

Easton, Pennyslvania July 4th, 1815

## Distressing.

A melancholy occurrence took place on the 4th of July last, in Greenwich township, sussex county, New-Jersey. A number of men met at the house of George Albright, and among other expedients resorted to on such occasions amused themselves with firing off a cannon in honor of the day, and while, after several successive fires, they were in the act of loading, the cannon suddenly exploded, and we are sorry to relate, several were dreadfully wounded. The cause of the premature explosion, is attributed to the admission of air into the touch hole while heated by repeated firing. The principal sufferers were Messrs. John P. Roseberry, Conrad Shoup and Theophilus Phillips who were shockingly mangled—Mr Roseberry has an arm broken in two different places both his thumbs, and his face and body much burnt. Mr. Shoup lost a hand, and had his arm broken immediately above the wrist. Mr. Phillips had his breast much shattered.

We sincerely hope this will serve as a warning to persons in the habit of firing cannon hereafter. Too much care cannot be taken to exclude the air from the touch hole when firing speedily.