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## II

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# PLAYING DOMINOES WITH THE STADIASMUS MARIS MAGNI 

The Description of Syria: Sources, Compilation, Historical Topography ${ }^{1}$

The so-called Stadiasmus Maris Magni is a major source for historical topography, but its story is actually far more complex than most of the scholars that are using it often imagine. It is known by a codex unicus of the mid $\mathrm{X}^{\text {th }}$ century kept by Constantine Lascaris when he escaped from Constantinople ${ }^{2}$. This manuscript contains an updated version of Hippolytus' Chronicon, and the Diamerismos, whose exegetic purpose was bridging the gap between the geography and genealogies of the Genesis and the geography and people of the early Third century AD. The Diamerismos is followed in the manuscript by the so-called Stadiasmus Maris Magni. Its title, wrote twice in the manuscript, is actually $\Sigma$ TA $\triangle$ IAMO 2 THE ఆA $\triangle A \Sigma \Sigma H \Sigma$. The introduction of the Stadiasmus links it directly to the Diamerismos, and seems to make it a part of Hippolytus' Chronicon. Cuntz had already noticed that the style of this introduction is the same as that of other introductions not only in the Diamerismos, but also in other treatises as-

[^0]signed to Hippolytus ${ }^{3}$. Historians of early Christian literature now widely accept that the Stadiasmus Maris Magni was part of the Diamerismos, and therefore of Hippolytus' Chronicon, published late 234 or early 235. They also do consider its insertion in the Chronicon consistent with the theological project of Hippolytus ${ }^{4}$. There is no trace in the whole Stadiasmus neither of any Christian reference nor of any Byzantine addition. All the evidence found in this booklet clearly belongs to earlier periods. The latest dat-

[^1]ed evidence is the mention of Caesarea Maritima (§272) founded by Herod the Great under Augustus, but no later foundation or renaming is mentioned. In entire areas, places renamed or founded after the Roman conquest are entirely missing. Here or there, one even finds traces of names that mirror earlier periods, sometimes as old as the late $\mathrm{IV}^{\text {th }}$ century at the latest ${ }^{5}$. We are therefore facing a jigsaw puzzle of elements from various periods, whose latest contents are not later than Augustus, inserted by Hippolytus in his Chronicon in the late Severian period.

Unfortunately, the history and genesis of this text, mainly used as evidence for the scope of reconstructing historical geography, has been little discussed. Before using the preserved text as evidence, it is absolutely necessary to understand the process of its genesis, the way it has been compiled for good or evil, after various sources, sometimes misunderstood by compilers and copyists, with great lots of misspellings and/or phonetic spellings. All these elements make this text everything but a self-evident document. Distances, place-names and details all are suspect and require further investigation. Eventually, it happens that we learn more about the text from its mistakes than from the valuable information it generally also contains.

Often difficult or puzzling, sometimes poorly understandable, it has been widely corrected not only by ancient compilers and copyists, but also (and even more) by modern editors, especially by Müller ${ }^{6}$. He has corrected placenames to make them fit with their supposed stereotypic

[^2]form, as he corrected distances to make them fit with the alleged location of the places they were relating to. Entire paragraphs have been added to fit with the idea Müller and his later followers had of what a periplus had to be. This highly corrected text is usually the one that scholars involved in historical geography use and follow, sometimes without the clear consciousness that the text they are using is not at all the original one. The reader will find in appendix the genuine text given by the manuscript for the geographical section under examination in these pages.

I have chosen to focus here on the case study of Syria, for this chaotic section poses a very high number of problems. These arise both from the text itself and from the attempt to reconstruct on its ground a consistent historical topography of the area it describes. For that reason, this section has a paradigmatic value for understanding the issues one faces and the methods to be developed in order to understand and use this text hopefully in a more clever and better way.

## 1. The Jump from Utica to Karnè and the Question of the Sources of the Stadiasmus

One of the most puzzling features of the Stadiasmus is a huge jump between Utica in Africa and Carne on the borders of Phoenicia and Syria Coele, as if the two places were just following each other in geographical order. Although surprising, this huge mistake fits perfectly with the text of Hippolytus' introduction as given by the manuscript. It is therefore older than the insertion of the Stadiasmus in the Chronicon. Hippolytus thought that the sequence of the places named between Alexandria and the Bosporus was situated on a continuous line, while it actually ran first westwards from Alexandria to Utica, before jumping thence to Northern Phoenicia and so on until Miletus, when the last preserved quaternion stops. This mistake is also prepared by the regional titles given by the manuscript to the regional sections: all the entries between Leptiminus and Paltos actually belong to one and a same
area called Фoıvikn. The area between Lokroï (probably the South Italian city, given by the source as the point of origin of a distance to Africa, misplaced and wrongly ascribed to Africa by the compiler) and Thapsus was assigned to Dúptıs $\mu$ uкрд́. The title Коипòv Фоıviкn has been highlighted by the layout of the page with respect to most other titles: it is preceded by a cross and is written at the top of the folio 70v. Utica in Africa and Carne in Phoenicia both did belong to an area called Фowvikn, which was both the name given by Greek historians like Diodorus Siculus to the territory of Carthage, ${ }^{7}$ and the name of Phoenicia proper. Likely, before Hippolytus inserted the Stadiasmus in his Chronicon, a compiler stuck together two volumina whose title indicated that one ended with Phoenicia, and the other started with Phoenicia. However, the same name actually referred to two different, homonymous countries. The number of mistakes suggests that the end and beginning of each volume may have been poorly legible by the time when the Stadiasmus was being compiled.

This jump seems very old in the story of the text, as pointed out above. Nevertheless, at some older step in the tradition of the source used by the compiler of the Stadiasmus, a section started at Ptolemaïs (Acre) and ended at Paltos for the distance between the two places is given in the summary that ends the section ${ }^{8}$ and precedes the title of the following regional section, as usual in the Stadiasmus.

