

on this subject, and hope he may do something
directly or indirectly to promote so important
an object - There are seven Chaplains here in this
Colony but I only consider four pious men. The
moral state of the Society at the Tennant is
dreadful - The Rev. Mr. Gaspall has got no appoin-
-ment yet - His services are much wanted, but he
has as yet been unfortunate - He is a very pious
young man, has done my duty while I have
been at the Tennant, and will continue to do
it while I am in New Zealand - (I am very
happy with Sir Thomas Brisbane, as far as concerns
my own duty - I have no doubt but that a good
understanding will be maintained between him
and me -) The Colonial Secretary took offence at
the decision of a Bench of Magistrates five in
number of whom I was one; and which decision was
submitted with the whole of the Proceedings upon the
Case to the two Judges, and five more magistrates
who all affirmed the decision - However I and four
of my Colleagues were all removed immediately
from the Bench, which act created a very great
Sensation in the Colony - As I had consented to
act as a magistrate at the Governor's solicitation, to
meet his wishes only, it is a matter of gratification to
me that I am relieved from that duty, as I wish
to have nothing to do with the political state of
the Colony - I merely mention the subject, as I have
no doubt but it will be made public in England
as Govt. will either condemn or approve of the
conduct of the magistrates and Judges -
Rev. G. Pratt I am with much esteem
D. L. L. Yours servt. Marsden