beach and level ground; for the Lacedaemonians and those that were next to them, through a ravine and among hills; and while the Lacedaemonians were making a circuit, those others on the other wing were already fighting. While the Persians' shields stood upright, they defended themselves and held their own in the battle: but when the Athenians and their neighbours in the line passed the word and went more zealously to work, that they and not the Lacedaemonians might win the victory, immediately the face of the fight was changed. Breaking down the shields they charged all together into the midst of the Persians, who received the onset and stood their ground for a long time, but at the last fled within their wall; and the Athenians and Corinthians and Sievonians and Troezenians, who were next to each other in the line, followed hard after and rushed in together likewise. But when the walled place was won, the foreigners made no further defence, but took to flight, all save the Persians, who gathered themselves into bands of a few men and fought

χοντο τοίσι αίει ές το τείχος έσπίπτουσι Ελλήνων. καὶ τῶν στρατηγῶν τῶν Περσικῶν δύο μὲν ἀποφεύγουσι, δύο δὲ τελευτώσι. 'Αρταύντης μὲν καὶ Ιθαμίτρης του ναυτικού στρατηγέοντες άποφεύγουσι, Μαρδόντης δὲ καὶ ο τοῦ πεζοῦ στρα-

τηγός Τιγράνης μαχόμενοι τελευτώσι.

103. "Επι δε μαχομένων των Περσέων απίκοντο Λακεδαιμόνιοι και οί μετ' αὐτῶν, και τὰ λοιπὰ συνδιεχείριζον. ἔπεσον δὲ καὶ αὐτῶν τῶν Ἑλ-λήνων συχνοὶ ἐνθαῦτα ἄλλοι τε καὶ Σικυώνιοι καί στρατηγός Περίλεως των τε Σαμίων οί στρατευόμενοι έόντες τε έν τῷ στρατοπέδω τῷ Μηδικώ και άπαραιρημένοι τα όπλα, ώς είδον αυτίκα κατ άρχας γινομένην έτεραλκέα την μάχην, ερδον οσον εδυνέατο προσωφελέειν εθέλοντες τοίσι "Ελλησι. Σαμίους δε ίδοντες οί άλλοι "Ιωνες άρξαντας ούτω δή και αυτοί άποστάντες άπο Περσέων ἐπέθεντο τοίσι βαρβάροισι.

104. Μιλησίοισι δέ προσετέτακτο μέν έκ τῶν Περσέων τὰς διόδους τηρέειν σωτηρίης είνεκά σφι, ώς ήν άρα σφέας καταλαμβάνη οιά περ κατέλαβε, έχοντες ήγεμόνας σώζωνται ές τὰς κορυφάς τῆς Μυκάλης. ἐτάχθησαν μέν νυν ἐπὶ τοῦτο τὸ πρήγμα οί Μιλήσιοι τούτου τε είνεκεν καὶ ίνα μή παρεόντες εν τῷ στρατοπέδω τι νεοχμὸν ποιέοιεν' οι δέ παν τουναντίον του προστεταγμένου ἐποίεον, άλλας τε κατηγεόμενοί σφι όδους φεύγουσι, αί δή έφερον ές τους πολεμίους, και τέλος αὐτοί σφι έγίνοντο κτείνοντες πολεμιώτατοι. ούτω δή το δεύτερον Ίωνίη ἀπὸ Περσέων ἀπέστη.

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with whatever Greeks came rushing within the walls. Of the Persian leaders two escaped by flight and two were slain; Artayntes and Ithamitres, who were admirals of the fleet, escaped; Mardontes and Tigranes, the general of the land army, were slain

fighting.

103. While the Persians still fought, the Lacedaemonians and their comrades came up, and finished
what was left of the business. The Greeks too lost
many men there, notably the men of Sieyon and
their general Perilaus. As for the Samians who
served in the Median army, and had been disarmed,
they, seeing from the first that victory hung in the
balance, did what they could in their desire to aid
the Greeks; and when the other Ionians saw the
Samians set the example, they also thereupon deserted the Persians and attacked the foreigners.

appointed the Milesians to watch the passes, so that if haply aught should befall the Persian army such as did befall it, they might have guides to bring them safe to the heights of Mycale, This was the task to which the Milesians were appointed, for the aforesaid reason, and that they might not be present with the army and so turn against it. But they did wholly contrariwise to the charge laid upon them; they misguided the fleeing Persians by ways that led them among their enemies, and at last themselves became their worst enemies and slew them. Thus did Ionia for the second time revolt from the Persians.

¹ ἐτεραλκής here probably means "doubtful," giving victory to one side or other; cp. vii. 11; in Homer it means "decisive," giving victory to one as opposed to the other.

105. Έν δὲ ταύτη τῆ μάχη Ἑλλήνων ἡρίστευσαν ᾿Αθηναίοι καὶ ᾿Αθηναίων Ἑρμόλυκος ὁ Εὐθοίνου, ἀνὴρ παγκράτιον ἐπασκήσας. τοῦτον δὲ τὸν Ἑρμόλυκον κατέλαβε ὕστερον τούτων, πολέμου ἐόντος ᾿Αθηναίοισί τε καὶ Καρυστίοισι, ἐν Κύρνω τῆς Καρυστίης χώρης ἀποθανόντα ἐν μάχη κεῖσθαι ἐπὶ Γεραιστῷ. μετὰ δὲ ᾿Αθηναίους Κορίνθιοι καὶ Τροιζήνιοι καὶ Σικυώνιοι ἡρίστευσαν.

