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In arriving at the same solution for Herrmann's a 21-22 as that of Gschnitzer reported by Professor Merkelbach above (vol.46, p. 212), I formed a clear preference for δι[α]ωσ[ι]ν over [ε]ωσ[ι]ν in a 16-17. Both will fit the stoichedon pattern, but the photograph seems to show in a 16 the base and part of the right diagonal of delta in the penultimate space and the bottom of a vertical in the last space.

That the quorum should be 200 in Teos and 500 in Abdera will be some guide to their relative sizes at this point. Mathematically, it produces an engaging coincidence, since the proportions of their normal tribute to the Delian League, 6 and 15 talents, are exactly the same.


I need not join the argument as to whether, at Delphi, '400 and more' indicates the figure which is bound to be a majority of the citizen body. It is clear to me that, in our text, 200 at Teos and 500 at Abdera are intended to be the quorum of the court or of the assembly acting judicially which will be required for the imposition of these penalties. Cf., at Chios, DGE 688. 21-25 καγδικασάν|των τριακοσ|ίων μή 'λάσο|νες άνηρίθε|ντοι έόντες, for a property dispute. At Thasos, the quorum for βία seems to have been 300 from an early period. See Pouilloux, Recherches sur l'histoire et les cultes de Thasos I (1954) p.37 no.7. 7-8 ἀπενγυ-
άτω δ [κατειπον τῇν ἀπεγγύην] παρὰ τριήμοσίοιςν κατὰπερ τῶν
βιαιῶν, and the number recurs ibid. p.139 no.18 (ML 83), lines 3,
11-12 τριήμοσίοι κρινόντων δίκην δικάσαντες. On these uses of
τριήμοσιοι without the article, I have a distinct preference for
the quorum interpretation given by Chamoux, REG 72, 1959, 351-6,
over Pouilloux's own view that an oligarchic council is referred
to. For other numerical references to a quorum, see, e.g., CID
I 9 B 9-10, Inschriften von Erythrai und Klazomenai 2 A 20-25
(not quite clear, despite recent unanimity), IC IV 162. 1-2,
181. 7.

It is the mark of an oligarchic constitution that few people
can impose sentences of death and exile (Arist.Pol. 1294 b 33).
I have not yet found the converse asserted, but it will certainly
hold, and the insistence on a quorum here adds body to Herrmann's
view (p.24) that our document has strong democratic leanings.