

# ON META-ABELIAN FIELDS OF A CERTAIN TYPE

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Let  $k$  be an algebraic number field of finite degree, and  $l$  a rational prime (including 2);  $k$  and  $l$  being fixed throughout this paper. For any power  $l^n$  of  $l$ , denote by  $\zeta_n$  an arbitrarily fixed primitive  $l^n$ -th root of unity, and put  $k_n = k(\zeta_n)$ . Let  $r$  be the maximal rational integer such that  $\zeta_r \in k$  i.e.  $k_r = k$  and  $k_{r+1} \neq k$ .

S. Kuroda [7] shows that the decomposition law of rational primes in some absolute non-abelian normal extension is determined by the rational  $2^2$ -th power residue symbol of Dirichlet, to which A. Fröhlich [1] gives a more general apprehension. L. Rédei defined in [8] a new symbol, which he called "bedingtes Artinsches Symbol" (restricted Artin symbol), and he established in [9] a theory concerning Pell's equations by means of this symbol.

In the present paper, we define in § 1 the "restricted  $l^n$ -th power residue symbol", which is related to the restricted Artin symbol in the same manner as the ordinary power residue symbol to the ordinary Artin symbol. The restricted  $l^n$ -th power residue symbol is a generalization of Dirichlet's symbol mentioned above. So we investigate some meta-abelian extensions over  $k$ , for which the decomposition law of prime ideals of  $k$  is given by means of the restricted  $l^n$ -th power residue symbol. More precisely, let  $A/k$  be an abelian extension over  $k$  and  $\mathbb{R}/A$  a kummerian extension of  $A$  obtained by adjoining to  $A$  the  $l^{n_i}$ -th roots  $\omega_i$  of numbers  $a_i$  in  $k$  ( $i=1, \dots, t$ ). We call a normal subfield  $M$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  a *k-meta-abelian l-field over k*, or simply *k-meta-abelian*, if  $M$  contains all the  $l^{n_i}$ -th roots of unity. Then the decomposition law of prime ideals of  $k$  in a *k-meta-abelian l-field* is determined. This result is a generalization of that of Kuroda [7] concerning *P-meta-abelian 2-field over P*,  $P$  being the rational number field.

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### § 1. Preliminaries

For a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $k$  prime to  $l$ ,<sup>1)</sup> a number  $a$  of  $k$  prime to  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and a rational integer  $n$ , the *restricted  $l^n$ -th power residue symbol*  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n$  is defined recursively as follows:

For  $n \leq 0$  we set  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n = 1$ .<sup>2)</sup> For  $n \geq 1$  and  $r > 0$  the symbol  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n$  is defined only when  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_{n-r} = 1$ , and, if this condition is fulfilled, we put  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n = \zeta_r^x$  where  $a^{(N\mathfrak{p}^r-1)/l^n} \equiv \zeta_r^x \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ ,  $\rho$  being the smallest natural number with  $l^\rho | N\mathfrak{p}^r - 1$  (we denote here by  $N$ , as well hereafter, the absolute norm). For  $n \geq 1$  and  $r = 0$  the symbol  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n$  is defined only when  $a^{(N\mathfrak{p}^n-1)/l^n} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ , and in this case we put  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n = 1$ . Since all the  $l^n$ -th roots of unity are incongruent each other mod.  $\mathfrak{p}$  owing to  $\zeta_r \in k$ , the symbol  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n$  is uniquely defined. For an ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $k$  prime both to  $a$  and  $l$  with the prime ideal decomposition  $\mathfrak{m} = \mathfrak{p}_1^{t_1} \cdots \mathfrak{p}_t^{t_t}$ , we set  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{m}} \right]_n = \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}_1} \right]_n^{t_1} \cdots \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}_t} \right]_n^{t_t}$ , when each  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}_i} \right]_n$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ) is defined.

