Bush Hill Mansion Built 1737. Built by William Hamilton Esquire and after his death the country seat of his son, James Hamilton. It stood on the south side of the hill facing south, 54 feet front, 3 stories high with beautiful lawns & shade trees down to where Vine St. now is with a carriage road up the hill. On June 25th 1787 about midnight as William & niece were returning from a party at Society Hill (then around 3rd & Spruce St.) they were attacked at 12th & Market Streets by six footpads who fired at the postillion, his two servants riding at some distance behind hearing the report arrived at full gallop, when the robbers took flight through a corn field. Ed. Sunday Despatch. This was also the residence of the Hon. John Adams V. President of the United States. Sketched after Jas. P. Malcom by D.J. Kennedy.
David Johnson Kennedy, 1816-1898