

Phialê: A Roman Grain-Post in Ancient Alexandria

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Egypt was always regarded in antiquity as the major producer of grain for the Roman Empire. It was at the time of Emperor Justinian that such enormous grain trade between Alexandria and Constantinople was carefully recognized.

According to Procopius, among the major achievements of this emperor was the fortification of the district known to the Alexandrians as "Phialê", where the major corn stores and granaries – in connexion with the service of barges from the Nile – were often liable to attack and plunder. It was from that place that the major grain traffic flowed through Alexandria to all parts of the Mediterranean.

The aim of this research is to focus on the Phialê in terms of the written sources and the material evidences, as well as tracing the grain trade route by land and by waterways, hence shedding new light on some economic implications in ancient Egypt

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