



until the year 1804. That at the time the
petitioner was carried as aforesaid to the
district of Columbia he was about 2 or
3 years old. Upon the Evidence above
stated the Defendant by his Counsel prayed
the Opinion of the Court to the Jury That if
the Jury find the facts above stated to be true
they are not sufficient to entitle the petitioner
to his freedom Which Opinion and directi
on the Court refused to give But were of
Opinion and so directed the Jury that if
they find the facts above stated to be true the
petitioner is entitled to his freedom To &
which refusal and Opinion of the Court the
Defendant prayed leave to except and that
the Court sign and seal this his bill of
Exception according to the form of the Statute
in such case made and provided which is
accordingly done this 24th day of August
1813. A. Suiver  W. Nelson 
Negro Presly vs Otho Sprigg. The petiti
on by his Counsel then offered to read in
Evidence to the Jury the following deposition