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- 1 In this paper, the author tries to reconstruct the Parthian administrative system at the local territorial level from the information in the available sources with particular regard to the ostraka from Parthian Nisa. The investigation allows the author to formulate the hypothesis of a double command with two officers in charge of the same satrapy: an administrative magistrate (*xšahrap*) flanked by a military officer (*dizpat*). A similar system was adopted also in the Achaemenid period. Both officers are frequently mentioned in the Nisa ostraka, more than any other one. This led Colliva to conclude that they shared a similar level of power and specular duties, at least at Nisa.

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