With Paltos, which belonged to the Paralia of Aradus, ${ }^{9}$ Phoenicia would end. Nevertheless, in another passage, ${ }^{10}$ Strabo, following Simonides (557/6-468/67 BC), considered

[^3]Paltos as part of Syria. It has been assumed that the title Syria Coele would echo an administrative change. The title that appears in the Stadiasmus is actually the only ground to support the idea that the limit described by the Stadiasmus would have been the administrative boundary between Phoenicia on one hand and Syria Coele on the other hand ${ }^{11}$. But this ground is not a firm one. One thing only is certain: regional boundaries one does find in the Stadiasmus are not the provincial limits of the later Roman Empire. This is true of Syria as well, for in the Later Roman Empire, Rhosos and Alexandria kat'Isson were part of Cilicia Secunda and Syria Coele did not exist any longer as a province. A wider look at the rest of the Stadiasmus, especially Africa, shows that the regional divisions do not follow the provinces but rather fit with non-administrative geographical entities. Both Strabo (16.2.12) and Ptolemy ${ }^{12}$ placed the limit of Syria Coele on the Eleutherus river (Nahr-el-Kebir), South Balaneia, while Pliny the Elder ${ }^{13}$ who probably misunderstood or reported in a confusing and misleading way a source that placed this limit on the Eleutherus River as well, placed it at Aradus. He actually considered Aradus as part of Phoenicia, ${ }^{14}$ while Ptolemy

[^4]listed this among Syrian islands ${ }^{15}$ ．The same Pliny，follow－ ing a source very close to that of the Stadiasmus，as we shall soon see，places Carne，Balanea，Paltos，Gabala in Syria．Paltos still is listed among the cities of Syria Coele by Athanasius of Alexandria in $362,{ }^{16}$ and again in the early VI ${ }^{\text {th }}$ century by Hierocles ${ }^{17}$ ．Stephanus of Byzantium alone places in Phoenicia Baגavéa ${ }^{18}$ and Kápvn ${ }^{19}$ ．The lat－ ter＇s form is the one given by the Stadiasmus and by Pliny， following Ister of Cyrene a writer of $\mathrm{III}^{\mathrm{d}}$ century $\mathrm{BC}^{20}$ ．The sources he was using suggest that Stephanus echoed if not the Stadiasmus itself，the tradition this relied on．This is true to some extent only．Stephanus in fact places Пá $\lambda$ tos in Syria，${ }^{21}$ but locates 「áBada either in Phoenicia，${ }^{22}$ fol－ lowing Hecataeus or in Syria，following Strabo．All three places（Carne，Balanea，Paltos）listed before the title intro－ ducing Syria Coele by the Stadiasmus were considered as part of Syria Coele by Pliny，Strabo and Ptolemy，but were part of the Peraïa of Aradus according to Strabo（15．3．2）， and could be for that reason counted as part of Phoenicia by older sources as well as by some fuzzy reader of the periplus used by Pliny，a source apparently very close to that of the Stadiasmus，as the reader shall see soon．This

[^5]periplus ignored the renaming of Balanea under Claudius, while Pliny lists the renamed city (HN 5.82 [Detlefsen 107.1]: Leucadios), among the cities of the interior. This example illustrates quite well how many various traditions that could contradict each other could be collected and assembled by a single author and how important it is to turn back to a renewed approach of Quellenforschung for a better understanding of the evidence.

As far as the boundaries of Syria Coele are concerned, the testimony of the Stadiasmus is not only entirely isolated. It is also based only on a title whose origin is to be found in a source whose date is older than the compilation used by the Stadiasmus. This is a periplus that provided the distance between Ptolemais and Paltos, and is older than the jump between Utica and Carne, for Ptolemais was located in the section that disappeared in this jump. For that reason, it is difficult to use it as a clue for any change in the administrative boundaries of Syria Coele under the Roman Empire, and no chronological information can be driven from the mention of that boundary. It seems more important that the jump stops exactly where Phoenicia would end, according to all ancient geographers. The inconsistency between the title and the limits of the jump through space is just illustrative of the somewhat chaotic way various sources have been compiled.

A look at the information relating to Carne shows that its content is nothing but a mere doublet of that of Utica that precedes. Even the unusual distance of 24 stades is the same. It finds its origin in the conversion in stades of 3 Roman miles of the standard value of 8 stades each ${ }^{23}$. The style and contents of this description are also typical of the style of the description of Africa, Crete and Cyprus in the Stadiasmus. The end of the jump actually coincides with a full change in the style and contents of description. In fact,

[^6]significant variations in the descriptive form of the periplus do illustrate that the Stadiasmus is the compilation of a small number of sources whose formal characteristics can be identified ${ }^{24}$.

One, the 'Periplus A', uses the formula 'From A to B, n stades. It is such kind of object and has (éXer) this or that feature'. It is characterized by the special attention it pays to water supply and port infrastructure, coastal towers and pagan sanctuaries. It mentions and fully describes dangers, providing instructions (using the imperative form) to manage these in the safest way. It uses a proper 12 -rhumb system of orientation (the association of the wind followed by a ship and of the part of the sky the ship was directed to), that is not Timosthenes' one. It provides the prevailing pattern of the descriptions between Alexandria and Utica, and in both periploi of Cyprus and Crete. In the description of Syria, the first item - the description of Carne only strictly follows the descriptive pattern of A.

Entirely different form and contents do characterize another source of Stadiasmus, or 'Periplus B'. Its basic descriptive structure reads as follows: 'From A to the object of such nature whose name (ka入ov́ $\mu \varepsilon v o \S)$ is B, n stades'. §129. $(378 \mathrm{H})$ provides us with the standard structure of this
 Baגavéas otódoror $\sigma^{\prime}$. Such is also the case of $\S 136,139,140$, 141, 143, 144 and 145 Müller. The arrangement of words, including the use of кa入ov́ $\mu \varepsilon v o v$, is very similar to the one that appears in the so-called Papyrus Gurob (col.II. 20) ${ }^{25}$.

