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Apollodotos son of Astyanax

Ἀπολλόδοτος Ἀστυάνακτος

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Name:	Apollodotos	Place of Origin:	Asia Minor Ionia Teos	Role/s:	envoy
Patronymic:	son of Astyanax				
Ethnic/demotic:	Teian (Τηϊός)				
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General info

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Honours

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Lexicon

axios, encheirizo, philos, philotimia, syngeneia

Keywords

Cretan war, Seleucid domain, international protection, royal power projection, royal power projection

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Recipient

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Teos to Rhaukos, 203-201 BC

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Recipient

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Teos to Lato pros Kamara, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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encheirizo

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Teos to Knossos, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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hospitality gifts, proxeny

Teos to Istron, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Lexicon

syngeneia

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Teos to Hierapytna, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Teos to Eleutherna, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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pemphtheis, presbeutes

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Teos to Biannos, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Teos to Arkades, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Honours

hospitality gifts

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Teos to Aptera, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Teos to Apollonia, 203-201 BC**Mission date**

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Honours

xenotrophia

Keywords

international protection



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Commentary

Apollodotos son of Astyanax, together with Kolotes son of Hekatonymos, was sent as ambassador by Teos, his home town, to several Cretan cities, in order to obtain their official acknowledgement of the Teian sacred inviolability (ἄσυλα), regarding the city itself and its famous temple of Dionysus. The chronology of the mission is not clear: *terminus post quem* should be the royal acknowledgement by Antiochus III, which dates probably to 203 (see Ma 2000, 308-311). Apollodotos and Kolotes were not alone in their diplomatic mission: sometimes they were assisted by two royal emissaries, Perdikkas (ambassador of Philipp V) and Agesandros son of Eukrates (a Rhodian ambassador of Antiochus III), a fact that could indicate the period 203-201, i.e. the central phase of the so-called Cretan War, as the most probable dating. The short reference to a war in *LBW* 71, ll. 15-6 ("ἐπὶ τὰς τῷ πολέμῳ διαλύσεις ἀποσταλείς"), in spite of being problematic, seems to conform better to this context (but see the discussion in Vinci 2008/9, pp. 189-211). The itinerary of the two diplomats is equally unclear: the cities they visited are coastal as much as inland, from eastern Crete (Istron) to the western extremity of the island (Kydonia, Polyrrhenia). The presence of the royal envoys together with them is well attested only in central and eastern Crete: thus, Apollodotos and Kolotes likely were alone in this part of their diplomatic trip. Perdikkas and Agesandros joined them temporarily during the accomplishment of their own tasks, although especially the case of Perdikkas shows a consistent degree of cooperation (he accompanied them for example at Istron, Latos and Latos pros Kamara, three communities which were very close to each other). Apollodotos and Kolotes used standard patterns to explain their diplomatic mission: they recalled generic values as everlasting *philia* and *suggeneia*; the royal help, from both Philipp V and Antiochus III, was surely important to guarantee a successful outcome to their mission.

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