Richard Howe, a Citizen of the United States being duly sworn according to law saith that he is well acquainted with the within named Petitioner, John Bentley and that to his certain knowledge and belief he has resid within the jurisdiction of the United States for [illegible] years last past and all that time in the town of New Brighton in the State of Pennsylvania, that during the same period he has behaved himself as a good moral citizen & attached to the principles of the United States and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same.

Richard Howe

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John Bentley the within named Petitioner do on my solemn oath declare that the contents of my Petition are true, that I will support the Constitution of the United States that I do hereby renounce and relinquish any title or order of nobility to which I am or hereafter may be entitled and that I do absolutely renounce and abjure all allegiance to any Foreign Prince State, Potentate and Sovereignty whatsoever and particularly to the Queen of Great Britain of whom before he was a subject.

Sworn in open Court
John Collins Bn

John Bentley