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supplying books to depository libraries, $85,000; in all, $187,000: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be used to supply to depository libraries any documents, books, or other printed matter not requested by such libraries.

Proviso. Supplying depository libraries restricted.

Printing reports, of departments, etc., may be discontinued.

In order to keep the expenditures for printing and binding for the fiscal year 1929 within or under the appropriations for such fiscal year, the heads of the various executive departments and independent establishments are authorized to discontinue the printing of annual or special reports under their respective jurisdictions: *Provided*, That, where the printing of such reports is discontinued, the original copy thereof shall be kept on file in the offices of the heads of the respective departments or independent establishments for public inspection.

Proviso. Originals to be kept for public inspection.

Purchases allowed without reference to Supply Committee. Vol. 28, p. 601. Vol. 36, p. 531.

Purchases may be made from the foregoing appropriations under the "Government Printing Office," as provided for in the Printing Act approved January 12, 1895, and without reference to section 4 of the Act approved June 17, 1910, concerning purchases for executive departments.

Private vehicles restriction.

SEC. 2. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used for the maintenance or care of private vehicles.

Restriction on exceeding average salaries in designated offices. Vol. 42 p. 1488.

SEC. 3. In expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923, the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in the Botanic Garden, the Library of Congress, or the Government Printing Office, shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade, except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year, and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed as of July 1, 1924, in accordance with the rules of section 6 of such Act, (3) to require the reduction in salary of any person who is transferred from one position to another position in the same or different grade in the same or a different bureau, office, or other appropriation unit, or (4) to prevent the payment of a salary under any grade at a rate higher than the maximum rate of the grade when such higher rate is permitted by the Classification Act of 1923, and is specifically authorized by other law.

If only one position in a grade.

Advances allowed in unusually meritorious cases.

Proviso. Not applicable to clerical-mechanical services. No fixed salary reduction. Vol. 42, p. 1490.

Transfers to another position without reduction.

Higher salary rates permitted.

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CHAP. 552.—An Act To cancel certain notes of the Panama Railroad Company held by the Treasurer of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Treasurer of the United States is authorized and directed to cancel and surrender to the Panama Railroad Company the notes given by such company to the United States prior to March 4, 1911, with respect to which payment of interest and principal was discontinued by section 2 of the Act approved March 4, 1911 (United States Code, title 48, section 1333).

Panama Railroad Company. Notes of, held by the Treasurer, to be canceled. Vol. 36, p. 1451. U. S. Code, p. 1641.

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