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Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898

Section 494 - Effect of withdrawal from prosecution: Any Public Prosecutor * * * may, with the consent of the Court, in cases tried

a) if it is made before a charge has been framed, the accused shall be discharged [in respect of such offence or offences] ; and (b) if it is made after a charge has been framed, or when under this Code no charge is required, he shall be acquitted [in respect of such offence or offences].