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South Carolina } By Stephen Catson of his Majesty's Justices of y^e
Charleston } Peace for y^e District aforesaid
District }

Whereas I've been informed by Samuel Fredrick of
y^e District aforesaid that a certain Negro Wench named
Nanny y^e Property of y^e Estate of Barnaby Bradford Downes was
taken & Stolen & carried out of y^e Plantation of y^e
said Barnaby Bradford from y^e Administration of
said Barnaby Bradford some time in y^e month of
November last & that y^e said Elizabeth Bradford
& Samuel Fredrick hath reasonable cause to suspect and
doth suspect that a free Negro named Charles did steal
& carry off y^e said Tomar Slave named Nanny about y^e
time aforesaid & that a free Negro named Paul was assisting therein

It is therefore in his Majesty's name to
Authorise & require you that with necessary Assistance
you search out & diligently search all suspected Negro
Houps near y^e habitations of y^e said Free Negro Man named
Charles with the necessary & proper Assistance
of any other suspected Houps or Plantations & there diligently
to search after y^e said Negro Slave named Nanny & if
y^e said Negro so found shall be found that you bring
y^e said Negro man before me to be disposed
of & dealt withal according to Law

Given under my hand & seal this 24 Day of
November 1774 in y^e fifth year of his
Majesty's said

Steph: Catson