

MEDITERRANEAN PEOPLE

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LOANS AND DEBTS

1. An ancient sea loan: A Maghrebi merchant takes a loan in Fustat, providing a collateral, on condition to pay it back in Qayrawān as soon as he is asked. May, 967. TS 12.515, ed. Mann, Texts, I, pp. 360-361.
2. A late sea loan, granted by a Sicilian merchant, to be paid one month after the arrival of the debtor with his goods in any port of Sicily. Thirteenth century. TS 6 J 3, f. 33.
3. Loan for two months, granted at the beginning of the sea-faring season. Ancient, Hebrew, formulary. April, 983. TS 16.60.
- Small  
4. { Loan for three months, granted to a novice at the beginning of the sea-faring season. Standard, Arabic formulary. April, 1107. TS 13 J 2, f. 15.

5. Acknowledgment of deferred debt and additional delay granted.

TS 16. 124. Signed by five notables. 1017

6. Undertaking by two prominent merchants of Fustat to pay the installments due after the ~~(Maghrabi)~~ debtor will have paid 2/5 of the debt on Passover (i.e., before sea-faring time). Signed by ten notables. 1092.  
TS 20.31.

- A Physician of a Battle Ship grants*  
7. Payment in monthly installments during nine years approximately.

ULC Or 1080 J 138.

Dec., 1129

8. Payment in installments representing fixed interest.  
May, 1156.  
Firkovitch II 1700, f. 11.

9. Boy offered as a collateral against a loan with fixed interest sought as payment for the ransom of a girl kept captive by a Crusader in Nablus. (1153-1187)  
TS NS J 270 +

10. Acknowledgment of accumulated debts, attested partly by Muslim and partly by Jewish notaries, to be paid any time at demand. Spring, 1220.

TS 18 J 1, f. 29.

- Count record ~~about a loan~~ which was not completed because it contained the stipulation of payment of  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest.  
 11. Delay in Payment with Increase of the Sum to be returned. (the loan registered)

TS 8 J 6, f. 9v.

July, 1231

12. Acknowledgment of commercial debt with entries of payments and assignment to the creditor's wife.

January, 1265.

TS 13 J 6, f. 11 (ed., but in faulty order, by Ashtor, Mamluks, vol. III, pp. 37-40.)

- 11 13. Warrant of apprehension against a fugitive debtor.

July-Aug., 1143.

TS 13 J 18 f, 25.

- 12 14. Imprisonment of wives and children of absconding debtors by Eschiva, Countess of Tiberias.

TS 18 J 2, f. 10. +

(ca. 1180)

15. A Notable is requested in the most deferential terms to pay his debt. (Thirteenth century)

TS 8 J 14, f. 9.

- 15 14. Request to return collaterals after the settlement of a debt

Mosseri L-234 (VII-156.1)

4 Writing a contract on a debt after  
 14. ~~stating~~ a contract on a debt after  
 a small initial payment.  
 Mosseri L-31 (IV-25.4)