

New Jersey Supreme Court
The State
of }
John Vanhook } On habeas Corpus of Negro Prime —

William Churchill Knutton being duly sworn
says, that for several years previous to the late war
he was well acquainted with Dr Abielon Bain-
bridge, and his Family who resided in Princeton
where the Deponent then resided — that Negro
Prime, in the above Habeas Corpus mentioned,
lived in the Family of the said Dr Bainbridge
as a Slave, that he belonged to the said Dr Bain-
bridge, as the Deponent was always informed
and does verily believe, — and as was the gene-
ral Report, that the Deponent always understood
and verily believes the said Negro Prime was the Property
of the said Abielon Bainbridge when he, the said
Abielon Bainbridge joined the Enemy — that in
the year 1777, or 1778 when the assembly, of which the De-
ponent was then a Member, was sitting at Princeton
Jacob Bergen, Esq. lately deceased, and then a Commissioner
of Forfeitures for the County of Somerset, made applica-
tion to The Governor and several Members of both Hou-
ses respecting the said Negro, who did discountenance
the selling of the Negro and advised the Commissioner to
let him go into the publick Service, which the De-
ponent understood he afterwards did — and the
Deponent thinks he has seen the said Negro ~~twice~~ or twice
since joining a Team in the publick Service. and further
saith not

Sworn before me the
20 May 1785 Isaac Smith

W C Knutton
(C)

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Negro Prince } Prince of Negro
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Affidavit of Wm. Kingston
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