

than 200 yards wide; this point will be shown to Col Wadsworth
when he arrives. There are neither ox, horse, or

person ^{residing} ~~living~~ within several miles of this place, all have run
off from the enemy, or removed with their effects to avoid
the ill treatment & plunder of the 36th Reg^t. I have been

obliged to take the Waggon of the Marine Corps to send for
provisions to South river where it seems Mr Skinner has

received some from Baltimore, I am under the necessity

of furnishing the Marines with Rations &c. We are much

at a loss for some person to purchase articles & procure

supplies, the Waggon want money advanced to them,

and horses to ride off with. I am not provided with money

for that purpose, nor is Mr Skinner here to make the

supplies - The Waggon from Washington with powder

arrived here on Saturday 18th Inst. I shall most

cheerfully co-operate with Capt Gordon when I hear from

him, or transport my men &c to Washington or Balt

but I am fearful if I do transport the barges to