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 palimpsests. This is also the case with this moiety of the leaf, the Latin text of which, (a part of an old Catholic Graduate or Missal), having been erased to make room for it. The Latin text and Missal 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 etc., remain on the Icelandic side, and add to the difficulty of deciphering it correctly.