KnI 201. Drum slab from the Kanaganahalli stūpa

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〈1〉 [...]sa bhaḍākārikasa mak(o)samasa dāna

Apparatus

〈1〉 [...]sa bhaḍākārikasa ◇ *sabhaḍākārikasa* N&vH • The editors note: “It is not certain, but likely that the beginning of the inscription is preserved. Sabhaḍākāra might be a place name.” However, if one takes the first *sa* as the Gen. Sg. ending of a lost word, *bhaḍākārika* may be satisfactorily understood on its own as a straightforward equivalent of Skt. *bhaṇḍāgārika*, meaning “keeper of the storehouse.” This title may be either a monastic title—attested for instance in a list of 13 offices in the Cullavagga of the Pāli Vinaya—or an administrative one. See, respectively, Silk 2008, p. 106, p. 171; Sircar 1966, s.v. *bhaṇḍāgārika*. As far as I know, this is the earliest epigraphic instance of this title. Unfortunately, the present context does not allow us to understand whether the donor was a monk or a royal officer. Cf. Tournier 2020, p. 880, n. 66. — 〈1〉 [...]mak(o)samasa • The element *maka-* is also met as first element of a proper name, *makabudhi* in EIAD 305.

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