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Learn how tailors, school teachers, and enslaved people operated as secret agents gathering intelligence for the American cause. This exhibition features never before seen objects from the Museum's collection, including artifacts and images detailing the infamous story of traitor Benedict Arnold, and letters from the leader of Long Island’s Culper Spy Ring, Benjamin Tallmadge, to the operation’s mastermind, “Spy Master 711”—George Washington himself.

Visitors will also get an opportunity to become agents of espionage themselves by using a cipher wheel to uncover the secret messages hidden in the object labels.

“Exploring history's secreted groups like spies is exciting and challenging.” said Museum Executive Director Jessica B. Phillips. “Fraunces Tavern is lucky to display artifacts that help illustrate the story of the people who risked their lives to work for American's newly formed intelligence industry.”

The exhibition will also mark the beginning of Spy Week at Fraunces Tavern Museum (September 17-23). This week-long tribute to the spies of the American Revolution that will include special events, programs, and tours to provide visitors with a behind-the-scenes look at the stories of those who were instrumental in the efforts of Revolutionary espionage. For more information, visit [http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/spy-week](http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/spy-week).

*Confidential: The American Revolution’s Agents of Espionage* will be on view through September, 2019.

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About Fraunces Tavern Museum:
Fraunces Tavern Museum’s mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum’s collections, landmarked buildings and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington said farewell to his officers and explore seven additional galleries that focus on America’s War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at [frauncestavernmuseum.org](http://frauncestavernmuseum.org).

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