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We the undersigned depose, that on the 19th of Oct^r 1816 we rowed into deep water, with Mr Mallison's invention called the Seamans Friend, equipped with which it appears from the report of the House of Commons of Great Britain dated June 5th 1811 - it becomes impossible to sink - that we found ourselves perfectly safe, without using the least bodily exertion to aid ourselves - & when we did swim - swam perfectly at our ease - that Mr Brynon of St. J. says that he saw whom we threw to be incapable of swimming remained with us in the water - during a period of about three quarters of an hour - that Mr Budd who can swim - laid

laid aside the Seaman's Friend - took hold of
Henry Pettit, & held by him for the space of
12 Minutes or thereabouts - that the Seaman's
Friend - which was worn by A. J. Pettit supported
with the greatest ease & safety Both -

and we are of opinion that when the
Invention becomes to be distributed in the manner
proposed by Mr. Mallison - such distribution will
be attended, with the happiest consequences, in
preventing the Lives of the Deal Boatmen - in their
dangerous & hazardous employment of giving
assistance to the private Vessels - inasmuch as
should our Boat be upset - we can remain in the
water with safety - until we are taken out, or
reach the Shore - that from the want of such
safeguard many valuable Lives have hitherto
been lost, & must continue to be lost - from

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from the number of accidents to which the Dead
Mountains are liable; without such further
protection from drowning - And furthermore that
we found no improvement in rowing - or the usual
bodily exertions - necessary in working the Boat -
Signed Oct 24. 1816 J. Byrnes - M. Budd
H. Pettit - G. Pettit - M. Felix -

This is to certify - that having examined the
above mentioned persons - I find the deposition
therein made to be perfectly correct

25 Oct - 1816 G. Henssmill Mayor

A true copy M. W. Mallison -

Copy of Report of
Experiments Oct 14 1816
Agreed on the 21 and
checked as correct by
the Comptroller Genl
May 1 of Dec 21 25
1816

W. H. Mullins