

"My plan is to make José Vasquez, the foreigner, pay the tax. Vasquez charges us \$2.00 a bag for beans. He should pay for access to this unexampled market.

"Let the council require Vasquez to pay a tax of one dollar per bag on all the beans he sells here. This will supply revenue to defray the expenses of our government. By this expedient our citizens will be freed from taxation which, instead, will be borne by Señor Vasquez."

This suggestion looked so feasible that it was approved with tremendous acclaim. It was ordered that Vasquez pay, and everybody went home highly pleased. Many felt that Martin was a statesman of such consummate ability that he should be elected to Congress and given some post commensurate with his genius, such as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

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Miguel Panza was the agent of Señor Vasquez, attending to the weighing and remitting for beans. The next day, Panza announced that beans would sell for \$3.00 per bag.

This ended the matter, but for long afterwards, citizens