

The doubt with your exerting yourself in this manner
for the public service and your own Preservation, Mr
Carroll is on the spot, and will order Powder and Lead for
Major Gunther's, should any be wanted as we yesterday
ordered Col: Thomas Dorsey to march with the 1st Regt
Battalion and are making all necessary Dispositions
to prevent their Landing, unless they should return
to Annapolis. We are &c

March 9th 10 o'clock 1776

N^o 39. To Brigadier General Chamberlaine.

Sir A Ship of War and two Tenders went past
this Harbour yesterday Afternoon on their way to
Annapolis to Baltimore Town - We advise you of this
that you may immediately order your Battalion to
hold them close in Readings to march at a Mo-
ments Warning - You will make the best Prepara-
tion in your Power, and as the Communication may
be cut off between the two Places, which may
(prevent)