[^7]It seems to have been quite usual, and was also found in some of the surviving fragments of Menippus, preserved in Marcian's Epitome ${ }^{26}$. Often the nature of the last named place, rather than its name, is repeated in the following section. This source pays attention to cities and sites situated upstream and to navigable rivers and mountains, and uses categories that A ignores (e.g. x $\omega$ piov). It does not mention infrastructure, danger or sanctuaries, often uses the dative participle (Periplus A rather uses the nominative). Direct crossings are oriented and follow a very original wind rose ${ }^{27}$. These include passages whose toponymy echoes that of the reign of Antiochus IV $^{28}$. This descriptive form characterizes most of the area between Carne and Telmessus.

 $\left.\sigma \tau \alpha \delta(七 几) \mathrm{k}^{\prime}\right)$ is the only other passage whose formulation sounds a bit like that of 'Periplus A'. However, it is clearly an interpolated passage relating to a misunderstood place name, as we shall soon see. The introduction of a new descriptive form was probably puzzling for copyists and/or for the compiler who tended to preserve the formulation of Periplus A he was accustomed to and thus generated a special chaos. When the new formula became more familiar to him, roughly after the Pyramus river, the amount of interpolations and the chaotic state of the text decrease altogether.

[^8]It seems that other sources have been used in the description of Syria．In fact，this uses several times the original formula：＇from A to the promontory on which lies B＇．This is sometimes combined with the expression used by Periplus B and is probably older than Periplus B．This original expression，altogether with other details，indicates that this source，or a source derived from it，was also used by Pliny the Elder（ $H N 5.79$ ）．The parallels between Pliny the Elder and the Stadiasmus are so numerous that they necessarily belong to the same tradition although some dif－ ferences suggest that they are not directly depending upon the same source．Kápvaı（§128），is phonetically identical to the form Kapvn่ given by Ister of Cyrene（Jaoby 334F76） and Pliny（Carne oppidum，HN 5．79），while Strabo and Ptolemy，following Artemidorus of Ephesus used the form Kápvos．Both form was the transliteration of the Phoeni－ cian QRN，which still is the name of the place（Qarnûn）． §137（ǎk translation in Pliny＇s promunturium in quo Laodicea； Ха入aסро́подıs（§144）is known only in the Stadiasmus and in Pliny，who names it Charadrus．The first place men－ tioned after Utica by the Stadiasmus is also the one Pliny considered as the first Syrian city，after the boundaries of Phoenicia and Syria．＇P＇்oбou Trpסvías（§151）and the relat－ ing＇Ршббаí $\omega$ к кó入поs／бко́пعגоs both mirror Pliny＇s Rossii （or Rosssiorum）montes．Even the enigmatic Dipolis（E）or Diospolis（EF）of Pliny（HN 5．79）seems to find its origin in the same deformation of ПoozíSov into Пoגı̀̀／nòдıv－סuov and thence into Diospolis at one hand，and Пo入ıò／ $\mathrm{Lr} \delta \omega v$ ía $^{\prime}$ nódus at the other hand．

Changes in formulation do illustrate the general in－ consistency of the composition of the description of Syria， and characterize it as a compilation of sources whose date， scopes and structure were different．A quick overlook at the structure of each of the sections that compose the de－ scription of Syria shows their total formal inconsistency． §127－128 show the prevalence of the descriptive patterns of the African section，or Periplus A．On the other hand §129－130 introduce the formula ànò ．．．غ̇пi from cape to
cape, but § 129 alone follows the exact pattern of Periplus B. §131, that follows the same pattern, is probably likely but the misleading re-writing of the description of the shallows (Bpaxéa or Bpáxn) that followed the cape named in the previous paragraph. §132 uses ànò ... عis to provide the direct distance between the capes mentioned in §130. The second part of the paragraph is the recapitulative sum of the distance from Ptolemais (in the lost section between Utica and Carne) to Paltos. In other words, this sum provided the reader with the measurement of Phoenicia proper (instead of the Libyan Phoenicia), likely following that of חaגaıotivn between Rhinocorura and Ptolemais. This sum uses the rarer formula غ̇к... عis, used in recapitulative sections only in $\S 57$ [302 H] (Oi חóvtes ópoṽ $\varepsilon$ é
 normally present in recapitulative sums that conclude each geographical section. §133-134 again use d̀пò ... غ̇пi.

Then §135-138 again use д́пò ... عís, and from time to time the formula and orientation system of Periplus B. They again pay much attention to capes. $\S 139$ is partly original in its form and uses a formula that, if corrected, is likely the one originally used in §131: Káu
 144 use again д̀пò ... عi¢. The structure of §144, especially the introduction of kadov́ $\mu \varepsilon v o v ~ \delta \grave{\varepsilon}$, suggests that everything that follows kadoóf has been taken from a source that followed the structure of Periplus B. The internal inconsistency is once more obvious: the same place characterized as топоs at the beginning of the sentence, becomes a пódıs (Ха入аסро́по入ıऽ, named Xápa8pov - same as Pliny's Charadrus -) in the second part of the sentence. $\S 145$, using the same formula as Periplus B, starts from the place-name mentioned in the second part of the sentence, while $\S 146$, that uses another formula, starts from the Káolos mountain mentioned in the first part of the sentence, and the tónos (the ms. reads тоо́поऽ) instead of from the last named point. This clearly illustrates again the difficult combination of two sources or more.

Despite these details，with the exception of $\S 146$ ，the formulation strictly follows the pattern of B in all of the $\S 139$ to148．It is found again up to the Rhossaïon skopelos， and thence，further in the text，to Antioch on the Pyramus， but disappears from the whole gulf of Issus，East of the Rhossaïôn skopelos．With $\S 151$ ，until the middle of $\S 158$ ， d̀nò ．．．غ̇пì is replaced by d̀пò ．．．عis，and the various forms of the verb ка入єĩӨのl disappear from the description until an addition，introduced by $\delta \dot{\varepsilon}$ ，made to $\S 158$ ．Here again，it seems that two sources（or more）have been stuck together： one of these covered the gulf of Issus from the Rhossaiôn skopelos to Mallos．All the area around Rhossos is entirely chaotic．At least three names applied to the same place，as Joannes Moschus makes it clear：${ }^{29}$ the＇mountain of Rhos－

 that the sources brought together by the compiler were us－ ing at least two，maybe three of the names two of which included the name of the city of Rhossos，no longer men－ tioned in the Stadiasmus．This place was famous as the cape that marked the beginning of gulf of Issos．Гко́пг入os was then changed into ко́ $\lambda$ поя，but is preserved in $\S 164,{ }^{31}$ while the misunderstood various names of the Гкоппعגоs

[^9]were giving birth to additional place-names (七ò Гع由́pүua §149-150; 'Pબ்ббou Trpסvías, §151). Interpolated distances have linked these place-names with other places ${ }^{32}$. As a result, the whole description turned to be entirely chaotic.