Now, from the definition follows immediately

LEMMA 1. We have  $\left( \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right)_{l^t} = \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_{l^t}$  for  $1 \leq t \leq r$ , where the left-hand-side is the ordinary  $l^t$ -th power residue symbol mod.  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $k$ .

LEMMA 2. Let  $\Omega$  be a normal extension over  $k$ ;  $\mathfrak{p}$  a prime ideal in  $k$ , not ramified in  $\Omega$ ; and  $\mathfrak{P}$  a prime divisor of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\Omega$ . Let further  $f'$  and  $f''$  be the degrees<sup>3)</sup> of  $\mathfrak{p}$  with respect to  $\Omega_n/k$ , and to  $k_n/k$ , respectively. If a number  $a$  in  $k$  satisfies  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_{n-r} = 1$  in  $\Omega$ , then putting  $\kappa = f'/f''$ , we have

$$(1) \quad \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{P}} \right]_n = \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n^\kappa,$$

<sup>1)</sup> Throughout this paper we always assume that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime to  $l$ .

<sup>2)</sup> The symbol  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n$  is defined for  $n \leq 0$  only for the sake of simplifying the definition.

<sup>3)</sup> By the degree of a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $k$  with respect to a normal extension  $\Omega/k$  we mean, as usual, the number  $f$  such that  $N_{\Omega/k} \mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{p}^f$ ,  $\mathfrak{P}$  being a prime divisor of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $\Omega$ .

where the left- and right-hand-sides are the restricted  $l^n$ -th power residue symbol in  $\Omega$ , and in  $k$ , respectively.

*Proof.* For  $n \leq 0$ , (1) is clear. For  $n \geq 1$  we have  $\left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{P}} \right]_n = \zeta_r^x$ , where  $x$  is determined by  $a^{(N\mathfrak{p}^{f_1-1})/n} \equiv \zeta_r^x \pmod{\mathfrak{P}}$ ,  $f_1$  being the degree of  $\mathfrak{P}$  with respect to  $\Omega_n/\Omega$ . Since both sides of the congruence are numbers of  $k$ ,  $a^{(N\mathfrak{p}^{f_1-1})/l^n} \equiv \zeta_r^x \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Putting  $N_{\Omega/k}\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{p}^{f_1}$ , we have  $f' = f_1 f_2$ . Putting further  $N\mathfrak{p}^{f''} = 1 + sl^n$ ,  $(N\mathfrak{P}^{f_1-1})/l^n = (N\mathfrak{p}^{f'} - 1)/l^n = ((N\mathfrak{p}^{f''})^\kappa - 1)/l^n = ((1 + sl^n)^\kappa - 1)/l^n \equiv s\kappa = \kappa(N\mathfrak{p}^{f''} - 1)/l^n \pmod{sl^n}$ . Since  $a^{sl^n} = a^{N\mathfrak{p}^{f''-1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ , by definition,  $a^{(N\mathfrak{P}^{f_1-1})/l^n} \equiv a^{\kappa(N\mathfrak{p}^{f''-1})/l^n} \equiv \left[ \frac{a}{\mathfrak{p}} \right]_n^\kappa \pmod{\mathfrak{p}}$ , which proves (1).

Now, if  $\chi$  is a character of the Galois group of an abelian extension  $A/k$ , we call simply  $\chi$  a *character of  $A/k$* , and set  $\chi(m) = \chi\left(\left(\frac{A/k}{m}\right)\right)$ , where  $\left(\frac{A/k}{m}\right)$  is the Artin symbol.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{C}$  be subgroups of an abelian group  $\mathfrak{G}$ ; and  $\mathfrak{A}$  a subgroup of  $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{C}$ . We call  $\mathfrak{A}$  an  *$l'$ -subgroup of  $\mathfrak{B}\mathfrak{C}$* , if for any  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  there exist  $b \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $c \in \mathfrak{C}$  such that  $a = bc$  and  $b^{l'} \in \mathfrak{A}$ .

