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- 1 The policy of Artabanus II (12-38/40 CE) towards the Greek cities is analyzed, detecting a gradual penetration of the royal power in the municipal institutions as opposed to the idea of a direct conflict. This took place through various means, as shown by the famous letter to the city of Susa of 21/22 CE, aiming at a general consolidation of Arsacid control on all the entities which coexisted within the empire. A special focus is devoted to the civic coinage of Seleucia struck in the years of the reign of Artabanus. The appearance on such coins of the personification of the city Boule first and then of explicitly royal images attests to the success of Artabanus' strategy to support the oligarchic faction in the political life of Seleucia in order to strengthen the position of the monarchy within the city.

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