



# Evidence Act 1851

1851 CHAPTER 99 14 and 15 Vict

**3 Nothing herein to compel persons charged with criminal offence to give evidence tending to criminate himself, &c.**

But nothing herein contained shall render any person who in any criminal proceeding is charged with the commission of any indictable offence, or any offence punishable on summary conviction, competent or compellable to give evidence for or against himself or herself, or shall render any person compellable to answer any question tending to criminate himself or herself, or shall in any criminal proceeding render any husband competent or compellable to give evidence for or against his wife, or any wife competent or compellable to give evidence for or against her husband.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Evidence Act 1851, Section 3.