## No. 36-Sarnath Pillar-Edict

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BOYER, Journ. As., X, x, p. 119 ff; SENART, C. R., 1907, p. 25 ff; VENIS, J. P. A. S. B., III, p. 1 ff; Hultzsch, Corp. Ins. Ind., I. p. 161f.

Language: Prakrit Script: Brāhmī

## $TEXT^{1}$

- 1 देवा[नंपिये\*]... ... ...
- 2 ए ल... ... ...
- .3 पाट $^{2}$  ... ... ये $^{3}$  केन पि संघे मेतवे [ $^{*}$ ] ए चुं खो
- 4 [भिख्] [वा] [भिखु]नि वा संघं भ[ाखित] [से] त्रोदातानि दुस[ानि] [स] -नंधापिया त्रानावासिस
- 5 त्रावासियये [।\*] हेवं इयं सासने भिखु-संघिस च भिखुनि-संघिस च विंन-पियतिवये [।\*]
- 6 हेवं देवानंपिये त्राहा [।\*] हेदिसा च इका लिपी तुफाकंतिकं हुवा ति संसलनिस निखिता [।\*]
- 7 इकं च लिपिं हेदिसमेव उपासकानंतिकं निखिपाथ [।\*] ते पि च उपासका श्रानु-पोसथं याबु
- 1 From the facsimile in Corp. Ins. Ind., 1.
- 2 As has been suggested पाट may be the first two aksharas of the name पाटलিपुत
  - 3 Boyer restores न सिकये
- 4 This reading is due to Venis. Vogel and Scnart : भिखति and Boyer : भोखति

- 8 एतमेव सासनं विस्वंसियतवे [1\*] श्रनु-पोसथं च धुवाये इकिके महामाते पोसथाये
- 9 याति एतमेव सासनं विस्वंसियतवे श्राजानितवे च [1\*] श्रावते च तुफाकं श्राहाले
- 10 सवत विवासयाथ तुफे एतेन वियंजनेन [1\*] हेमेव सवेखु कोट-विषवेसु एतेन
- $oldsymbol{11}$  वियंजनेन विवासापयाथा  $[\mathfrak{u}*]^{oldsymbol{1}}$

## TEXT SANSKRITIZED

- 1 The edict was addressed primarily to the Mahāmātras possibly of Pāṭali-putra. It was made available to monks and nuns  $(bhikkhu-bhikkhun\bar{\imath})$ , to lay worshippers  $(up\bar{a}saka-up\bar{a}sik\bar{a})$  and to officers and the people of the districts  $(\bar{a}h\bar{a}ra)$  and sub-divisions (vishaya). According to some, samsalana is some locality, office, or assembly hall.
- 2 I. e., goes for the uposatha-day service which is held on the full-moon day, the fourteenth day of the dark fortnight and the eighth days of the bright and dark fortnights. It is to the Buddhists a day of religious observance and abstinence from sensual enjoyments, as the Sunday is to the Catholics, and lay worshippers on that occasion make vows to keep the ten Silas. On the two uposatha days of the 14th and 15th, all monks assemble in the monastery and the Pātimokkha is read out section by section. See Childers, s. v. Uposatho.