The Ms. leaf of whose Icelandic contents the following is a transcript, I lately discovered in the Royal Library, Stockholm, as inner cover to a volume of Ms. Icelandic Sagas.

This Icelandic text is on the one side of a folio parchment leaf, which is very thick, in general whole, and almost black with age and smoke.

Most of the older parchment Icelandic Ms. are palimpsest. This is also the case with this MS. of the leaf, the Latin text of which, (a part of an old Catholic Gradual or Missal) having been erased to make room for it. The Latin text and Musical Notes on the other side remain, in a remarkably large and bold hand, showing the original Ecclesiastical Codex to have been of considerable antiquity. Of course, however, certain fragments and shadows of the Latin letters &c. remain on the Icelandic side, and add to the difficulty of deciphering it correctly.