Now let  $A$  and  $B$  be two abelian extensions over  $k$ ;  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  their Galois groups; and  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  their character groups, respectively. Then the Galois group  $\mathfrak{G}$  of  $AB/k$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of the direct product of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and the isomorphism is given by  $\sigma \rightarrow (\sigma_A, \sigma_B)$ , where  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}$ ,  $\sigma_A = \text{rest}_{AB \rightarrow A} \sigma$  and  $\sigma_B = \text{rest}_{AB \rightarrow B} \sigma$ . By setting

$$(2) \quad \varphi\psi(\sigma) = \varphi(\sigma_A)\psi(\sigma_B) \quad \text{for } \varphi \in \mathcal{O}, \psi \in \mathcal{P},$$

we can imbed  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  in the character group  $X$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$ . If we define the homomorphism  $\iota$  of  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$  (direct<sup>4)</sup>) onto  $X$  by

$$(3) \quad \iota(\varphi \times \psi) = \varphi\psi \quad \text{for } \varphi \times \psi \in \mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$$

the character group  $X$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$  is induced from  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$  by the homomorphism  $\iota$ . Furthermore the character group of  $\mathfrak{A}\mathfrak{B}/\mathfrak{B}$  is induced from  $\mathcal{O}$  by the isomorphism  $\lambda = \lambda_{k \rightarrow B}$  of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathcal{O} \cap \mathcal{P} \cong \mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}/\mathcal{P}$ , i.e.

$$(4) \quad (\lambda_{k \rightarrow B} \varphi)(\bar{\alpha}) = \varphi(\alpha_A)$$

where  $\alpha_A = \text{rest}_{AB \rightarrow A} \bar{\alpha}$  for  $\bar{\alpha} \in \mathfrak{G}(AB/B)$ .

<sup>4)</sup> Throughout this paper the notation  $\times$  means the direct product.

LEMMA 3. *Notations being as above, if  $X_1$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$ , then  $X_1^* = \iota(X_1)$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}$ . If  $X_1^*$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}$ , then there exists an  $l^r$ -subgroup  $X_1$  of  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\iota(X_1) = X_1^*$ .*

*Proof.* (i) Let  $X_1$  be an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$ . Let further  $\chi^* = \varphi\psi \in X_1^*$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{P}$ ;  $\chi^* = \iota(\chi)$ ,  $\chi = \varphi_1 \times \psi_1 \in X_1$ ,  $\varphi_1 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\psi_1 \in \mathcal{P}$ ; and  $\iota(\varphi_1) = \varphi\varphi_0$ . Then  $\iota(\psi_1) = \psi\varphi_0^{-1}$  and by the assumption  $\varphi_1^{l^r} \in X_1$ . Hence  $\chi^* = \varphi\psi = (\varphi\varphi_0)(\psi\varphi_0^{-1})$ ,  $\varphi\varphi_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\psi\varphi_0^{-1} \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $(\varphi\varphi_0)^{l^r} \in X_1^*$ . Therefore  $X_1^* = \iota(X_1)$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}$ .

(ii) Conversely, let  $X_1^*$  be an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}$ . If we denote by  $X_1$  the group consisting of all  $\varphi \times \psi \in \mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\varphi\psi \in X_1^*$  and  $\varphi^{l^r} \in X_1^*$ , then obviously  $\iota(X_1) = X_1^*$ , and  $X_1$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{O} \times \mathcal{P}$ .

## § 2. Fundamental lemma

Let  $K = k_n(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_t)$ , where  $\omega_i$  is an  $l^{n_i}$ -th root of  $a_i \in k$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ) and  $n = \max(n_1, \dots, n_t)$ ;  $A$  an abelian extension over  $k$  containing  $k_n$ ;  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  the character groups of  $A/k_n$  and of  $K/k_n$  respectively; and  $X = \mathcal{O}\mathcal{P}$  the character group of  $AK/k_n$  in the sense of (3). If we define  $\psi_i$  by

$$(5) \quad \psi_i(\alpha) = \omega_i^\alpha / \omega_i \quad \text{for every } \alpha \in \mathfrak{G}(K/k_n),$$

the character group  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $K/k_n$  is generated by all such  $\psi_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ).