One of the sources used in that section, as in the rest of Periplus B, applied the orientation system that is characteristic of Periplus B. The chronological inconsistency of the passages using this system of orientation is obvious. On one hand, they mention Balaneïa, whose name sounds Latin, was missing in Artemidorus' periplus of this area, ${ }^{33}$ and does not appear before the age of Augustus, as far as we know; on the other hand, distances oriented in that way are measured across the gulf of Issus between the Rhossaïôn skopelos and Antioch-on-the-Pyramus, whose name replaced for a while that of Mallos under the reign of Antiochus IV and disappeared for ever about 150 BC. The combination of two sources is here again evident, for the names of Mallos and Antioch-on-the-Pyramus never coexisted, and likely referred to one and a same place. These actually do appear as the names of two different places in the Stadiasmus.

The analysis of identified and unidentified places may help us understand the impact of the process of compilation of the Stadiasmus on its documentary value. So far, most scholars have been reluctant to admit that some places named in the Stadiasmus never existed or were unidentified doublets of places named otherwise in the work and rather tried to find a place for each of names found in this work. In fact, historical geography, or the desperate attempt to make sites known through archaeology, and names found in ancient geographers, looks a lot like a dominoes game. Sites hypothetically located are

[^10]located in relation to the location of other sites. Would this location change, the whole chain of hypothetical relating locations changes in turn. Would one name be added to the list of places or withdrawn from it, the entire list is to be re-organized, for the scholar is not facing lists, but rather organized sequences. Any move in these sequences has a domino effect. It is therefore necessary to start with the identified places, some of which have been at long under discussion, and recently identified. The most recent synthesis on historical topography of Syria, vol. 15 of the Tabula Imperii Byzantini, although more reliable than any previous synthesis on the historical topography of Syria, unfortunately did not always include these new identifications, especially that of Herakleïa, nor the doubts that arose about the existence of other place-names, such as Diospolis ${ }^{34}$.

## 2. The Identified Places

It is no surprise for the scholar accustomed to the ill treatment of place-names in epigraphy, literature and papyri that place-names found in the Stadiasmus are sometimes quite different from their alleged stereotypic form. Not only the idea of the existence a stereotypic form of place-names is probably a misleading one, but also the long and complicated tradition of the text has brought it its lot of variant, due to phonetic transcriptions, palaeographic mistakes, or corrections made to the text by its compiler(s) when they were facing a difficulty. Notwithstanding these variations, it is not difficult to recognize a certain number of identified places that are as many milestones for reconstructing historical topography.

Kápvaı (§127) is Tell Qarnûn, 4 km North modern Tartûs and 4.5 km north the island of Arwad, the ancient

[^11]Arados ${ }^{35}$. The form used is not Ká $\rho v o s$ used by Artemidorus of Ephesus, followed by Srabo (16.2.12), but the phonetic spelling of the form Kapvn่ given by Ister of Cyrene in the III ${ }^{\text {rd }}$ century BC (Jacoby 334F76), by Pliny (Carne oppidum HN 5. 79) and Stephanus of Byzantium (360, sv $<K a \dot{\mu} v \eta,>)^{36}$.

Baגavéar is the modern Banyas. The text of the manuscript is a bit confusing and led modern editors to important corrections. Banyas was actually a city of a certain importance, not a simple place (X $\mathrm{X} \rho \mathrm{\rho} \mathrm{ov}$ ), at least under the Roman Empire. Its location on a cape is somewhat surprising for the city was located on the right bank of the river Banias (ancient Kallirhoas). Artemidorus of Ephesus ignore the name and the place itself ${ }^{37}$. The first dated occurrence of the name is found on coins struck under Augustus under the signature BAAANE $\Omega T \Omega \mathrm{~N}^{38}$. It was then clearly a city. Between AD 46 and 52 , it was re-founded under the name of Kגauסia $\Lambda$ rúkas and stroke coinage under the signature K $\Lambda A Y \Delta I E \Omega N ~ \Lambda E U K A \triangle I \Omega N$ until the reign of Gordian $\mathrm{III}^{39}$. The question whether it existed as a city

[^12]before Augustus, and under what name, still is a vexata quaestio, as is the question whether a place named Balaneai (transliteration from a Phoenician name or new Latin name?) may have existed there before the emergence of the city. For the Stadiasmus, Balaneaï is nothing but a cape and the associated place-name (§132). There is so far no ground to support the hypothesis that $\Lambda \varepsilon \dot{\text { unkas }}$ was the Hellenistic name of the city ${ }^{40}$.

Пá̀ tos (§132-133) is perfectly identified with 'Arab alMulk and Belda al-Mulk ${ }^{41}$ (Fig. II-1). The site was in antiquity situated on the right bank of the river Nahr es-Sinn, that, in ancient times, emptied in the sea south the city, forming a marked cape, and east of it a sheltered area.

TádBar is a misspelling for ГáBa入a, the modern Jablah/ Gibleh. Its identification is made certain by the byzantine sources that, since Anna Comnene, give both the Greek and the Arabic name of the place ${ }^{42}$.

потацòv платòv ка入oúpevov <-> (In Periplus B, proper names follow the participle kaגov́ $\mu \varepsilon v o v)$. Some proper name clearly went lost at some point, whether before or after the compilation. As already pointed out, a common pattern of Periplus B is that proper names are not repeated when used as point of departure. It is the case here. The

[^13]only noteworthy and possibly navigable river between Gibleh and Lattakieh is Nahr-el-Khebir, although its current mouth is distant only 1.6 nautical miles from the cape of Lattakieh, ras-Ziaret.

