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Memorandum for Mr. Newton,
From the Captain Commandant.

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Subject: Names of cutters.

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For many years it has been the established practice of the Department to assign to Coast Guard cutters names of Indian derivation and preferably names local to the districts where the particular vessels were stationed.

Accordingly when the cutter which was constructed for duty on the Florida coast was completed in 1911, she was named MIAMI, - that being the name of an Indian tribe on the Florida coast. Since that time some confusion has resulted from the use of this name, notably in radiograms, because of the fact that there is a passenger steamer trading between the Florida coast and Havanna which also has the name MIAMI.

It is, therefore, recommended that the name of the cutter be changed from MIAMI to TAMPA. The latter name is of Indian origin, being the name of one of the largest Indian villages of the Calusa tribe in the early days. There is no other American vessel named TAMPA.

It has also been the practice, when a vessel was rebuilt which had been named prior to the adoption of the present system, to replace that name with one of Indian derivation. The cutter WINDOM, which has been rebuilt at the Depot, is nearing completion and it is recommended that her name be changed to COMANCHE. She is stationed on the Texas coast and the Comanche Indians were associated with Texas in the early days.

December 4, 1915.

Approved
Hugh Caddeo
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