Let  $U_\sigma$  be a representative of  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$  in  $\mathfrak{G}(AK/k)$ . Put  $U_\sigma^{-1}\alpha U_\sigma = \alpha^\sigma$  for  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{G}(AK/k_n)$ , and  $\chi^\sigma(\alpha) = \chi(\alpha^\sigma)$  for  $\chi \in X$ . If  $\chi = \varphi\psi$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\psi \in \mathcal{P}$ , then we have

$$(6) \quad \chi^\sigma(\alpha) = \varphi\psi^\sigma(\alpha)$$

since  $\chi^\sigma(\alpha) = \varphi\psi(\alpha^\sigma) = \varphi(\alpha_A^\sigma)\psi(\alpha_K^\sigma) = \varphi(\alpha_A)\psi^\sigma(\alpha_K)$ . On the other hand we may write  $\omega_i^{U_\sigma} = \omega_i b_{i,\sigma}$  for some  $b_{i,\sigma} \in k_n$ , because  $(\omega_i^{U_\sigma}/\omega_i)^{l^{n_i}} = a_i^{U_\sigma}/a_i = 1$ . By comparing  $\omega_i^{U_\sigma \alpha^\sigma}$  and  $\omega_i^{\alpha U_\sigma}$ , we see  $\psi_i(\alpha^\sigma) = \psi_i(\alpha)^{l_\sigma}$ , hence  $\psi^\sigma(\alpha) = \psi(\alpha)^{l_\sigma}$  for any  $\psi \in \mathcal{P}$ . Let  $l^\mu$  be the order of  $\psi$ , and  $c$  an integer determined by  $\zeta_\mu^\sigma = \zeta_\mu^c$ . Then we have

$$(7) \quad \psi^\sigma(\alpha) = \psi^c(\alpha).$$

Put  $m = \mu - c$ , and assume  $m > 0$ . Then  $(\zeta_\mu^m)^\sigma = \zeta_\mu^m$  for any  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$ . Hence we have

$$(8) \quad c - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{l^r} \quad \text{for any } \sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k).$$

It is clear that (8) holds for  $m \leq 0$ . Now, again assume  $m > 0$ . Then since  $\zeta_\mu^{l^x} \notin k$  for any positive integer  $x < m$ , there exists  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$  such that  $(\zeta_\mu^{l^x})^\sigma \neq \zeta_\mu^{l^x}$  for any positive integer  $x < m$ . Hence if  $\mu > r$ ,

$$(9) \quad c - 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{l^{r+1}} \quad \text{for some } \sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k).$$

Now we prove the following fundamental

LEMMA 4. *Notations  $A, K, \Phi, \Psi$  and  $X$  being as above, let  $M$  be a subfield of  $AK$  over  $k_n$ , and  $X_0$  the subgroup of the character group  $X = \Phi\Psi$  of  $AK/k_n$  corresponding to  $M$ . If  $M$  is a  $k$ -meta-abelian  $l$ -field over  $k$ , then  $X_0$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\Phi\Psi$ , and conversely.*

*Proof.* By the assumption,  $AK \supset M \supset k_n$ , therefore in order that  $M$  is a  $k$ -meta-abelian  $l$ -field over  $k$ , it is necessary and sufficient that  $M$  is normal over  $k$ . Put  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{G}(AK/M)$ .

