of the long passage proceeding from them, were filled up with sand to within two feet of the ceiling; but the large apartment, and the rest of the pyramid, were only encumbered with stones and rubbish, produced by former excavations and by decay. The inclined entrance has been already described. It was of considerable length, and terminated in a short horizontal passage (see Plates I. and II.) that lead to the anteroom, the walls of which were covered with white plaster, worked in compartments. (See Plate II. Fig. 7 and 8.) Directly opposite the entrance into this room, a door-way of the same size opened into a narrow chamber (Plate II.), which had been filled up with three portcullises, placed across it from east to west.[4] The middle of the anteroom had also been blocked up by large stones laid across it from north to south, which had completely closed both door-ways. Two of them remained in their original position. The rest of the anteroom had not been filled up;[5] and the southern side of it to the eastward of the door-way into the cham-

[4] The dimensions are given in the Appendix; but reference is necessary, in this and in many other instances, to Mr. Perring's "Plans of the Pyramids," published by Mr. Fraser, of Regent Street, which will give a clearer idea of them than can be conveyed in this work.

[5] The slabs of granite forming the portcullis, were, according to Mr. Perring's observations, conveyed down the passage angle-ways, and introduced from the anteroom, by the openings A A, on each side of the door-way, into the upper part of the chamber of the portcullis B, and there inserted into grooves prepared for them. The openings A A were afterwards filled up with masonry. The holes *a b c* were probably for the insertion of beams to sustain or move the portcullis: there are corresponding holes on the opposite side. The slabs were destroyed in forcing the Pyramid, but part of the granite heading was found in the anteroom. —(See Plate II., south end of room restored, D.)

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