106. Επείτε δε κατεργώσαντο οί Ελληνες τους πολλούς τούς μέν μαχομένους τούς δε και φεύγοντας τών βαρβάρων, τὰς νέας ἐνέπρησαν καὶ τὸ τείγος άπαν, την ληίην προεξαγαγόντες ές του αληιαλόν, και θησαυρούς τινας χρημάτων εύρον έμπρήσαντες δε το τείχος και τὰς νέας ἀπέπλεον. άπικόμενοι δὲ ἐς Σάμον οί "Ελληνες ἐβουλεύοντο περί άναστάσιος της Ίωνίης, και όκη χρεον είη της Ελλάδος κατοικίσαι της αυτοί έγκρατέες ήσαν, την δὲ Ἰωνίην ἀπείναι τοῖσι βαρβάροισι ἀδύνατον γὰρ έφαίνετό σφι είναι έωυτούς τε Ίώνων προκατήσθαι φρουρέοντας του πάντα χρόνου, καὶ έωυτῶν μὴ προκατημένων Ίωνας οὐδεμίαν ἐλπίδα είχον χαίροντας πρός τῶν Περσέων ἀπαλλάξειν. πρὸς ταῦτα Πελοποννησίων μέν τοίσι έν τέλει εούσι εδόκεε τών μηδισάντων έθνέων των Έλληνικών τὰ έμπολαία έξαναστήσαντας δούναι την χώρην "Ιωσι ένοικήσαι, 'Αθηναίοισι δε ούκ εδόκεε άρχην Ίωνίην γενέσθαι ἀνάστατον οὐδὲ Πελοποννησίοισι περὶ τών σφετερέων ἀποικιέων βουλεύειν ἀντιτεινόντων δέ τούτων προθύμως, είξαν οι Πελοποννήσιοι. 282

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105. In that battle those of the Greeks that fought best were the Athenians, and the Athenian that fought best was one who practised the pancratium, ¹ Hermolycus son of Euthoenus. This Hermolycus on a later day met his death in battle at Cyrnus in Carystus during a war between the Athenians and Carystians, and lay dead on Geraestus. Those that fought best next after the Athenians were the

men of Corinth and Troezen and Sievon,

106. When the Greeks had made an end of most of the foreigners, either in battle or in flight, they brought out their booty on to the beach, and found certain stores of wealth; then they burnt the ships and the whole of the wall, which having burnt they sailed away. When they were arrived at Samos, they debated in council whether they should dispeople Ionia, and in what Greek lands under their dominion it were best to plant the Ionians, leaving the country itself to the foreigners; for it seemed to them impossible to stand on guard between the Ionians and their enemies for ever; yet if they should not so stand, they had no hope that the Persians would suffer the Ionians to go unpunished. In this matter the Peloponnesians that were in authority were for removing the people from the marts of those Greek nations that had sided with the Persians, and giving their land to the Ionians to dwell in; but the Athenians misliked the whole design of dispeopling Ionia, or suffering the Peloponnesians to determine the lot of Athenian colonies; and as they resisted hotly, the Peloponnesians

¹ The "pancratium" was a mixture of boxing and wrestling.

και ούτω δη Σαμίους τε και Χίους και Λεσβίους καί τους άλλους νησιώτας, οί έτυχον συστρατευόμενοι τοίσι "Ελλησι, ές τὸ συμμαγικὸν ἐποιήσαντο, πίστι τε καταλαβόντες και δρκίοισι έμμενέειν τε και μη αποστήσεσθαι. τούτους δέ καταλαβόντες όρκίοισι έπλεον τὰς γεφύρας λύσοντες έτι γαρ εδόκεον εντεταμένας ευρήσειν. ούτοι μεν δη επ' Ελλησπόντου επλεον.

107. Των δε αποφυγόντων βαρβάρων ές τά άκρα της Μυκάλης κατειληθέντων, έόντων οὐ πολλών, έγίνετο κομιδή ές Σάρδις. πορευομένων δὲ κατ' όδον Μασίστης ὁ Δαρείου παρατυχών τώ πάθει τώ γεγουότι του στρατηγου 'Αρταθυτην έλεγε πολλά τε και κακά, άλλα τε και γυναικός κακίω φάς αὐτὸν είναι τοιαῦτα στρατηγήσαντα, καὶ ἄξιον είναι παντὸς κακοῦ τὸν βασιλέος οίκον κακώσαντα. παρά δέ τοίσι Πέρσησι γυναικός κακίω ακούσαι δέννος μέγιστος έστι. δ δὲ ἐπεὶ πολλά ήκουσε, δεινά ποιεύμενος σπάται έπὶ τὸν Μασίστην τον άκινάκην, άποκτείναι θέλων. καί μιν ἐπιθέοντα φρασθείς Ξειναγόρης ὁ Πρηξίλεω άνηρ 'Αλικαρνησσεύς όπισθε έστεως αύτοῦ 'Αρταύντεω άρπάζει μέσον και εξαείρας παίει ές την γην και έν τούτω οι δορυφόροι οι Μασίστεω προέστησαν. ὁ δὲ Εειναγόρης ταῦτα έργάσατο γάριτα αὐτῷ τε Μασίστη τιθέμενος και Ξέρξη. έκσωζων τον άδελφεον τον έκείνου και δια τούτο τὸ ἔργον Ξειναγόρης Κιλικίης πάσης ήρξε δόντος Βασιλέος. τῶν δὲ κατ' όδον πορευομένων οὐδὲν έπι πλέον τούτων έγένετο, άλλ' άπικνέονται ές Σάρδις.

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yielded. Thus it came about that they admitted to their alliance the Samians, Chians, Lesbians, and all other islanders who had served with their armaments, and bound them by pledge and oaths to remain faithful and not desert their allies; who being thus sworn, the Greeks set sail to break the bridges, supposing that these still held fast. So

they laid their course for the Hellespont.

