As I had at length discovered the entrance of the Third Pyramid, I was anxious to finish my operations as soon as possible, and employed parties by day and by night at the Third and Eighth Pyramids. A number of parallel ridges, to the westward of the Second Pyramid, however, excited my attention, and I conceived that they might have been the burial-places of the common people, like those at Tarquinia, in Italy. Some of them were in consequence cut through, but they were found to be composed of stones and sand, and their origin was not discovered.

I sent Ibrahim, the Copt, to inform the Shereef of Mecca, that the Third Pyramid was opened, and, as I have already mentioned, to request the assistance of the Cadi to read the inscription. The Shereef returned for answer, that the Cadi was at Alexandria, but that he himself would come on the following day to the Pyramids. I also sent to Cairo for people who understood antient Arabic characters, but I could not prevail upon them to attend.

Mr. Brettel arrived. We examined the interior of the Third Pyramid, and also measured the subterraneous passage near the temple of the Second.—(See *July* 31.)

In the course of the day, the entrance into the Eighth Pyramid was found eight feet nine inches above the base, in the centre of the northern front. It had an incline of 34·5; but was choked up with sand, so that the candles would not burn, and the examination of it was necessarily postponed. I then entered the Ninth, which has been already described.—(See *July* 29.)

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