

PRINCE RIVERS IN COURT.

At ten o'clock, Major General Prince Rivers entered, and removing his blue military cap seated himself in an arm chair at the table, and laid his "docket" beside some law books in front of him. He was dressed in a white linen coat and black broadcloth vest and pants, his cap being the only evidence of his military position. This notorious negro is not remarkable for any kind of ability, yet political influence has made him a major general of the national guard of the state militia of South Carolina, and a trial justice at Hamburg. He is tall, rather large-boned, and yet spare in figure. His forehead recedes back considerably, and as his hair is cut very close, I noticed that the back of his head is rather pointed. A flat nose and dark skin show that he is an unadulterated specimen of his race, and lacking in the shrewdness and ability which so often characterizes the mixed representatives of the two races. Rivers is rather quiet in court, wears glasses when presiding, has a heavy mustache and whiskers, and makes a very respectable looking judicial figure-head. Although he wears his whiskers in the English style, like Wm. Craft, the great "Fugitive slave" of *ante bellum* times, whom he somewhat resembles in speech and features, Prince Rivers fails to impress the observer as being a negro of great intelligence or ability.