ムaoठíkera or Laodikeïa-on-the Sea is the modern Lattakieh. It was founded in the year 300 BC and was built on the cape known as ras-Ziaret ${ }^{43}$.
'Hра́кдعıа (§138) is Ras-Ibn-Hani. The location of 'Нро́клеıla has been a matter of discussion during decades, but is now certain since a weight of the city has been discovered during excavations on the site of Ras Ibn Hani, close to the city wall ${ }^{44}$.

גıцŋ́v ка入ои́uعvos $\Lambda \varepsilon u к o ́ s ~(§ 139-140): ~ T h e ~ ' W h i t e ~ h a r-~$ bour' is not named by other ancient sources, but it may be located without hesitation at Marsa al Beida. This has always been called 'White harbour': it is the 'Port Blanc' of the Crusades and the 'Marsa al Beida' - 'White harbour' again - of the Arabic. It already was the port of Ugarit, and took its name from the white cliffs that border it ${ }^{45}$.
 lans (show the evolution of the place name, which is called Pasera, Passera, Fexero, Faxere, Фгрغ́orx ou Фغ́pora, and in modern times Farsi, Honigmann thought this was ras-el Fasri (or Fasuri) while Dussaud preferred Mina el-Fasri, just North cape ras-el Fasri. Aliquot recently showed that

[^14]both were true and that the site actually occupies most of the bay of Minet al Farsi ${ }^{46}$ ．

Пoosiסiov（§142－143）：it is cape Ras－el－Bazit／Basit． The site has been occupied without interruption since the Bronze Age．It was the name of the cape and of the city set－ tled on it；the latter stroke coinage since the last quarter of the $\mathrm{IV}^{\text {th }}$ century BC．The city flourished during the early Hellenistic period when the mole of the port was built．The identification is confirmed by the medieval names of cape， Pocin，Pomcin，Pollcinum，and Polzino ${ }^{47}$ ．
tò Kácrov（§144）：Mount Casius is the Djebel el－Aqra＇， south the mouth of the Orontes river and south Nymphaïon Strabo（16．2．8）${ }^{48}$ ．Mina el Qesab and qara Douran would be the limit southern limit of mount Cassius．The advice not to sail along this mountain closer than 20 stades（or 2 nm ） is puzzling and likely interpolated，for waters are deep and safe along the coast．

Хадаסро́по入ıs，Xá入aסpos（§144－145）：The two men－ tions of this place name are entirely inconsistent．It is mentioned under two forms．The first one，Ха入аסро́поגıs， seems to make it a city，while it has been previously de－ scribed as a mere place or tónos．The second one，given in the genitive，suggests a nominative Xó $\lambda \alpha \delta \rho o s$ and is the same as Pliny＇s Charadrus．Pliny also considers it a city

[^15](oppidum). It would be normal to find a torrent (xápaסpos) as the limit of and to consider its mouth the frontier of Cassios. The torrent and the relating valley actually divide Mons Casius from Anticasius. The presence of the word nódıs is probably a consequence of the misunderstanding of (По) $\boldsymbol{\tau} \delta \omega v i ́ \alpha$ пó $\lambda \iota s$ as early as the source of the Stadiasmus. It characterizes, in both Pliny and the Stadiasmus, several places within the coastal area round cape Poseidion, sowe of which maybe never existed. This misunderstanding may explain the adjunction of nò $\lambda$ ıs to the name Xádaסoos, considered a simple locality by the Stadiasmus. R. Dussaud proposed to locate Charadrus at Qara Duran, the ottoman transliteration of the ancient name. This would have been the name of the whole bay of Kesab, and would be identical with the medieval portus Vallis. The place name Qara Duran is actually very extensive and for that reason poorly located, for it actually refers to the whole mountain range in early $\mathrm{XX}^{\text {th }}$ century maps. Its identification with the area where the torrent empties into the sea is nevertheless likely, even if any relationship with a particular archaeological site is a bit hazardous given the vague nature of the name ${ }^{49}$.

Макрд́ v $\tilde{\eta} \sigma 0$ (§145-146): this is Pigeon Island, 5 nm NE Ras-el-Bazit. It provides a good shelter. Its name finds its origin in the shape of the island ${ }^{50}$.
tò Nupфaĩov (§146-147): Strabo (16.2.8) mentions the same place and locates it between the Mouth Orontes River and Mount Casius. It describes it as a sacred cave ( $\sigma п \grave{\lambda} \lambda \alpha$ óv $\tau \mathrm{i}$ ípóv). The name Nuphaĩov suggests the existence of a spring. These characteristics allowed its identification with el-Hammam ${ }^{51}$.

[^16]Avtróxela and 'Opéms River (§147): Antioch-on-theOrontes is well known and surely identified ${ }^{52}$. It was to some extent connected to the sea through the Orontes and some canals, whose chronology is much uncertain, as is the paleomorphology of the river's mouth in Antiquity. In middle ages, it formed a deep bay ${ }^{53}$. The mention of cities situated upstream is a specific feature of Periplus B.

इeגعv́кยıa (§148-149). Seleucia Pieria was founded altogether with Antioch as part of the Seleukis. Its site is well identified on the ground of epigraphic evidence. Its remains, including a large artificial port, are visible south the village of Çevlik. As the camp of the classis Syriaca, it has left a large number of inscriptions ${ }^{54}$.
 at least since Alexander, a city located at Uluçinar / Arsuz ${ }^{55}$. Despite the objections of Honigmann (1932: 1689), ко́дпо̧ is an obvious misreading for इко́пєдоя, made easier

[^17]by the fact that it also marked the entrance of a gulf. This is the इко́пгגos ó Pตookós of Ptolemy (5.15.2), as Müller already noticed, also called tò Гкón६גov by Joannes Moschus ${ }^{56}$ and ó $\Sigma$ ко́пع ${ }^{2}$ os further in the Stadiasmus (§164). It is also the same as the Rossii ou Rosssiorum montes of Pliny ( $H N$ 5.79). The narrative of Joannes Moschos makes it clear that the same place, to be identified with Hınzır Burun / Akincı Burnu, that terminated Jebel Arsuz, or the mountains of Rhossos, bore at least three names: öpos
 It marked the Southern edge of the gulf of Issus.
 coins since the reign of Antiochos IV with the signature A $A E E A N \triangle P E \Omega N$ and A AEEANDPESN KAT ICCON between Trajan and Gordian III. Under Roman rule, it adopted the Pompeian era that started autumn 67/66 BC. Although its name is preserved in that of the modern Iskenderun, its exact location in or besides Iskenderun remains uncertain ${ }^{58}$.

