

UMGENI MALARIA COMMITTEE AND ALBERT FALLS  
FARMERS' ASSOCIATION.

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1. Combined representation was made by the Umgeni Malaria Committee and the Albert Falls Farmers' Association. Their allegation was directed to the fact that an Indian had obtained a Fresh Produce Dealers' Licence, which was later converted to a General Dealers' Licence, and that Indians had either purchased farms or leased same for the purpose of agriculture.

2. It was accepted that the village of Albert Falls was not a predominantly European area in 1927.

3. It was established that the application of Mr. R.R. Maidoo for a Fresh Produce Dealer's licence on his farm Seekoeket, in extent 342 acres, was

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supported by prominent European farmers, who prima facie must be presumed to have no objection to his farming on this farm and carrying on business. Although objection was raised, however, to the conversion of his licence to that of a General Dealer, the Rural Licensing Board granted the licence.

4. It was proved that some considerable years ago, prior to 1927, large numbers of Indians were employed as labourers in the district, in which they settled and commenced farming operation on leased land.

5. The evidence discloses the fact that surrounding the village of Albert Falls are agricultural farms. Three are owned by Indians and two leased by them. It is submitted by us that no case of acquisition by Indians falling within the Commission's terms of reference has been established.