107. The few foreigners who escaped were driven to the heights of Mycale, and made their way thence to Sardis. While they were journeying on the road, Masistes son of Darius, who had chanced to be present at the Persian disaster, reviled the admiral Artavntes very bitterly, telling him (with much beside) that such generalship as his proved him worse than a woman, and that no punishment was too bad for the hurt he had wrought to the king's house. Now it is the greatest of all taunts in Persia to be called worse than a woman. These many insults so angered Artayntes, that he drew his sword upon Masistes to kill him; but Xenagoras son of Praxilaus of Halicarnassus, who stood behind Artayntes himself, saw him run at Masistes, and caught him round the middle and lifted and hurled him to the ground; meanwhile Masistes' guards came between them. By so doing Xenagoras won the gratitude of Masistes himself and Xerxes, for saving the king's brother; for which deed he was made ruler of all Cilicia by the king's gift. They went then on their way without any outcome of the matter, and came to Sardis.

108. Now it chanced that the king had been at

λεύς έξ ἐκείνου τοῦ χρόνου, ἐπείτε ἐξ 'Αθηνέων προσπταίσας τη ναυμαχίη φυγών ἀπίκετο. τότε δη έν τησι Σάρδισι έων άρα ήρα της Μασίστεω γυναικός, δούσης και ταύτης δυθαύτα, ώς δέ οί προσπέμποντι ούκ έδύνατο κατεργασθήναι, οὐδέ βίην προσεφέρετο προμηθεόμενος του άδελφεον Μασίστην' τώυτο δε τούτο είχε και την γυναϊκα. εθ γάρ ἐπίστατο βίης οὐ τευξομένη ἐνθαθτα δή Εέρξης ἐργόμενος τῶν ἄλλων πρήσσει τὸν γάμον τούτον τῶ παιδὶ τῷ ἐωυτοῦ Δαρείω, θυγατέρα τῆς γυναικός ταύτης και Μασίστεω, δοκέων αὐτήν μάλλον λάμψεσθαι ήν ταθτα ποιήση. άρμόσας δέ και τὰ νομιζόμενα ποιήσας ἀπήλαυνε ές Σούσα' έπει δὲ έκει τε ἀπίκετο και ἡγάγετο ἐς ἐωυτοῦ Δαρείω την γυναϊκα, ούτω δη της Μασίστεω μέν γυναικός ἐπέπαυτο, δ δὲ διαμειψάμενος ήρα τε καὶ ἐτύγγανε τῆς Δαρείου μεν γυναικός Μασίστεω δέ θυγατρός ούνομα δέ τη γυναικί ταύτη ήν 'Αρταύντη.

109. Χρόνου δὲ προϊόντος ἀνάπυστα γίνεται τρόπω τοιῷδε. ἔξυφήνασα "Αμηστρις ή Ξέρξεω γυνὴ φάρος μέγα τε καὶ ποικίλον καὶ θέης ἄξιον διδοῖ Ξέρξη. δ δὲ ἡσθεὶς περιβάλλεται τε καὶ ἔρχεται παρὰ τὴν 'Αρταΰντην' ἡσθεὶς δὲ καὶ ταύτη ἐκέλευσε αὐτὴν αἰτῆσαι ὅ τι βούλεται οἱ γενέσθαι ἀντὶ τῶν αὐτῷ ὑπουργημένων' πάντα γὰρ τεύξεσθαι αἰτήσασαν. τῆ δὲ κακῶς γὰρ ἔδεε πανοικίη γενέσθαι, πρὸς ταῦτα εἰπε Ξέρξη "Δώσεις μοι τὸ ἄν σε αἰτήσω;" δ δὲ πᾶν μᾶλλον δοκέων κείνην αἰτῆσαι ὑπισχνέετο καὶ ὅμοσε. ἡ δὲ ὡς ὅμοσε ἀδεῶς αἰτέει τὸ φᾶρος. Ξέρξης δὲ παντοῖος ἐγίνετο οὐ βουλόμενος δοῦναι, κατ' ἄλλο

Sardis ever since he came thither in flight from Athens after his overthrow in the sea-fight. Being then at Sardis he became enamoured of Masistes' wife, who was also at that place. But as all his messages could not bring her to yield to him, and he would not force her to his will, out of regard for his brother Masistes (which indeed wrought with the woman also, for she knew well that no force would be used with her). Xerxes found no other way to his purpose than that he should make a marriage between his own son Darius and the daughter of this woman and Masistes; for he thought that by so doing he would be likeliest to get her. So he betrothed them with all due ceremony, and rode away to Susa. But when he was come thither and had taken Darius' bride into his house, he thought no more of Masistes' wife. but changed about, and wooed and won this girl Artaynte, Darius' wife and Masistes' daughter.

109. But as time went on the truth came to light, and in such manner as I will show. Xerxes' wife, Amestris, wove and gave to him a great gaily-coloured mantle, wondrous to behold. Xerxes was pleased with it, and went wearing it to Artaynte; and being pleased with her too, he bade her ask for what she would have in return for her favours, for he would deny nothing at her asking. Thereat—for she and all her house were doomed to evil—she said to Xerxes, "Will you give me whatever I ask of you?" and he promised and swore it, supposing that she would ask anything but that; but when he had sworn, she asked boldly for his mantle. Xerxes strove hard to refuse her, for no cause save

μέν οὐδέν, φοβεόμενος δὲ "Αμηστριν, μη και πρίν κατεικαζούση τὰ γινόμενα ούτω ἐπευρεθή πρήσσων άλλα πόλις τε έδίδου και χρυσον απλετον καὶ στρατόν, τοῦ ἔμελλε οὐδεὶς ἄρξειν άλλ' ή έκείνη. Περσικόν δὲ κάρτα ὁ στρατὸς δώρον. άλλ' οὐ γὰρ ἔπειθε, διδοῖ τὸ φᾶρος. ἡ δὲ περιχαρής

έουσα τῷ δώρω ἐφόρεἐ τε καὶ ἀγάλλετο.