## 3. Unidentified Places: Pseudo-Toponyms or Unlocated Places?

Even when unidentified places are named by other authors, their existence is never certain. A change in their

[^18]usual name may well lead to their mention aside with their new name. Misreadings may have given birth to the same pseudo-place-names in several authors relying upon the same tradition. It is necessary to be very cautious about the reality of places when no inscription, coinage or parallel with medieval or modern place-names does confirm their existence and location. This even truer when the place-name is a hapax.
 and suspect. The syntax, with the plural nominative participle has no parallel in the whole Stadiasmus, unless in the following paragraph, where the whole sentence lacks syntactic consistency. Müller had suspected that the original formulation was likely the same as that one finds in §139 (Káuчavtr 8è tò ók


 Müller's conjecture 'entirely unlikely'59. Since no segment leaves from that point, the whole section is nevertheless highly suspect. The knowledge one now does have of Paltos and its surroundings shows that the reality of this area would fit entirely with Müller's conjecture ${ }^{60}$. The origi-

 cape Paltos, when one makes the cape, there are shoals on a distance of about 10 stades'. The copyist may have reconstructed the sentence following the usual pattern $\dot{\alpha}$ пò...
 pseudo-toponym.

[^19]Пг way between Paltos and has usually been proposed on the ground of the distances provided by the Stadiasmus，but is entirely hypothetic，as is the existence itself of place named Пrג $n_{n} \tau \alpha$ ．Although the nominative undoubtedly reads $\Pi_{\varepsilon} \lambda \lambda \dot{n} \tau \alpha$ ，the manuscript considers inflective forms either a singular（Пع This illustrates the existence of a problem in the transcrip－ tion of a simple list．The sequence of the §133－135，where the place is named，is broadly inconsistent．Two sections
 first one is followed by $\dot{\varepsilon} \Pi i ̀$ ，alike in most of the preceding passages，while the second one is followed by cis，alike in most of the passages that follow，and does not introduce a 8غ̀，as the Stadiasmus ususally does when it starts again from the same point（cf．§137：Апо̀ 〈тои̃〉 пג тоṽ потацоṽ عis（．．．）ג̀пò $\delta \grave{\varepsilon}$ toṽ потанои̃ $\varepsilon i s . .$.$) ．The use and assembly$ of various sources is therefore likely．In between §134 ह̇пì
 ф́́payץa otó $\delta(\mathrm{\imath or}) \mathrm{k}^{\prime}$ makes little sense or no sense at all．．． diunv and aiyuadós are the exact contrary of one another．．． The beginning of the sentence uses the formula of Periplus B．＂from to the place of such nature＂，while the following formula is closer to the one that is found in the areas cov－ ered by Periplus A when islands are being described，likely after another source；but кє́́ $\mu \varepsilon v o v$ never applies to a $\lambda i \mu \eta v$ in the whole Stadiasmus；instead，the order of words sug－ gests that ka入oú $\mu \varepsilon$ vov would be expected，following the pattern of Periplus B．In A，the verb éxelv always applies to infrastructure，or to watering，never to landscape．This confusion seems to indicate that two or more interpolated descriptions have been mixed together．

Most scholars have made a relationship between the name of Paltos and that of Pelleta．Some consider it ＇the little Pelleta＇；others，like Müller，make it＇a village of the people of Pelleta＇X $\omega$ piov Пa入ınvãv，but it needs to change the text，and does not fit with the actual meaning of X $\omega$ piov．Its location exactly midway between Paltos and Gabala makes the distances very suspect and lets imagine
that this has been mathematically located dividing in two the distance between Paltos and Gabala. It is particularly striking that the sequence of consonants is the same in Paltos and Pelletos: PLT or 'the Migrants' ${ }^{61}$. The two forms are likely to find their origin in two different Greek transliterations of the Semitic name of one and a same place called PLT. The usual Greek form Paltos sounded better to a Greek ear, for пádtos had a meaning ('brandished'), while $\Pi \varepsilon \lambda \lambda \dot{\eta} \tau \alpha$, had none, except in Thessalian dialect.

Пodıd่, $\Sigma \imath \delta \omega v i ́ a:$ the sequence of place names between Laodikeïa and cape Posidium is now rather well established, with the exception of cape (äккра) По入ıá (§141), and
 situated on each side of cape Poseidion, or Ras-el-Bazit / Basit. According to the Stadiasmus, öкра Подı is supposed to be 120 stades away from Passeria / Mina el-Fasri. Its name is not repeated as the point of departure of a new section, and that makes its mention suspect; nódus $\Sigma \mathrm{l} \delta \tilde{\omega} v /$ $\Sigma \mathrm{l} \delta \omega \mathrm{v}$ ía is distant 300 stades from Posidonia / Ras-el Basit and 60 stades from Charadrus. According to Honigmann Polia was ras 'Isâbegli, a place-name that has admittedly some vague similarity with Polia; but he alone mentioned ras 'Isâbegli, and nobody could find it after him ${ }^{62}$.

Dussaud had rightly noticed that Пo入ıò and $\Sigma \imath \delta \omega v i ́ a$ were likely a mis-transcription of ПобعíSıov, the cape and city. He rightly followed Müller who considered that the name of the city Пoovठตvía would have been cut into two pieces and have given birth to two place-names: Пodıò et $\Sigma \imath \delta \omega ̃ v a$ / $\Sigma \mathrm{l} \delta \omega v \mathrm{i}_{\alpha}$, on each side of the cape. Here again, the use of two sources, one naming cape Пovzíiov, the other пòdıs Пoor $\delta \omega v \mathrm{v}^{\prime}$, and their unskilled fitting may explain the mistake. This is likely older than the compilation of the Stadiasmus, for Пodıà is mirrored by Diospolis (var.