(i) Suppose that  $M$  is normal over  $k$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{H}^\sigma = \mathfrak{H}$  for any  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$ . Then, by (6),  $\varphi \in X_0$  implies  $\varphi^\sigma \in X_0$ , hence  $\varphi^\sigma \varphi^{-1} \in X_0$ . Let  $l^\mu$  be the order of  $\varphi$ . If  $\mu > r$ , then by (7), (8) and (9),  $\varphi^\sigma \varphi^{-1} = \varphi^{c-1} = (\varphi^{l^r})^y$  for some  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$ , where  $(y, l) = 1$ . Hence  $\varphi^{l^r} \in X_0$ . If  $\mu \leq r$ , trivially  $\varphi^{l^r} \in X_0$ . Therefore  $X_0$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\Phi\Psi$ .

(ii) Conversely, suppose that  $X_0$  is an  $l^r$ -subgroup of  $\Phi\Psi$ . Let  $\chi \in X_0$ , then there exist  $\varphi \in \Phi$  and  $\psi \in \Psi$  such that  $\chi = \varphi\psi$  and  $\psi^{l^r} \in X_0$ . On the other hand by (6)  $\chi^\sigma = \varphi^\sigma \psi^\sigma$  for any  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$ , and, by (7) and (8),  $\psi^\sigma = \psi^c$ , where  $c - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{l^r}$ . Hence  $\chi^\sigma = \varphi^\sigma \psi^c \in X_0$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{H}^\sigma = \mathfrak{H}$  for any  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{G}(k_n/k)$ . Thus the lemma is proved.

### § 3. Theorems

Denote by  $\langle a \rangle$  the cyclic group generated by  $a \in k$ , and set  $\langle a \rangle_n = \langle a \rangle / k_n^{l^n} \cap \langle a \rangle$ . Let  $\psi$  be a generating character of  $k_n(\omega) / k_n$ ,  $\omega$  being an  $l^n$ -th root of  $a$ . If we denote by  $\langle \psi \rangle$  the character group of  $k_n(\omega) / k_n$ , we see  $\langle a \rangle_n \cong \langle \psi \rangle$ . Thus, denoting by  $[a]_n$  a generating class of  $\langle a \rangle_n$ , we can identify  $[a]_n$  with  $\psi$ .

Let  $K = k_n(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_t)$ , where  $\omega_i$  is an  $l^{n_i}$ -th root of  $a_i \in k$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ) and  $n = \max(n_1, \dots, n_t)$ ;  $\Psi = \langle a_1 \rangle_{n_1} \times \dots \times \langle a_t \rangle_{n_t}$ ;  $A$  an abelian extension over  $k$  with the character group  $\Phi$ . Put  $X = \Phi \times \Psi$ . Then the character group

$X^*$  of  $AK/k_n$  and the group  $X$  correspond each other by means of (2) and (3), restricting  $\mathcal{O}$  to  $Ak_n/k_n$ . Therefore by lemma 3 and lemma 4 we have

**THEOREM 1.** *Every  $k$ -meta-abelian  $l$ -field  $M$  over  $k$  corresponds to an  $l'$ -subgroup  $X_0$  of  $\mathcal{O}^* \times \Psi$ , where  $\mathcal{O}^*$  is the restriction to  $Ak_n/k_n$  of the character group  $\mathcal{O}$  of an abelian extension  $A/k$  and  $\Psi = \{a_1\}_{n_1} \times \dots \times \{a_t\}_{n_t}$  for  $a_i \in k$  and for natural numbers  $n_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ); and conversely.*

Notations being as in theorem 1, let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of  $k$  not ramified in  $M/k$ ;  $\mathfrak{P}$  a prime divisor of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $k_n$ . If  $f_0$  is the degree of  $\mathfrak{p}$  with respect to  $k_n/k$ , then by the translation theorem of the class field theory we have for any integer  $x$

$$(10) \quad \psi^*(\mathfrak{P}^x) = (\lambda_{k \rightarrow k_n} \varphi)(\mathfrak{P}^x) = \varphi(N_{k_n/k} \mathfrak{P}^x) = \varphi(\mathfrak{p}^{f_0 x}),$$

