

gave instructions for a reply
to ^{be sent to} the same, but by a
mistake the correspondence
was laid aside and consequently
overlooked in the Registry
Branch of the Dept. and
~~therefore was placed~~ the
~~hands of the Corresponding~~
Clerk consequently was
overlooked until the
receipt of your letter of
the 10th Inst ^{which} ~~drawing~~ called
attention
to the delay in reply.

I am, &c.