[^20]Dipolis) in Pliny (HN 5.79), after a parent-source. P.-L. Gatier rightly doubts whether a Diospolis or Dipolis ever existed ${ }^{63}$.
@óvos (§143): mentioning a remarkable high mountain situated above a port or city is usual in periplus B. If $\Theta$ oóvos is not an interpolation, it must be mount Casius, ${ }^{64}$ rather than Anti-Cassius, ${ }^{65}$ that is hardly distinguished from the higher and close by Casius, as seen from the sea. Then, the compiler would have had two sources using two different names for the same mountain
 names are otherwise unknown. Tò Гع由́pyıa is usually located at Kale, on the ground of the location of the Skopelos at Hınzır Burun and of the fact that the place must be situated before it (according to the Stadiasmus) - in other words between Seleucia and Hınzır Burun. The presence of a monastery of St George and of hagionyms relating to this Saint have been decisive for the location of tò Гع由́pүua at Kale, ${ }^{66}$ but this evidence is absolutely irrelevant in the case of a place-name mentioned only by the Stadiasmus. Linking tò Гعǿpyıa of the Stadiasmus and the cult of St George is just anachronistic, for there is not a single reference to any late imperial, Byzantine or Christian place-name in the whole Stadiasmus. There is actually no ground for any identification of the place, whose nature is not made explicit by the Stadiasmus either. Furthermore, the two distances to and from Georgia are highly suspect.

[^21]The first one, from Seleucia (142 stades) is entirely unusual and does not fit with any system of distances. The distance between Georgia and the Skopelos-kolpos (300 stades) is the same as the one Ptolemy (5.15.2) places between Seleucia and the Skopelos, while the distance between the Poseidion and the Skopelos is equal to Ptolemy's distance between the Skopelos and Rhossos (200 stades).

This strongly suggests that distances have been interpolated or have shifted from one interval to the other. There is a high probability that đò Гع́́pyla be a simple misreading for $\Pi \tau \dot{\varepsilon} \rho u y \iota o v$, this being another name for the Skopelos, as we have seen. The confusion between Te and $\Gamma \varepsilon$ is very easy, and the sequence of consonants ( $\rho \mathrm{Y}$ ) is the same in both names. E. Honigmann ${ }^{67}$ proposed the same interpretation for P'்oбou Trp $\delta$ vía: the word make no sense, unless Trp $\delta$ vía is a misreading for Пtépuyıov. Both tò Гع由́pyla and Trp\&vía then would be a double misreading for Пtépuyıov. As pointed out above, the reference to the same place after several sources using different names, the recurrence of the name of Rhossos in relation to at least two places (the city, the mountain and the cape that terminates it) may well have led to the introduction of doublets and to the interpolation of relating distances.

Mupıávסplos nódıs / Mupıávסpos (§151-152): The form of the name is the Grecized, euphonic one used in late Hellenistic and Roman times, instead of the classical Mupíavoos ${ }^{68}$. In Herodotus it gave its name to a larger gulf of Issus that extended till cape Triopion. The sustainable existence of a city in fullest sense named Myriandros is itself debatable. It relies substantially on the testimony of Xenophon, who characterizes it as пódıऽ, é $\mu п \dot{\rho} \rho \imath o v ~ a n d ~$ X $\omega$ piov, and Strabo, ${ }^{69}$ while pseudo-Skylax mentions only a $\lambda \imath \mu \eta ̀ v$. The coinage once attributed to Myriandros is now

[^22]rather assigned to Issus ${ }^{70}$. Its exact location remains uncertain ${ }^{71}$ and its relationship with Alexandria kat'Isson are quite unclear. Myriandros acquired a geographical notoriety when Artemidorus made it part of his measurement of the width of the inhabited world ${ }^{72}$. This likely explains its survival in most ancient geographers, although its name quickly ended up in oblivion, as that of Alexandria was taking more importance. The name of Myriandros no longer appears in the Tabula Peutingeriana between Rosos and Alexandria Catisson; nor does it appear in Hiercoles' Synecdemos. Some think that Myriandros and Alexandria are two names for the same city, ${ }^{73}$ others that there has been a synœcism between the two cities ${ }^{74}$. Whatever the right solution, when the two cities are named and distances are provided, inconsistencies in distances are such that they seem interpolated, and that one may eventually doubt whether the two cities really existed at the same time as separate entities.

## 4. Distances and their Inconsistency

All the scholars who paid attention to the Stadiasmus have noticed that distances are generally far from any reality. In accordance, they have widely corrected the values provided by the manuscript in order to make these fit with their expectations, even when these find confirmation in

[^23]Ptolemy's coordinates. It is especially true of the Syrian section of the Stadiasmus. The overall recapitulative distances that close each regional section and are supposed to sum up intermediary distances quoted in that regional section, never fit with the sum of the distances quoted in the same interval. The reason for this discrepancy between data is likely that these sums were not the actual sum of intermediary distances, but were just imported from other sources. It is therefore impossible to use these sums in order to re-establish the values originally present in the archetype, instead of calculating values that would fit with known archaeological reality. Even apparently, far from reality, distances found in the Stadiasmus often fit with distances calculated after Ptolemy's coordinates. It is therefore possible to understand what we may learn about the genesis of the text through distances especially when these are obviously erroneous.

It is a common pattern of ancient geography that distances rarely coincide, even roughly, with reality, and that, as ancient authors agreed, there used to be huge discrepancies, and little agreement, between authors about distances ${ }^{75}$. Several factors may explain that situation. Some may find their origin in palaeography or dictation at several steps of the genesis of the final text (that of the manuscript). Others are structural. As there was no technical tool for measuring the seas, distances at sea were either calculated after durations or estimated through the experience of landscapes. When land was measured, it was sometimes measured in heptastades, in Roman miles converted in stades on the ground of a ratio of 8 stades for 1 mile. It also happens that land is measured in an approximate way, using a basic unit of 120 stades, its multiples and sub-multiples. The same scale was being used for measuring short tracks of sea (straits or shores), when a

[^24]landscape was visible. It seems that this way of estimating distances was based on a customary evaluation of the metrological value of a landscape and of its sections. Other measures of longer sections were based upon the 'normal' duration of a journey made under certain conditions. The key values were 700 or 600 stades per day ( 700 likely referring to the so-called 'long day') ${ }^{76}$.