110. Καὶ ἡ "Αμηστρις πυνθάνεται μιν έχουσαν. μαθούσα δέ τὸ ποιεύμενον τῆ μέν γυναικί ταύτη ούκ είχε έγκοτον, ή δὲ ἐλπίζουσα τὴν μητέρα αύτης είναι αίτίην και ταῦτα ἐκείνην πρήσσειν, τη Μασίστεω γυναικί έβούλευε όλεθρον. φυλάξασα δε τον άνδρα τον έωυτης Ξέρξην βασιλήιον δείπνου προτιθέμενου τούτο δε το δείπνου παρασκευάζεται άπαξ του ένιαυτου ημέρη τη έγένετο βασιλεύς. ούνομα δε τω δείπνω τούτω περσιστί μέν τυκτά, κατά δὲ τὴν Ελλήνων γλώσσαν τέλειου τότε και την κεφαλήν σμάται μούνον βασιλεύς και Πέρσας δωρίεται ταύτην δή την ημέρην φυλάξασα ή "Αμηστρις χρηίζει του Ξέρξεω δοθήναι οι την Μασίστεω γυναϊκα. ὁ δὲ δεινόν τε καὶ ἀνάρσιον ἐποιέετο τοῦτο μὲν ἀδελφεοῦ γυναῖκα παραδούναι, τούτο δε άναιτίην εούσαν του πρήγματος τούτου συνήκε γάρ τοῦ εἴνεκεν ἐδέετο.

111. Τέλος μέντοι ἐκείνης τε λιπαρεούσης καὶ ύπο του νόμου έξεργόμενος, ότι άτυχήσαι τον χρηίζοντα ου σφι δυνατόν έστι βασιληίου δείπνου προκειμένου, κάρτα δη δέκων κατανεύει, καὶ παραδούς ποιέει ώδε την μέν κελεύει ποιέειν το Βούλεται, δ δε μεταπεμψάμευν τον άδελφεον λέγει τάδε. "Μασίστα, σο είς Δαρείου τε παίς καί έμος άδελφεός, προς δ' έτι τούτοισι καί είς

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that he feared lest Amestris might have plain proof of his doing what she already guessed; and he offered her cities instead, and gold in abundance, and an army for none but herself to command. Armies are the properest of gifts in Persia. But as he could not move her, he gave her the mantle; and she, rejoicing greatly in the gift, went flaunting her

finery.

110. Amestris heard that she had the mantle: but when she learnt the truth her anger was not with the girl; she supposed rather that the girl's mother was guilty and that this was her doing, and so it was Masistes' wife that she plotted to destroy. She waited therefore till Xerxes her husband should be giving his royal feast. This banquet is served once a year, on the king's birthday; the Persian name for it is "tukta," which is in the Greek language "perfect"; on that day (and none other) the king anoints his head, and makes gifts to the Persians. Waiting for that day, Amestris then desired of Xerxes that Masistes' wife should be given to her. Xerxes held it a terrible and wicked act to give up his brother's wife, and that too when she was guiltless of the deed supposed; for he knew the purpose of the request.

111. Nevertheless, Amestris being instant, and the law constraining him (for at this royal banquet in Persia every boon asked must of necessity be granted), he did very unwillingly consent, and delivered the woman to Amestris; then, bidding her do what she would, he sent for his brother and thus spoke: "Masistes, you are Darius' son and my brother, yea, and a right good man; hear me then;

άνηρ άγαθός γυναικί δη ταύτη τη νύν συνοικέεις μη συνοίκεε, άλλά τοι άντ' αὐτης έγω δίδωμι θυγατέρα την έμην. ταύτη συνοίκε την δε νθν έχεις, ου γαρ δοκέει έμοι, μη έχε γυναϊκα." ό δε Μασίστης άποθωμάσας τα λεγόμενα λέγει τάδε. "Ω δέσποτα, τίνα μοι λόγον λέγεις ἄχρηστον, κελεύων με γυναίκα, έκ της μοι παίδές τε νεηνίαι είσι και θυγατέρες, τῶν καὶ σὺ μίαν τῷ παιδὶ τῷ σεωυτοῦ ηγάγεο γυναϊκα, αὐτή τέ μοι κατὰ νόον τυγχάνει κάρτα έουσα· ταύτην με κελεύεις μετέντα θυγατέρα την σην γημαι; έγω δε βασιλεύ μεγάλα μεν ποιεθμαι άξιεύμενος θυγατρός της σης, ποιήσω μέντοι τούτων οὐδέτερα. σὰ δὲ μηδαμώς Βιώ πρήγματος τοιούδε δέομενος άλλα τη τε σή θυγατρί ἀνηρ άλλος φανήσεται έμεῦ οὐδὲν ήσσων, έμε τε εα γυναικί τῆ έμῆ συνοικέειν." ὁ μεν δή τοιούτοισι άμείβεται, Εέρξης δε θυμωθείς λέγει τάδε. "Ούτω τοι, Μασίστα, πέπρηκται' ούτε γάρ ἄν τοι δοίην θυγατέρα την έμην γημαι, ούτε έκείνη πλεύνα γρόνον συνοικήσεις, ώς μάθης τὰ διδόμενα δέκεσθαι." δ δὲ ώς ταῦτα ἤκουσε, εἴπας τοσόνδε έχώρεε έξω "Δέσποτα, οὐ δή κώ με ἀπώλεσας.

112. Έν δὲ τούτφ τῷ διὰ μέσου χρόνφ, ἐν τῷ Εέρξης τῷ ἀδελφεῷ διελέγετο, ἡ "Αμηστρις μεταπεμψαμένη τους δορυφόρους του Εέρξεω διαλυμαίνεται την γυναϊκα του Μασίστεω τούς τε μαζούς ἀποταμούσα κυσὶ προέβαλε καὶ ρίνα καὶ ώτα καὶ χείλεα καὶ γλώσσαν ἐκταμοῦσα ἐς οἰκόν μιν άποπέμπει διαλελυμασμένην.

