

## Back trace of our Bedford

Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1848  
First port saw the shore of Sumatra  
to the latter port run down  
Aller Strait and anchored off Bally  
Town in 8 fathoms of water  
saw the bark Endeavour going  
out

Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1848  
First port laying at Bally at 11 AM  
took the anchor and stood out for  
sea after saying 9 days got a good  
recruit. God grant that we may be  
successful this cruise I will note  
one thing quite remarkable my  
crew was on shore 8 days on liberty  
and not one of them drank any  
spirits it is something uncommon

Sunday Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1848  
all this day light wind from the  
SSW making slow work  
Lat 13 11 S Long 114 25 E

Thursday Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1848  
begin with light southerly wind and  
has been so for 7 days latter strong  
breezes and squally heading SSW  
Lat 15 14 S Long 113 00 E

Tuesday Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 1848  
all these 24 hours gentle trades  
saw fin backs & God send us some  
whales Lat 20 55 S Long 109 45 E

When shall we get home

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## off NW Cape of New-Holland

Thursday Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1848  
all this day fresh breezes from  
the SSW slow hump backs  
Lat 22 04 Long 112 20 E

Sunday Aug 20<sup>th</sup> 1848  
The last 3 days fine weather and  
SW saw some fin backs but  
the ground looks dull no whales  
to be seen this end of one year  
Lat 19 55 S Long 114 45 E

Friday Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1848  
continues with good whale weather  
and nothing to be seen we are now  
bound South God grant us some oil  
Lat 20 34 S Long 113 46 E  
We have been as far as the Long  
117° E Lat 18 30 saw fin backs & S

Thursday Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1848  
all this day blowy strong gales  
from the S O dear what shall we do  
no prospect of Home & God remember  
us again grant us 500 blb this season  
Lat 24 33 S Long 110 E

Sunday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1848  
all this day gentle breezes at 11 AM  
saw whales down boat and struck  
one it took took him to the ship  
and began to cut it & saw more  
down and got another better cut  
them in spoke the ship goes 14 1/2  
miles 850 sp 150 wh Lat 25 31 Long 108

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