It is interesting that we find in the Syrian section two kinds of measures: a large part are fractions of the sailing day of 600 stades ( $50,100,200,300,400$ stades). These apparently come from a periplus counted in sailing days and divided in fractions of this day. The description of Syria mixes them with fractions of 120 stades, belonging to another system. This is one more proof that this material relies on a large process of compilation.

Distances are often inconsistent. $\$ 132$ gives the distance in straight line between Balaneia and Paltos, or 200 stades. This is twice higher than the sum of the distances following the coast between the same points as given in the preceding paragraphs. $\S 150$ evaluates at 300 stades the interval between Georgia and The 'gulf' of the People of Rhossos, but 200 stades only between Poseidion and the 'gulf'. These two distances are roughly the ones we can calculate after Ptolemy's coordinates (5.15.2) between Seleucia and the Skopelos ( 300 stades) and thence to Rhosos (200 stades). It seems that in the Stadiasmus, some distances have shifted from their original location and have been interpolated when alternative names of places were introduced as supposed new places. Ptolemy's coordinates give between Myriandros and Alexandria the same dis-

[^25]tance (120 stades) as the Stadiasmus did, but this is the actual distance between Alexandria and Rhosos. Both are likely relying on the same tradition. If this distance is really a mistake, this is therefore quite old in the history of the text, and goes back to one of the sources used by both the Stadiasmus and Ptolemy. It may be an additional clue that Myriandros and Alexandria were one topographical reality, and that their coexistence as to different places in a text has led to the interpolation of pre-existing distances relating to other places.

## Conclusion: The Method of Compilation and the Origin of Mistakes

Although somewhat chaotic, the Syrian section of the Stadiasmus, once compared with other written and archaeological evidence, provides enough material to give a form of logics to that chaos. This logic is not mainly to be sought in an archaeological reality it does not always fit with, but rather in a process of compilation that brought together material that named the same places in different ways and had various chronological origins. Compilers - under this name we must also consider the most famous ancient 'geographers' - unfamiliar with poorly recorded place-names, especially when these were transliterations from exotic languages that were hurting Greek or Roman ears, failed to recognize that these were relating to places already named, and added alternative names of these places as if they were other places within the sequence of places. The insertion of doublets as new pieces in the dominoes game of the sequence of place-names generated in the text a chain reaction that led to move place-names and to assign information to the wrong places.

Like later medieval portulans, ancient periploï used to be compilations. They have been subject to many additions and changes through time. For good and evil is not the af-
fair of the modern scholar. A. Peretti once spoke of stratification about the periplus of pseudo-Skylax ${ }^{77}$. Utinam! This is unfortunately true to some extent only. In the case of the Stadiasmus, it is possible to identify quite easily at least three main sources at the origin of the Stadiasmus thanks to their formal characteristics; to some extent, and to some extent only, these may be characterized as layers. Here stratification stops. For these main sources in turn were compilations of previous compilations. There is a moment when this addition of elements - rather than layers - having their origin and information in different periods, using a different vocabulary and paying attention to different items necessarily becomes too confusing to be treated as an organized system of dated layers.

That does not mean, obviously, that the Stadiasmus is deprived of any value as evidence for topographical history. Because it has preserved 'secondary' places or placenames that geographers did not considered worth mentioning ( $\dot{\xi} \xi$ iodoyor), and because these places were less familiar to compilers and copyists, the Stadiasmus offers a more visible concentration of mistakes than ancient geographers do. But it illustrates a process that affects also more notorious 'geographers', like Strabo, and even more Ptolemy, Mela and Pliny, who were using the same sec-ond-hand periplographic material, and were subject to the same mistakes.

Significantly, more than a little bit of Quellenforschung is nevertheless necessary before using information driven from ancient geography as reliable evidence. Because it is more chaotic than others are, the example of the description of Syria in the Stadiasmus has a paradigmatic value for the use not only of the minor geographers, but also of the so-called major ones, who relied on the same

[^26]periplographic material．Many passages of Ptolemy would illustrate the same mistakes ${ }^{78}$ ．Modern scholarship must be more diffident，more sceptical too in front of these re－ spectable texts before considering them fully reliable evi－ dence．Maybe one day，new evidence will demonstrate that Pelleta，Diospolis，Polia，Sidonia，Georgia Rhossou Ten－ dria were actual places．As long as this is not the case， we should better consider these as literary inventions that make sense in the history of the text rather than as new places to be located in an archaeological map．

## Appendix： the Text of the Matritensis 4701


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[^27]
 ह́Xovtl kaӨ’ av̇tòv ф́́payץa otáర（ıol）k＇．

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 Пacrepíav бта́ $\delta(\imath \imath) \lambda^{\prime}$ ．
 бто́ $\delta(\imath o \imath) ~ \rho \mathrm{k}^{\prime}$.
142．（393 H）Aпò＇Нракגعías દ̇пì ПoocíSıov tòv ह́nítouov бт $\alpha$（ıor）$\rho^{\prime}$ ．

 ＠ ¢óvos．


145．（396 H）Апо̀ Xa入áסןou દ̇пì vŋ̃бov ka入ou бт $\alpha \delta(\imath o \imath) ~ \imath^{\prime}$.



147．（398 H）Aпò тoṽ Nu غ̇นпópıov kaì па९＇av́tท̀v потацòv＇Opétŋv kaגov́uعvov

148．（399 H）＇Апò тои̃ потацои̃ عỉS $\sum \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon v ́ k \varepsilon \imath \alpha v ~ \sigma \tau \alpha ́ \delta(\imath o \imath) ~ \mu ' . ~$






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     $\Sigma$ ко́пє $10 \mathrm{v} /$ in montibus monasterii abbatis Theodosii in Scopulo．
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