

I Willis Ackee and Samuel Mason
the two oldest fishermen now living
on Cooton River, say that for years
they have fished on this River, including
the fisheries on Tellis Point / now Underhills,
and that Cooton River has to their
knowledge always extended below the
brook on the Mandeth Property, running
nearly if not quite to the Sing-Sing Hill
or brook, -

They also say that the application made
by W. Hume for water grant, is for waters
of the Cooton River and was never known
as belonging to Hudson River,

I Willis Ackee has fished Cooton River since
1844 and claims to know it thoroughly,
Samuel Mason fished since 1848, also
claims a perfect knowledge of said River,
Both were born in this vicinity, their homes
being on the Banks of said River, -

I W. Ackee & S. Mason both distinctly remem-
ber hearing from the older fishermen that
General Philip Van Cortlandt as stated

indivuals, they think yearly drew a net
on Tellico Point and on Cranberry
to show that he had full right to
do so, and his act in so doing was never
questioned to their knowledge

Croton River
Town of Ossining
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