have taken place sooner had he not delayed tendering his resignation at the request of his colleagues. His place in the Executive has not as yet been filled up, but it will be so in a short time.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

I have, &c., NORMANBY.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Most Hon. the Marquis of NORMANBY to the Right Hon. the Earl of CARNARVON.

(No. 9.)

Government House, Auckland,

My Lord,-

New Zealand, 11th March, 1876. I have the honor to inform your Lordship that I have this day, by the advice of my Government, appointed Mr. William Swainson a Member of the Executive Council, without office.

2. Mr. Swainson was formerly for some years connected with the government of this colony, and now holds a pension; and it has been usual to appoint him to a seat in the Executive, as it facilitates the formation of a quorum during the residence of the Governor in Auckland.

I have, &c.,

The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnaryon.

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