113. 'Ο δὲ Μασίστης οὐδέν κω ἀκηκοώς τούτων, έλπόμενος δέ τί οἱ κακὸν είναι, ἐσπίπτει δρόμφ ἐς

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you must live no longer with her who is now your wife. I give you my daughter in her place; take her for your own; but put away the wife that you have, for it is not my will that you should have her." At that Masistes was amazed; "Sire," he said, "what is this evil command that you lay upon me, bidding me deal thus with my wife? I have by her young sons and daughters, of whom you have taken a wife for your own son; and I am exceeding well content with herself; yet do you bid me put her away and wed your daughter? Truly, O king, I deem it a high honour to be accounted worthy of your daughter; but I will do neither the one nor the other. Nay, constrain me not to consent to such a desire; you will find another husband for your daughter as good as I; but suffer me to keep my own wife." Thus answered Masistes; but Xerxes was very angry, and said: "To this pass you are come, Masistes; I will give you no daughter of mine to wife, nor shall you longer live with her that you now have; thus shall you learn to accept that which is offered you." Hearing that, Masistes said nought but this: "Nav. sire, you have not destroyed me yet!" and so departed.

112. But in the meantime, while Xerxes talked with his brother, Amestris sent for Xerxes' guards and used Masistes' wife very cruelly; she cut off the woman's breasts and threw them to dogs, and her nose and ears and lips likewise, and cut out her tongue, and sent her home thus cruelly used.

113. Knowing nought as yet of this, but fearing evil, Masistes ran speedily to his house. Seeing the

τὰ οἰκία. ἰδὼν δὲ διεφθαρμένην τὴν γυναῖκα, αὐτίκα μετὰ ταῦτα συμβουλευσάμενος τοῖσι παισὶ ἐπορεύετο ἐς Βάκτρα σύν τε τοῖσι ἐωυτοῦ υἰοῖσι καὶ δή κου τισὶ καὶ ἄλλοισι ὡς ἀποστήσων νομὸν τὸν Βάκτριον καὶ ποιήσων τὰ μέγιστα κακῶν βασιλέα τὰ περ ᾶν καὶ ἐγένετο, ὡς ἐμοὶ δοκέειν, εἴ περ ἔφθη ἀναβάς ἐς τους Βακτρίους καὶ τοὺς Σάκας καὶ γὰρ ἔστεργόν μιν καὶ ἢν ῦπαρχος τῶν Βακτρίων. ἀλλὰ γὰρ Ξέρξης πυθόμενος ταῦτα ἐκεῖνον πρήσσοντα, πέμψας ἐπ' αὐτὸν στρατιὴν ἐν τῆ ὁδῷ κατέκτεινε αὐτόν τε ἐκεῖνον καὶ τοὺς παιδας αὐτοῦ καὶ τὴν στρατιὴν τὴν ἐκείνου. κατὰ μέν τὸν ἔρωτα τὸν Ξέρξεω καὶ τὸν Μασίστεω θάνατον τοσαῦτα ἐγένετο.

114. Οι δὲ ἐκ Μυκάλης ὁρμηθέντες ελληνες ἐπ' Ἑλλησπόντου πρώτον μὲν περὶ Λεκτὸν ὅρμεον, ὑπὸ ἀνέμων ἀπολαμφθέντες, ἐνθεῦτεν δὲ ἀπίκοντο ἐς "Αβυδον καὶ τὰς γεφύρας εὐρον διαλελυμένας, τὰς ἐδόκεον εὐρήσειν ἔτι ἐντεταμένας, καὶ τούτων οὐκ ῆκιστα εἴνεκεν ἐς τὰν Ἑλλήσποντον ἀπίκοντο. τοῖσι μέν νυν ἀμφὶ Λευτυχίδην Πελοποννησίοισι ἔδοξε ἀποπλέειν ἐς τὴν Ἑλλάδα, 'Αθηναίοισι δὲ καὶ Ξανθίππω τῷ στρατηγῷ αὐτοῦ ὑπομείναντας πειρῶσθαι τῆς Χερσονήσου. οῦ μὲν δὴ ἀπέπλεον, 'Αθηναῖοι δὲ ἐκ τῆς 'Αβύδου διαβάντες ἐς τὴν Χερσόνησον Σηστὸν ἐπολιόρκεον.

115. Ές δὲ τὴν Σηστον ταύτην, ὡς ἐόντος ἰσχυροτάτου τείχεος τῶν ταύτη, συνῆλθον, ὡς ῆκουσαν παρείναι τοὺς Ἐλληνας ἐς τὸν Ἑλλήσποντον, ἔκ τε τῶν ἀλλέων τῶν περιοικίδων, καὶ ὁὴ καὶ ἐκ Καρδίης πόλιος Οἰόβαζος ἀνὴρ Πέρσης, ὡς τὰ ἐκ τῶν γεφυρέων ὅπλα ἐνθαῦτα ἦν κεκομικώς. εἰχον

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havoc made of his wife, straightway he took counsel with his children and set forth to journey to Bactra with his own sons (and others too, belike), purposing to raise the province of Bactra in revolt and work the king the greatest of harm; which he would have done, to my thinking, had he escaped up into the country of the Bactrians and Sacae; for they loved him well, and he was viceroy over the Bactrians. But it was of no avail; for Xerxes learnt his intent, and sent against him an army that slew him on his way, and his sons and his army withal. Such is the story of Xerxes' love and Masistes' death.

114. The Greeks that had set out from Mycale for the Hellespont first lay to off Lectum 1 under stress of weather, and thence came to Abydos, where they found the bridges broken which they thought would be still holding fast, and indeed these were the chief cause of their coming to the Hellespont. The Peloponnesians then who were with Leutychides thus resolved that they would sail away to Hellas, but the Athenians, with Xanthippus their general, that they would remain there and attack the Chersonesus. So the rest sailed away, but the Athenians crossed over to the Chersonesus and laid siege to Sestus.

115. Now when the Persians heard that the Greeks were at the Hellespont, they had come in from the neighbouring towns and assembled at this same Sestus, seeing that it was the strongest walled place in that region; among them there was come from Cardia a Persian named Ocobazus, and he had carried thither the tackle of the bridges. Sestus was held

At the western end of the bay of Adramyttium.

