

According to the Act (Lime Juice Act)

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Chorus



1. Oh its come all ye lords and gentlemen
Who take things in delight,
A viewing of the hardships
And putting things to right,

A word in every paragraph,
And everything it's a fact;
The way the sailors are _ _ _ _ _
In the merchant's shipping act.

Chorus

So what is the use of grumbling,
You know it is a fact;
You get what you signed for
In the Merchant's shipping act.

2. Down in the dark and dismal holes
Where sailors go to rest;
Down in those dark and dismal holes
Not fit for a pig at the best!
And when the sun is scorching hot
And on your head does pour,
You get daily water
Three quarts and nothing more.

3. Now Clemashaw took a trip one day
Across the raging main;
The dirty food they gave him,
He will never go again.
He got one bottle of oil per week
To sort his bread down

And what is the use of growling,
You know you get your whack,
Of lime juice and venegar [sic]
According to the act.