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The upper part of a Dressel 20 handle containing a worn stamp reading TRICI. This stamp does not appear in Callender (1965) or Ponsich (1974; 1979). Dressel 20 amphorae were made in the southern Spanish province of Baetica, along the banks of the River Guadalquivir and its tributaries between Seville and Cordoba, and carried olive-oil (Ponsich; 1974; 1979). This type of amphora has a wide date-range, from the Augustan prototype (Oberaden 83) up to the late third century A.D., possibly into the fourth (Manacorda, 1977). The shape of the St. Peter Port handle suggests a first century A.D. date, possibly Claudio-Neronian. Dressel 20 is the most common amphora type imported into Roman Britain, and is also present in late Iron Age contexts (Williams and Peacock, 1983).

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