δὲ ταύτην ἐπιχώριοι Αἰολέες, συνήσαν δὲ Πέρσαι τε καὶ τῶν ἄλλων συμμάχων συχνὸς ὅμιλος.

116. Έτυράννευε δε τούτου τοῦ νομοῦ Εέρξεω υπαρχος 'Αρταύκτης, ανήρ μεν Πέρσης, δεινός δε και ατάσθαλος, ος και βασιλέα ελαύνοντα έπ 'Αθήνας έξηπάτησε, τὰ Πρωτεσίλεω τοῦ Ἰφίκλου χρήματα έξ Ελαιούντος ύπελόμενος. έν γάρ Έλαιούντι τής Χερσονήσου έστι Πρωτεσίλεω τάφος τε καὶ τέμενος περὶ αὐτόν, ένθα ἢν χρήματα πολλά και φιάλαι χρύσεαι και άργύρεαι και χαλκός και έσθης και άλλα ἀναθήματα, τὰ Αρταθετης ἐσύλησε βασιλέος δόντος. λέγων δὲ τοιάδε Ξέρξην διεβάλετο. "Δέσποτα, έστι οίκος άνδρὸς "Ελληνος ένθαῦτα, δς ἐπὶ γῆν σὴν στρατευσάμενος δίκης κυρήσας ἀπέθανε τούτου μοι δὸς τον οίκον, ΐνα καί τις μάθη ἐπὶ γῆν τὴν σὴν μὴ στρατεύεσθαι." ταῦτα λέγων εὐπετέως ἔμελλε άναπείσειν Ξέρξην δούναι άνδρος οίκον, ούδεν ύποτοπηθέντα των έκεινος έφρώνεε. Επί γην δέ την βασιλέος στρατεύεσθαι Πρωτεσίλεων έλεγε νοέων τοιάδε την 'Ασίην πασαν νομίζουσι έωυτων είναι Πέρσαι και του αίει βασιλεύοντος. ἐπεί δὲ έδόθη, τὰ χρήματα ἐξ Ἑλαιοῦντος ἐς Σηστὸν έξεφόρησε, και τὸ τέμενος ἔσπειρε και ἐνέμετο, αύτος τε όκως απίκοιτο ές Ελαιούντα έν τῷ άδύτω γυναιξί εμίσγετο. τότε δε επολιορκέετο ύπο Αθηναίων ούτε παρεσκευασμένος ές πολιορκίην ούτε προσδεκόμενος τους "Ελληνας, άφύκτως δέ κως αὐτῶ ἐπέπεσον.

117. Έπεὶ δὲ πολιορκεομένοισί σφι φθινόπωρον ἐπεγίνετο, καὶ ἤσχαλλον οἱ `Αθηναῖοι ἀπό τε τῆς

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by the Aeolians of the country, but with him were Persians and a great multitude of their allies withal.

116. This province was ruled by Xerxes' viceroy Artayetes, a cunning man and a wicked: witness the deceit that he practised on the king in his march to Athens, how he stole away from Elaeus the treasure of Protesilaus 1 son of Iphiclus. This was the way of it: there is at Elacus in the Chersonesus the tomb of Protesilaus, and a precinct about it, where was much treasure, with vessels of gold and silver. bronze, raiment, and other dedicated offerings; all of which Artayctes carried off, by the king's gift, "Sire," he said deceitfully to Xerxes, "there is here the house of a certain Greek, who met a just death for invading your territory with an army; give me this man's house, whereby all may be taught not to invade your territory." It was to be thought that this plea would easily persuade Xerxes to give him a man's house, having no suspicion of Artayetes' meaning; whose reason for saving that Protesilaus had invaded the king's territory was, that the Persians believe all Asia to belong to themselves and whosoever is their king. So when the treasure was given him, he carried it away from Elaeus to Sestus, and planted and farmed the precinct; and he would come from Elaeus and have intercourse with women in the shrine. Now, when the Athenians laid siege to him, he had made no preparation for it, nor thought that the Greeks would come, and he had no way of escape from their attack.

117. But the siege continuing into the late autumn, the Athenians grew weary of their absence

¹ The first Greek to fall in the Trojan war, εψὸς ἀποθρώσκων (Hom. II, ii. 701).
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έωυτων ἀποδημέοντες καὶ οὐ δυνάμενοι ἐξελεῖν τὸ τεῖχος, ἐδέοντό τε των στρατηγών ὅκως ἀπάγοιεν σφέας ὀπίσω, οῦ δὲ οὐκ ἔφασαν πρὶν ἡ ἐξέλωσι ἡ τὸ ᾿Αθηναίων κοινόν σφεας μεταπέμ-

ψηται ούτω δή έστεργον τὰ παρεόντα.

118. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ τείχει ἐς πῶν ἤδη κακοῦ ἀπιγμένοι ἤσαν, οῦτω ὥστε τοὺς τόνους ἔψοντες τῶν κλινέων ἐσιτέοντο. ἐπείτε δὲ οὐδὲ ταῦτα ἔτι εἰχον, οὕτω δὴ ὑπὸ νύκτα οἴχοντο ἀποδράντες οῖ τε Πέρσαι καὶ ὁ ᾿Αρταῦκτης καὶ ὁ Οιόβαζος, ὅπισθε τοῦ τείχεος καταβάντες, τῷ ἦν ἐρημότατον τῶν πολεμίων. ὡς δὲ ἡμέρη ἐγένετο, οἱ Χερσονησῖται ἀπὸ τῶν πύργων ἐσήμηναν τοῖσι ᾿Αθηναίοισι τὸ γεγονὸς καὶ τὰς πύλας ἄνοιξαν. τῶν δὲ οἱ μὲν πλεῦνες ἐδίωκον, οἱ δὲ τὴν πόλιν εἰγον.

