

Preface

Cumulative Taxation.

This ~~pamphlet~~<sup>work</sup> is published because the author believes the idea which it presents offers a practical remedy for some of the evils, or difficulties, rather, of our modern civilization.

He believes that social and economic ills are curable, not by any specific and invariable means nor by any universal remedy, but by the

steady persistent application of the  
common reason and univer-  
sal conscience to ~~particular~~ gen-  
eral conditions. Certain ~~of~~  
~~these~~ existing conditions  
which ~~lead~~ bear heavily upon  
the weak and tend to ~~limit~~  
restrict the opportunity of the  
many, he believes may be  
ameliorated by the application  
of the principle of cumulative

taxation, without injustice or  
the imposition of any undue  
burthen upon any class or  
individual.

The volume is published  
anonymously because the au-  
thor does not care to be per-  
sonally involved in any con-  
trovery it may evoke. Who or  
what he may be is a mat-  
ter wholly indifferent to the  
truth or fallacy of what ap-  
pears in these pages. If the theory

herein advanced be true it needs  
no fortuitous advantage and  
certainly should not be ~~burdened~~ <sup>hampered</sup>  
with extraneous ~~disadvantages~~ <sup>burthen</sup> such  
as an unknown or unpopular  
name might prove. Besides that,  
having nothing to gain by such  
publication the author deems it  
a simple right that he protect  
himself from possible detraction  
by the veil of anonymity. Having  
~~offered his~~ <sup>is written</sup> what he offers in his  
best thought — the better part of  
every life; it is offered for the com-  
mune in the hope that it may pro-  
mote the general welfare. In

this he may be mistaken, ~~but~~  
whether he is or not, he does  
not care to hear those for  
sake he has wrought ~~even~~ through  
whose ~~plausibility~~ he has wrought  
~~himself~~ however doubly and mistakenly  
cry out "Release unto us Barabbas!"

The Author.