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TO THE MAN OF HYMETTUS
THE FIRST ENCLAVIAN
THIS BOOK
IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

Ἡ μὲν οὖν Πεισιστράτου τυραννίς ἐξ ἀρχῆς τε κατέστη τοῦτον τὸν τρόπον καὶ μεταβολὰς ἔσχεν τοσαύτας. διόκει δ' ὁ Πεισιστράτος. ὥσπερ εἰρηται, τὰ περὶ τὴν πόλιν μετρίως καὶ μᾶλλον πολιτικῶς ἢ τυραννικῶς· ἐν τε γὰρ τοῖς ἄλλοις φιλόανθρωπος ἦν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἀμαρτάνουσι συγγνωμοκός, καὶ δὴ καὶ τοῖς ἀπῆροις προεδάκειζε χρήματα πρὸς τὰς ἐργασίας. ὥστε διατρέφεσθαι γεωργοῦντας. τοῦτο δ' ἔποιε διουῖν χάριν, ἵνα μήτε ἐν τῷ ἄστυ διατρίβωσιν ἀλλὰ διεσπαρμένοι κατὰ τὴν χώραν, καὶ ὅπως εὐποροῦντες τῶν μετρίων καὶ πρὸς ἰδίοις ὄντες μήτ' ἐπιθυμῶσι μήτε σχολάζωσιν ἐπιμελεῖσθαι τῶν κοινῶν. ἀμα δὲ συνέβαινε αὐτῷ καὶ τὰς προσόδους γίνεσθαι μείζους ἐξεργαζομένης τῆς χώρας· ἐπράττετο γὰρ ἀπὸ τῶν γενομένων δεκάτην. διὰ καὶ τοὺς κατὰ δῆμον κατεσκεύασε δικαστάς, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐξῆγε πολλάκις εἰς τὴν χώραν ἐπισκοπῶν καὶ διαλῶν τοὺς διαφορομένους, ὅπως μὴ καταβαίνοντες εἰς τὸ ἄστυ παραμελῶσι τῶν ἔργων. τοιαύτης γὰρ τιος ἐξέδου τῷ Πεισιστράτῳ γενομένης συμβῆναί φασι τὰ περὶ τὸν ἐν τῷ Ἱμῆττι γεωροῦντα τὸ κληθὲν ὑπερὸν χωρίον ἀτελές. ἰδὼν γάρ τινα παντέλω πέτρας σκάπτοντα καὶ εργαζόμενον, διὰ τὸ θαυμάσαι τὸν παῖδα ἐκέλευσεν ἐρῆσθαι τί γίγνεται ἐκ τοῦ χωρίου· ὁ δ' ἔδρα κακὰ καὶ ὀδύνας· ἔφη, 'καὶ τούτων τῶν κακῶν καὶ τῶν ὀδυνῶν Πεισιστράτον δεῖ λαβεῖν τὴν δεκάτην.' ὁ μὲν οὖν ἄνθρωπος ἀπεκρίνατο ἀγνοῶν, ὁ δὲ Πεισιστράτος ἡσθεὶς διὰ τὴν παρρησίαν καὶ τὴν φιλεργίαν ἀτηλῆ πάντων ἐποίησεν αὐτόν.

ARISTOTLE : *Constitution of Athens*, chapter 18.

Such was the origin and such the vicissitudes of the tyranny of Pisistratus. His administration was temperate, as has been said before, and more like constitutional government than a tyranny. Not only was he in every respect humane and mild and ready to forgive those who offended, but, in addition, he advanced money to the poorer people to help them in their labours, so that they might make their living by agriculture. In this he had two objects, first that they might not spend their time in the city, but might be scattered over all the face of the country, and secondly that, being moderately well off and occupied with their own business, they might have neither the wish nor the time to attend to public affairs. At the same time his revenues were increased by the thorough cultivation of the country, since he imposed a tax of one-tenth on all the produce. For the same reasons he instituted the local justices, and often made expeditions in person into the country to inspect it and to settle disputes between individuals, that they might not come into the city and neglect their farms. It was in one of these progresses that, as the story goes, Pisistratus had his adventure with the man of Hymettus, who was cultivating the spot afterwards known as "Tax-free Farm." He saw a man digging and working at a very stony piece of ground, and being surprised he sent his attendant to ask what he got out of his plot of land. "Aches and pains," said the man; "and that's what Pisistratus ought to have his tenth of." The man spoke without knowing who his questioner was; but Pisistratus was so pleased with his frank speech and his industry that he granted him exemption from all taxes.

Forster's Translation.

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