119. Οιόβαζον μέν νυν ἐκφεύγοντα ἐς τὴν Θρηίκην Θρηίκες ᾿Αψίνθιοι λαβόντες ἔθυσαν Πλειστώρφ ἐπιχωρίφ θεῷ τρόπφ τῷ σφετέρφ, τοὺς δὲ μετ' ἐκείνου ἄλλφ τρόπφ ἐφόνευσαν. οἱ δὲ ἀμφὶ τὸν ᾿Αρταϊκτην ὕστεροι ὁρμηθέντες φεύγειν, καὶ ὡς κατελαμβάνοντο ὁλίγον ἐόντες ὑπὲρ Αἰγὸς ποταμῶν, ἀλεξόμενοι χρόνον ἐπὶ συχνὸν οἱ μὲν ἀπέθανον οἱ δὲ ζῶντες ἐλάμφθησαν. καὶ συνδήσαντες σφέας οἱ Ἔλληνες ἡγον ἐς Σηστόν, μετ' αὐτῶν δὲ καὶ ᾿Αρταὔκτην δεδεμένον αὐτόν τε

καὶ τὸν παίδα αὐτοῦ.

Καί τεφ τῶν φυλασσόντων λέγεται ὑπὸ
 Χερσονησιτέων ταρίχους ὁπτῶντι τέρας γενέσθαι

from home and their ill success at taking the fortress, and entreated their generals to lead them away again; but the generals refused to do that, till they should take the place or be recalled by the Athenian state. Thereat the men endured their

plight patiently.

118. But they that were within the walls were by now brought to the last extremity, insomuch that they boiled the thongs of their beds for food; but at the last even these failed them, and Artayctes and Ocobazus and all the Persians made their way down from the back part of the fortress, where their enemies were scarcest, and fled away at nightfall. When morning came, the people of the Chersonesus signified from their towers to the Athenians what had happened, and opened their gates; and the greater part of the Athenians going in pursuit, the rest stayed to hold the town.

119. Oeobazus made to escape into Thrace; but the Apsinthians of that country caught and sacrificed him after their fashion to Plistorus the god of their land; as for his companions, they slew them in another manner. Artaÿctes and his company had begun their flight later, and were overtaken a little way beyond the Goat's Rivers,¹ where after they had defended themselves a long time some of them were slain and the rest taken alive. The Greeks bound and carried them to Sestus, and Artaÿctes and his

son likewise with them in bonds.

120. It is told by the people of the Chersonesus that a marvellous thing befell one of them that

A roadstead opposite Lampeacus; the rivers were probably two small streams that flow into the sea there (How and Wells).

τοιόνδε οί τάριχοι έπὶ τῶ πυρὶ κείμενοι ἐπάλλοντό τε και ήσπαιρον δκως περ ίχθύες νεοάλωτοι. και οί μεν περιχυθέντες εθώμαζον, ο δε 'Αρταύκτης ώς είδε το τέρας, καλέσας τον οπτώντα τους ταρίχους έφη "Ξείνε 'Αθηναίε, μηδέν φοβέο τὸ τέρας τούτο οὐ γὰρ σοὶ πέφηνε, ἀλλ' ἐμοὶ σημαίνει ό εν Έλαιουντι Πρωτεσίλεως ότι και τεθνεώς καὶ τάριχος έων δύναμιν προς θεών έχει τον άδικέουτα τίνεσθαι. νῦν ὧν ἄποινά μοι τάδε έθέλω ἐπιθείναι, ἀντὶ μέν χρημάτων τῶν ἔλαβον έκ τοῦ Ιροῦ έκατὸν τάλαντα καταθείναι τῷ θεῷ, άντι δ' έμεωυτοῦ και τοῦ παιδὸς ἀποδώσω τάλαντα διηκόσια 'Αθηναίοισι περιγενόμενος." ταῦτα ύπισχόμενος του στρατηγού Ξάνθιππου ούκ έπειθε οι γάρ Ελαιούσιοι τῷ Πρωτεσίλεω τιμωρέοντες εδέοντό μιν καταχρησθήναι, και αύτοῦ τοῦ στρατηγοῦ ταύτη νόος ἔφερε. ἀπαγαγόντες δὲ αὐτον ἐς τὴν ἀκτην ἐς τὴν Εέρξης ἔζευξε τὸν πόρου, οι δε λέγουσι έπι του κολωνου του ύπερ Μαδύτου πόλιος, προς σανίδας προσπασσαλεύσαντες άνεκρέμασαν· τὸν δὲ παίδα ἐν ὀφθαλμοίσι τοῦ 'Αρταθκτεω κατέλευσαν.

121. Ταῦτα δὲ ποιήσαντες ἀπέπλεον ἐς τὴν Ελλάδα, τά τε ἄλλα χρήματα ἄγοντες καὶ δὴ καὶ τὰ ὅπλα τῶν γεφυρέων ὡς ἀναθήσοντες ἐς τὰ ἰρά. καὶ κατὰ το ἔτος τοῦτο οὐδὲν ἐπὶ πλέον

τούτων έγένετο.

122. Τούτου δὲ τοῦ ᾿Αρταθκτεω τοῦ ἀνακρεμασθέντος προπάτωρ ᾿Αρτεμβάρης ἐστὶ ὁ Πέρσησι ἐξηγησάμενος λόγον τὸν ἐκεῖνοι ὑπολαβόντες

guarded Artayctes: he was frying dried fishes, and these as they lay over the fire began to leap and writhe as though they were fishes newly caught. The rest gathered round, amazed at the sight; but when Artayetes saw the strange thing, he called him that was frying the fishes and said to him; "Sir Athenian, be not afraid of this portent; it is not to you that it is sent; it is to me that Protesilaus of Elacus would signify that though he be dead and dry he has power given him by heaven to take vengeance on me that wronged him. Now therefore I offer a ransom. to wit, payment of a hundred talents to the god for the treasure that I took from his temple; and I will pay to the Athenians two hundred talents for myself and my son, if they spare us." But Xanthippus the general was unmoved by this promise; for the people of Elacus entreated that Artavetes should be put to death in justice to Protesilaus, and the general himself likewise was so minded. So they carried Artayetes away to the headland where Xerxes had bridged the strait (or, by another story, to the hill above the town of Madytus), and there nailed him to boards and hanged him aloft; and as for his son, they stoned him to death before his father's eyes.

