Certificate of Manumission

Ulster County Ss:

I John Tremper, first Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the County of Ulster do hereby certify that Philip Smedes a male black person is free according to the Laws of the State of New York. That he is a man of about five feet ten Inches high of the age of Thirty two years and was born in the Town of Hurley in said County of Ulster, and that he was manumitted on the first day of October in the year One thousand Eight Hundred & four, by the Certificate of Philip Jansen.

Given under my hand this 17th day of April 1811 [John Tremper]