

**Transcription**

Chowan [Sst.]

Whereas Complaint has been this day made to me William Charlton  
Esqr. one of his Majesties Justices for the s[ai]d Precinct by James  
Maglahan. That Some time about Christmas Last Josuah  
Spivee did by force and arms and after an unlawfull\_\_\_\_  
manner not only Seduce but Carie away & Detaines a Servant  
Girle belonging to the s[ai]d Maglahan ^named^ Thomsan Williams  
Those are therefore in his Majesty's name to Require & Command  
you to attach the Body of s[ai]d Spivee if to be found in this  
Precinct and him Safe keep Soe as to him before me or  
Some other of his Majesty's Justices hereof faile not given  
under my hand his 10th Day of July 1721\_\_\_\_\_

Wm Charleton

You are to Summon

Daniel Oquin as an

Evidence

To Mr Cha: Willkins to Execute

and Returne

**Reflect & Discuss**

What do you think happened here? Was Thomsan Williams kidnapped, or did she run away with Josuah Spivee?

How long has it been since Thomsan's absence?

Why do you think Maglahan reported this information? Why do you think he waited as long as he did?