121. This done, they sailed away to Hellas, carrying with them the tackle of the bridges to be dedicated in their temples, and the rest of the stuff withal. And in that year nothing further was done.

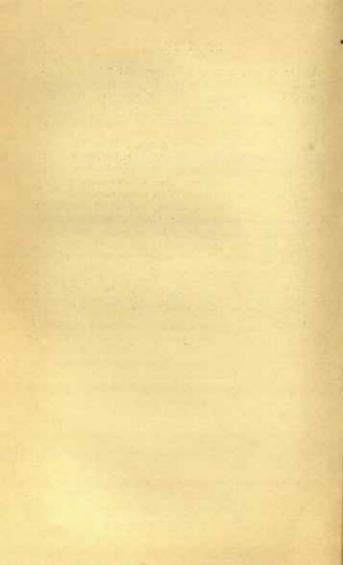
122. This Artayctes who was crucified was grandson to that Artembares who instructed the Persians in a design which they took from him and laid

¹ There is an Artembares in i. 114; but he is a Mede, and so can hardly be meant here.

Κύρω προσήνεικαν λέγοντα τάδε. "Επεί Ζεύς Πέρσησι ήγεμονίην διδοί, ἀνδρών δὲ σοὶ Κύρε, κατελών Αστυάνην, φέρε, γην γαρ έκτημεθα ολύγην και ταύτην τρηγέαν, μεταναστάντες έκ ταύτης άλλην σχώμεν αμείνω. είσι δὲ πολλαί μέν αστυγείτονες πολλαί δέ και έκαστέρω, τών μίαν σχόντες πλέοσι έσόμεθα θωμαστότεροι. οίκος δέ ἄνδρας ἄρχοντας τοιαθτα ποιέειν κότε γάρ δή και παρέξει κάλλιον ή ότε γε άνθρώπων τε πολλών ἄρχομεν πάσης τε τῆς 'Ασίης;" Κύρος δὲ ταῦτα ἀκούσας καὶ οὐ θωμάσας τὸν λόγον έκέλευε ποιέειν ταθτα, ούτω δέ αθτοίσι παραίνες κελεύων παρασκευάζεσθαι ώς οὐκέτι ἄρξοντας ἀλλ' ἀρξομένους: φιλέειν γὰρ ἐκ τῶν μαλακῶν γώρων μαλακούς γίνεσθαι ου γάρ τι της αυτής γης είναι καρπόν τε θωμαστον φύειν και άνδρας άγαθούς τὰ πολέμια. ὧστε συγγνόντες Πέρσαι οίχοντο ἀποστάντες, ἐσσωθέντες τῆ γνώμη πρὸς Κύρου, ἄρχειν τε είλοντο λυπρὴν οἰκέοντες μᾶλλον ή πεδιάδα σπείροντες άλλοισι δουλεύειν.

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before Cyrus; this was its purport: "Seeing that Zeus grants lordship to the Persian people, and to you, Cyrus, among them, by bringing Astyages low, let us now remove out of the little and rugged land that we possess and take to ourselves one that is better. There be many such on our borders, and many further distant; if we take one of these we shall have more reasons for renown. It is but reasonable that a ruling people should act thus; for when shall we have a fairer occasion than now, when we are lords of so many men and of all Asia?" Cyrus heard them, and found nought to marvel at in their design; "Do so," said he; "but if you do, make ready to be no longer rulers, but subjects Soft lands breed soft men; wondrous fruits of the earth and valiant warriors grow not from the same soil." Thereat the Persians saw that Cyrus reasoned better than they, and they departed from before him, choosing rather to be rulers on a barren mountain side than slaves dwelling in tilled valleys.



("Xerzes' march" and "Xerzes' army" refer always to the invasion of Greece in 480 n.c.)

Abae, an oracular shrine in Phocis, 1. 46, VIII. 27, 33, 134

Abantes, an Euboean tribe, 1. 146

Abaris, a legendary Hyperborean, IV. 36

Abdera, a town of Thrace on the Nestus, I. 168, vi. 46, vii. 109, 120, 126; Xerxes' first halt in his flight, viii. 120.

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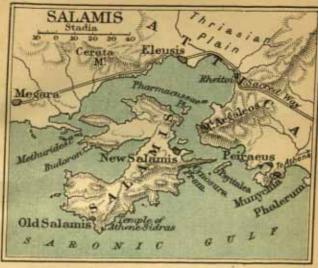
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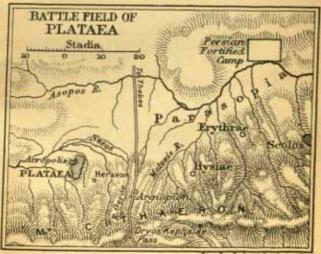
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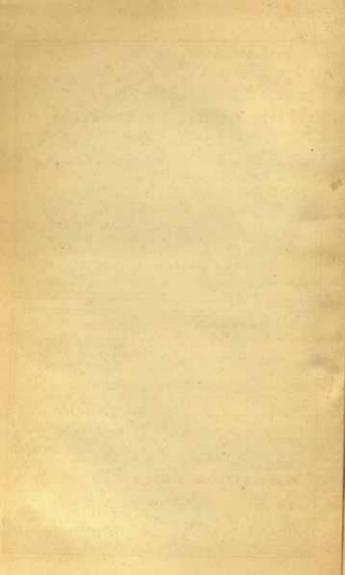
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