

## John Hurst

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### **Distressing Accident**

About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, an active and ingenious rigger, named John Heard, had the misfortune to fall from a scaffold near the top of the wall of the east wing of the Patent Office to the third floor of that building, being a distance of about thirty feet. The accident was caused by his making a false step while going towards a derrick which he had been adjusting. The unfortunate man had both his legs broken, (one of them being dreadfully shattered,) and was seriously injured in the head. He was taken to the Washington Infirmary, where prompt and proper attention was paid to him. We are sorry to learn that the sufferer, at the latest accounts we could obtain, was in a very painful and dangerous situation.

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### **Fatal Accident**

We are sorry to learn that the unfortunate rigger, Hurst, who was so dreadfully injured by falling from a scaffold in the interior of the Patent Office on Monday afternoon (3/31) died of the injuries he received yesterday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock.