



THE MUSEUM (Third Floor)

(Fraunces' Tavern)

Tavern is the greatest monument that can be conceived or erected. Let the demagogue who would barter the liberties of his country for his personal aggrandizement visit it, and stand within that room where the greatest of men resigned his power and became a simple farmer again—and will not that bright example bring him back to his duty again? It may become a second mecca, to bring the faithful to behold the room in which occurred the scene of his greatness and magnanimity." This seems to prophesy the work that the Sons of the Revolution carried to completion. The tavern now contains an historical museum, the club rooms and offices of the Sons of the Revolution and an excellent public restaurant. A more complete sketch of Fraunces' Tavern, by Henry Russell Drowne, is available in the Indiana State Library.

That the tavern had a high reputation for fine fare was many times attested. For instance, John Adams, in his diary, says of a banquet given at the tavern for the Massachusetts delegates to the Continental Congress, on August 25th, 1774, "It was the most splendid dinner I ever saw; a profusion of rich dishes," etc.