



Criminal Justice Act 1967

1967 CHAPTER 80

PART I

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, ETC.

Miscellaneous provisions as to evidence, procedure and trial

17 Entry of verdict of not guilty by order of a judge.

Where a defendant arraigned on an indictment or inquisition pleads not guilty and the prosecutor proposes to offer no evidence against him, the court before which the defendant is arraigned may, if it thinks fit, order that a verdict of not guilty shall be recorded without the defendant being given in charge to a jury, and the verdict shall have the same effect as if the defendant had been tried and acquitted on the verdict of a jury.