

NOTE BY MR. BIRCH.

As two of these inscriptions are upon blocks, which according to Mr. Perring's account had been taken from another edifice before they were used in the construction of the Pyramid, they cannot be considered to be exclusively connected with the existing monument, and are therefore comparatively of less value. They are all likewise too imperfect to be completely understood. Figs. 2 and 3, at present separate, were no doubt originally connected together. Fig. 1 contains the name of the king Ousrenre; and on a line to the left the seated figure of the monarch may be traced. He is crowned with a teshr, or with the lower part of a pschent surmounted by two horns; and he holds a whip in his hand, in the same manner as the figure of the king Maire, or Piops, on a tablet at Chenoboskion, published by Sir J. G. Wilkinson. Before the monarch is the head of a person of rank, and also an imperfect inscription, in which can be distinguished a cord and an owl, phonetically expressing *Cll*, and part of the word *CEllCI*, "*minister, officer, preferred.*" (Champ., "*Gram. Egypt.*" p. 464.) Fig. 2 contains part of two vertical lines, which probably recount the address of a deity to the monarch, and the titles of the monarch, as, "*all stability,*" "*all power;*" and in the line to the right "*the king set up*" may be read.⁷ Fig. 3 comprehends a long horizontal line of hieroglyphics, in which is "*of him the sun taking the heart.*" The inscription resembles those which have been discovered near the Pyramids at Gizeh. The lower part has contained one of the usual sacred representations, surmounted by the symbol of heaven, supported by a gom, or koucouphe sceptre.

PYRAMIDS OF ABOUSEIR.

THEY are three in number (besides the lower part of another, which has sometimes been called a temple, and the base of a fifth much smaller), and are situated to the south-eastward of the ruins of Zowyet el Arrian, and of Reegah, about seven miles S.S.E. of those at Gizeh, and about three miles N.N.E. of Saccara.

⁷ Burton, "*Excerpta Hier.*" Plate XXXVII. 20. Rosellini, "*Monum. Tav.*" Cory (I. Preston), "*Mythological Inq.*" Svo. London, 1837. Title-page, D, Plate, where the deity says,—"*I set up the tosh (cap) on thy head like thy father Amoun-ra.*" Plate facing p. 134,—"*Who gives all life and power, all stability, all force, like the sun,*" are the titles of the Guardian of the South, the Hophioue of M. Champollion. Burton, "*Excerpta Hier.*" Plate XXV. 5.