$\lambda_{k \rightarrow k_n}$  being as (4). For  $\psi = \psi_1^{x_1} \times \dots \times \psi_t^{x_t} \in \Psi$ ,  $\psi_i = [\alpha_i]_{n_i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ), put  $n = \max(n_1, \dots, n_t)$  and  $\alpha = \prod_{i=1}^t \alpha_i^{x_i l^{n-n_i}}$ . Put further  $K = k_n(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_t)$ ,  $\omega_i$  being an  $l^{n_i}$ -th root of  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ), and  $\psi^* = \iota(\psi)$ ,  $\iota$  being the homomorphism of  $\Psi$  onto the character group of  $K/k_n$  by means of (3). Then  $\psi^*(\mathfrak{P}^x) = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{P}^x}\right)_n$ . Moreover by lemma 1  $\psi^*(\mathfrak{P}^x) = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{P}}\right]_n^x$  in  $k_n$ . If  $\psi^{*l^r}(\mathfrak{P}^x) = 1$ , then by lemma 1  $\psi^{*l^r}(\mathfrak{P}^x) = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{P}}\right]_{n-r}^x = 1$ , hence by lemma 2

$$(11) \quad \psi^*(\mathfrak{P}^x) = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{P}}\right]_n^x = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}}\right]_n^x,$$

where the last is the symbol in  $k$ . Now we define  $\psi(\mathfrak{p}^x)$  by

$$(12) \quad \psi(\mathfrak{p}^x) = \left[\frac{\alpha}{\mathfrak{p}}\right]_n^x,$$

and, for  $\chi = \varphi \times \psi \in \mathcal{O} \times \Psi$ ,  $\chi(\mathfrak{p}^x)$  by

$$(13) \quad \chi(\mathfrak{p}^x) = \varphi^{f_0 x}(\mathfrak{p}) \psi^x(\mathfrak{p}).$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $M$  be a  $k$ -meta-abelian  $l$ -field over  $k$  corresponding by theorem 1 to an  $l'$ -subgroup  $X_0$  of  $\mathcal{O} \times \Psi$ . Then the degree of a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $k$ , not ramified in  $M/k$ , is equal to  $f = f_0 f_1$  where  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  are the smallest integers such that  $l^n \mid N\mathfrak{p}^{f_0} - 1$  and  $\chi(\mathfrak{p}^{f_1}) = 1$  for all  $\chi \in X_0$ , respectively.*

*Proof.*  $\mathfrak{P}$  being a prime divisor of  $\mathfrak{p}$  in  $k_n$ , the degree of  $\mathfrak{p}$  with respect to  $M/k$  is equal to the product of the degrees of  $\mathfrak{p}$  with respect to  $k_n/k$  and of  $\mathfrak{P}$  to  $M/k_n$ . Since the former is equal to  $f_0$ , we have only to show that the

degree of  $\mathfrak{F}$  with respect to  $\dot{M}/k_n$ , i.e. the smallest number  $x$  such that  $\chi^x(\mathfrak{F}^v) = 1$  for all  $\chi^* \in X_0^* = \iota(X_0)$  is equal to  $f_1$ . By theorem 1 and lemma 3,  $\chi^* \in X_0^*$  implies  $\chi^* = \varphi^* \psi^*$  and  $\psi^{*l^r} \in X_0^*$  for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}$  and for some  $\psi \in \mathcal{P}$ . On the other hand, by (10), (11), (12), and (13) we see that  $\chi^*(\mathfrak{F}^v) = 1$  under the condition  $\psi^{*l^r}(\mathfrak{F}^v) = 1$  if and only if  $\chi(\mathfrak{p}^x) = 1$ . Furthermore, by (11) and (12)  $\psi^{*l^r}(\mathfrak{F}^v) = 1$  if and only if  $\psi^{l^r}(\mathfrak{p}^x) = 1$ . Whence the theorem follows immediately.

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