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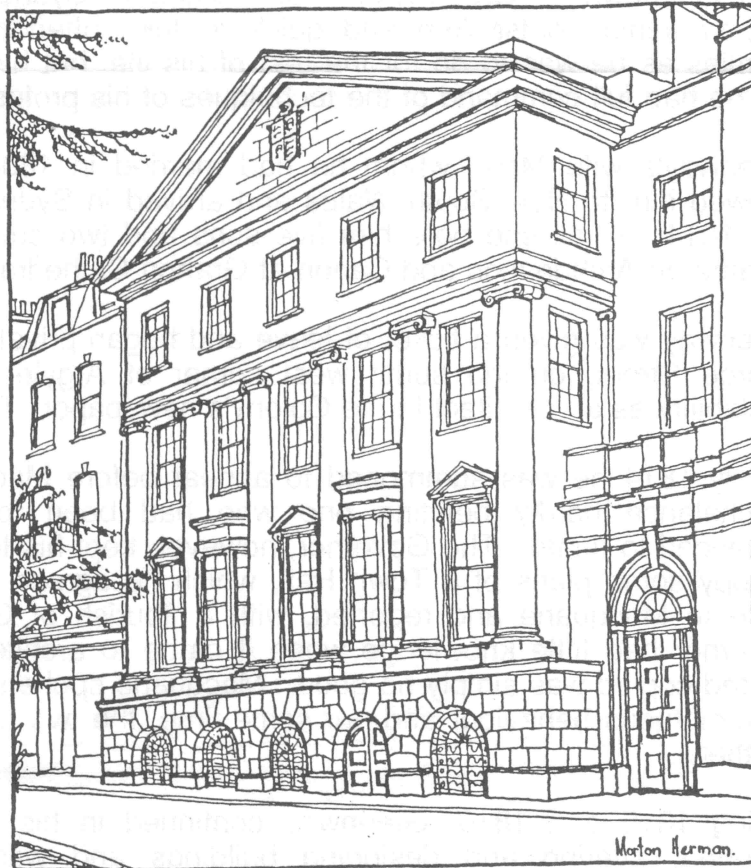
FRANCIS HOWARD GREENWAY (1777 - 1837)

Francis Howard¹Greenway was born at Aston, near Bristol, on 20 November 1777, the fourth son of Francis and Ann Greenway and he was destined to become Australia's first architect. A well known West Country family, the Greenways, for generations had been quarrymen, masons, builders and architects.

At Mangotsfield, the Parish Register records that he was christened Francis Greenway, although throughout his life he always described himself as Francis Howard Greenway. He also gave his children the name 'Howard'. His use of the name 'Howard', may indicate some connection with the Ducal Howards of Norfolk and Carlisle. Thornbury Castle is the family seat of the Howards, and the fact that Government House Stables at Sydney (now the Conservatorium of Music) was modelled on Thornbury Castle by Greenway may be significant.

Very little is known of the school days of Francis Howard Greenway. His architectural education was gained in London and Bristol and as a pupil of John Nash. In 1805 he went into business as an architect and builder with his older brother, Olive. During this period he was responsible for the Clifton Civic Centre near Bristol. Not a successful businessman, Greenway went bankrupt in 1809.

He reopened the practice in 1812 but shortly afterwards was



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