the swift messenger Idaius

‘... 3a

and of the rest of Asia... undying fame.
Hector and his companions are bringing a bright-eyed girl – 5 graceful Andromache – over the salt sea in their boats, from holy Thebe and Placia which always flows. Many are her golden coils, purple scented halters, and elaborate playthings. So he spoke, and her dear father leapt up deftly. To friends the rumor circulated through the city’s broad streets. At once, the men of Ilion yoked mules to their sure-wheeled vans, and the whole mob of women and [?]–anked maidens climbed aboard. 15 Priam’s daughters separately [?]… and the men yoked their horses to chariots [all of them?] young bachelors, greatly… charioteers…… 20 [ probably six or seven lines missing] 20a–g alike to the gods… 21 altogether[?]…holy… they set out… to Troy… and a sweet–sounding aulos… and [cithara?] blended, and the din of castanets, too. And the maidens articulately 25 sang a holy tune, and up into the ether went a divine echo… in the streets was… bowls and saucers… the aromas of myrrh and frankincense intermingled. 30 The women cried out – as many of them as were elder, and all the men loosed a lovely, high–pitched cry of Paean, calling upon the far–shooter with a talent for the lyre, and they hymned godlike Hector and Andromache. and everywhere

a) Hellanikos of Lesbos 4 FGrH F. 24B: Ἀρίσβη· πόλις τῆς Τρωάδος, Μιτυληναίων ἄποικος, ἢς οἰκισταὶ Σκαμάνδριος καὶ Ἀσκάνιος, υἱὸς Αἰνείου
b) D.H. 1.47.5 ἔλθοντων δὲ ὡς αὐτὸν Σκαμανδρίου τε καὶ τῶν ἄλλων Ἐκτοριδῶν ἀφειμένων ἐκ τῆς Ἑλλάδος ὑπὸ Νεοπτολέμου, κατάγων αὐτούς ἐπὶ τὴν πατρῴαν ἁρχήν εἰς Τροίαν ἀφικνεῖται.
c) Strabo 13.1.52 Σκῆψιν μετωκίσθησαν ὑπὸ Σκαμανδρίου τε τοῦ Ἐκτορος καὶ Ἀσκανίου τοῦ Αἰνείου παιδός· καὶ δύο γένη ταῦτα βασιλεύσαι πολὺν χρόνον ἐν τῇ Σκῆψει λέγεται.
Very Select Bibliography


