

STANGER.

1. Stanger is a Township on the North Coast of Natal. It is a centre of the Sugar and Tea Industry. Surrounding Stanger and beyond it are several Sugar Mills and Sugar and Tea Plantations where several thousands of Indians are employed in the Mills and in the Plantations.

2. Stanger is, therefore, the centre of business, social and educational activities of the Indians who are employed in the Sugar and Tea industry.

3. The population figures are as follows :-

| | <u>1921</u> | <u>1940.</u> |
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| Europeans | 325 | 543 |
| Indians | 900 | 1699 |

4. The total rateable value of properties in the Township in 1927 was £101,280 and in 1940 £217,750. The value of properties held by Indians in 1927 was £48,451 and in 1940 £125,275.

5. It was elicited that there were 30 lots between Balcomb and Russell Streets which are subject to

Anti-Asiatic Clauses. It is in this area that the Europeans of Stanger have taken up residence.

6. The Township itself has since 1st January, 1927 sold 19 plots to Indians at a price aggregating £1639. 0. 0.

7. The rates paid by Indians in 1940 amounted to £2,406.14. 5. as against £1445. 2. 3. paid by the Europeans. The amount of rates paid by the Indians is exclusive of the area known as Erasmus Dam which was incorporated into Township of Stanger in 1931 and which was at the time of incorporation and is at the present time exclusively occupied by Indians.

8. In answer to the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. R.J. Gibson, the Town Clerk, who appeared for the Stanger Township stated that today he would not describe Stanger as predominantly European. He further stated that even in 1927, if he excluded the European area which was laid off since 1927, and sold subject to an anti-Asiatic Clause, the majority of the lots in

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the Township was owned by Indians.

9. In view of the admissions of Mr. Gibson that Stanger was not a predominantly European area on the 1st January, 1927 and the facts disclosed in his evidence we submit that no case of alleged penetration by Indians in predominantly European areas in Stanger has been proved.

