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THE FORMAL DINING ROOM

The former Salle des Armes, where the armour and weapons of the French kings were displayed, but also scientific instruments and diplomatic gifts, was transformed into a dining room by the First Consul in 1801 and given a new décor, including evocations of strength, the arts, love and prosperity on the double doors. Five years later, with the Navy occupying the entire building, this room with its elegant but unostentatious bourgeois charm became the formal dining room. Today, it presents a display which explains the multiple activities of the royal Garde-Meuble, recalls the layout of the then Place Louis-XV and pays homage to important figures from the history of the site. On the guide, actors speak the words of kings, superintendents architects, artists and decorators who made their mark on the site, offering a fascinating portrait gallery. G. M.

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1 & 2. General view and detail.
Restoration has radically changed the appearance of this room whose walls were painted green and yellow when the Navy occupied the building.

